

ST. LAWRENCE OF CANTERBURY R C CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - 7TH MAY 2023

(Psalter Week 1)

Entrance Antiphon: ***O Sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.***

Responsorial Psalm: May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

Communion Antiphon: ***I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.***

The Sacrament of Penance is available on Saturday mornings from 11am until the final confession and before and after Mass on Saturday evening and by prior arrangement.

First Holy Communion - 20 children received First Holy Communion on Saturday 6th May.

Confirmation - Canon Victor Darlington will confirm 11 of our young people on Thursday the 11th May at the 7pm Mass.

We keep the children, young people and their families in our prayers. We sincerely thank all our Catechists for their time and efforts in preparing the children and the young people to receive the Sacraments.

Have a blessed week.

Fr. Paul.

VOCATIONS TO PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE

Have you ever considered you may be called to the priesthood or the religious life? Southwark Vocations will be hosting a 60 minute webinar on **Tuesday 9th May at 7pm** entitled ***The Good Shepherd Calls*** where different presenters will share their experiences about discovering God's plan for each one of us. Please join us by registering for this event in advance by using following link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/91234567890>.

PARISH PRAYER INTENTIONS BOOK

Parishioners are invited to write any prayer intentions in our Parish Prayer Intentions book which has been placed at the back of the church. Please do take some time to read the intentions and include them in your prayers. The Parish Prayer group will pray for the intentions in the book when they meet on Mondays at 2:30pm.

STUDY COURSE ON 'THE MASS'

Fr. Allan is leading a study course by Bishop Robert Barron on 'The Mass' on Fridays, 3pm to 4pm in the upper room of the hall. Everyone is welcome to attend.

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES - COACH HIRE

If you have asked to put your name down to travel on the coach to and from Stansted Airport please can you hand in your payment to the Parish Office ASAP and by Friday 12th May. The coach will depart from the church at 9.30am on Wednesday 7th June. On the return trip on Monday 12th June, the coach is expected to leave Stansted Airport at around 6.00pm. The cost to cover the travel is £45 per person.

PARISH BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

The Parish Bereavement Ministry team invites parishioners who are suffering due to a bereavement to come along and have a chat, over a cup of tea/coffee and biscuits. This is in a group setting and not on a one to one basis. The team will be there to listen to you and support you. The next meeting is on Friday 12th May 2023, at 7pm until 8pm, in the upper room of the hall, at St Lawrence's Church, Sidcup.

DEATH NOTICES

1. The Funeral Service (Not Mass) for Wanda Ann Woolcott RIP will take place on Thursday 25th May at 12:30pm followed by cremation at Kemnal Park Crematorium at 2:00pm.
2. With great sadness we announce the death of Eulalia Mascarenhas who died on the early Friday morning of 5th May.

May their soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.
Amen.

COFFEE MORNINGS AND REPOSITORY

Come and join fellow parishioners in the Church Hall after the 9:30am Mass on Wednesdays and after the 8:30am and 10am Masses on Sunday for tea/coffee, biscuits and cake. The Repository will also be open at these times. The Repository has small gifts and cards available for First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

PARISH SUGGESTION BOX - A suggestion box has been placed at the back of the Church on the left hand side. Please post any comments or ideas regarding spiritual and social events. All suggestions will be brought up during parish council meetings.

100 CLUB - We have a few 100 Club numbers available at £5/month. The numbers available are on display at the back of the Church. Please cross the number you'd like and put your name and contact number on the sheet or email the parish office at sidcup@rcaos.org.uk. Payment can be made by standing order or direct debit.

INNER WHEEL OF SIDCUP QUIZ NITE

Inner Wheel of Sidcup are having a Quiz Nite on Friday 19th May 7.00 for 7.30pm at Sidcup Sports Club in Sydney Road. Bring your own nibbles, drinks from the bar only please. Tickets £7. Proceeds to Bexley Women's aid - our charity for this year. Contacts: Chris Head-Rapson 0208 3023708. Email: chrishheadrapson@gmail.com or Helen Bacon 07960 243 947. Email: helenbacon13@gmail.com.

BEXLEY PHOENIX CHOIR CONCERT - SATURDAY 27TH MAY, 8PM

The Bexley Phoenix Choir are back to entertain us. The Concert takes place at St Lawrence's Church on Saturday, 27th May 2023 at 8pm. Come and hear this vibrant choir singing a variety of music – something for everyone. Tickets £10, Students £5, 16 and under FREE. Available from Jill Martin 07831 201933.

SIDCUP FOODBANK AT NEW COMMUNITY CHURCH SIDCUP

Just a reminder that there are two foodbank bins at the back of the church. If you are able to provide any non-perishable essentials for a weekly shop such as pasta, soup, beans, tea, coffee, sauces, tinned fish, squash, sugar, canned vegetables etc.. please do put them in the bins. **Please do not put out of date, frozen, or fresh produce in the food bins.** For further info contact me on 07986 348013. Thanks Nick Wells.

EVERGREEN CARE UK - ELDERBERRIES VINTAGE TEA CENTRES

If you looking for a safe and friendly place to meet with or make new friends and are over 60. Then come along to the Elderberries Vintage Tea Room where you can get a cup of tea and a cake, or a full dinner at a very reasonable rate. The volunteers can help by directing you to the support available. For more information about venues and opening times, Telephone 01322 431765 or Email: info@evergreencarebexley.org.

COUNSELLING MATTERS BEXLEY - Lonely, isolated, stressed or anxious in these difficult times? Phone this talk line and talk to a counsellor free of charge. They won't judge you, but will listen and give you information about other support services available in the area. You are not alone in these times. Freephone 0800 047 2600. Email: mail@cmbtalk.org 7 days a week 9am - 9pm www.counsellingmattersbexley.org.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 6th May

6.30pm

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sister Margaret Mary Ryan RIP

Sunday 7th May

8.30am

Fifth Sunday of Easter

David Grace RIP

10.00am

Intention of Clare Parker

11.30am

Thanksgiving Mass for King Charles III

Monday 8th May

9.30am

Feria

Emmanuel Antonypillai RIP

Tuesday 9th May

9.45am

Feria

Menino and Paul Pinto RIP

Wednesday 10th May

9.30am

Saint John of Avila, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Janet Elise Griffith RIP

Thursday 11th May

9.30am

Feria

Rita Benedict RIP

Friday 12th May

9.30am

Feria

Robert Pereira RIP

Saturday 13th May

9.30am

Our Lady of Fatima

Jamie Daniel RIP

Collection	30th April 2023	2nd Collection	Priest Training Fund
Cash	£404.39	Cash	£453.67
Gift Aid	£287.00	Gift Aid	£414.50
Total	£691.39	Total	£868.17
Monthly Standing Order	£4806		

Please pray for all the sick of our parish who are at home and in hospitals. Please also pray for the souls of the faithful departed that God may grant them eternal rest.

For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus. 1 Timothy 2:5