

ST. LAWRENCE OF CANTERBURY R C CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - 14TH MAY 2023

(Psalter Week 2)

Entrance Antiphon: ***Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.***

Responsorial Psalm: Cry out with joy to God all the earth.

Communion Antiphon: ***If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, 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 the 6th May.

Confirmation - 10 young adults were Confirmed by Canon. Victor Darlington on the 11th May.

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 adults to receive the Sacraments.

Have a blessed week.

Fr. Paul.

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD - THURSDAY 18TH MAY IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION - A Vigil Mass will also be celebrated at 7:30pm on Wednesday 17th May.

NEXT SUNDAY IS WORLD COMMUNICATIONS SUNDAY - 2ND COLLECTION
This collection supports the work of the Catholic Communications Network (CCN), the media office of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales.

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 TRAVEL TIMES

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. If you are travelling on the coach please arrive on time on the 7th June.

THANK YOU

The Maxted family wish to express their heartfelt appreciation for the prayers and support they have received in recent weeks from the community at St Lawrence's.

MASS IN CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE - SEPT 23RD 3PM, AT ST. GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL

If you are celebrating your 1st/10th/25th/40th/50th/60th + wedding anniversary this year, please let your parish know as soon as possible, **and no later than the end of July**, providing the following details: your names in the format John and Mary Smith, your home address, the anniversary you are celebrating, so you can receive an invitation from the Archbishop for the renewal of vows during Mass. Spaces are limited. You can also get in touch with us at mflse@rcaos.org.uk As the title of your email, please write your parish location e.g. Clapham, Beckenham. Marriage & Family Life SE Team.

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.

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. Funeral details will be advised when known.
- May their soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

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. Tickets will be on sale after all the Masses this weekend and will also be available from Jill Martin on 07831 201933.

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: chrisheadrapson@gmail.com or Helen Bacon 07960 243 947. Email: helenbacon13@gmail.com.

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.

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.

A DAY WITH MARY - SATURDAY 27TH MAY

9:30am to 5:30pm at St. Mary of the Crays, Old Road, Crayford DA1 4DN. See Poster on the notice board or visit www adaywithmary.org.

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. For information about venues/opening times Tel: 01322 431765 E: 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.

RETRouvaille MARRIAGE PROGRAMME

Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples who have difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the next programmes on 6 - 9 July 2023 or 13-15 October 2023, Tel: 07887 296983/07973 380443 or Email: retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com - or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 13th May

6.30pm

Sixth Sunday of Easter (A)

The People of the Parish

Sunday 14th May

8.30am

Sixth Sunday of Easter (A)

Frederick Turner RIP

10.00am

Darcie-Mae Hope Stevens RIP

11.30am

Lily Farrell RIP

Monday 15th May

9.30am

Saint John Stone, Priest and Martyr

Austin Barredell RIP

Tuesday 16th May

9.45am

Saint Simon Stock, Priest

Intentions of Bridget Kehoe and Family

Wednesday 17th May

9.30am

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Gwen and Richard Lane - 73rd Wedding Anniversary

7:30pm - Vigil Mass

The People of the Parish

Thursday 18th May

9.30am

The Ascension of the Lord - Holy day of Obligation

Living Family and Friends of the Wells Family

Friday 19th May

9.30am

Saint Dunstan, Bishop

Helen and Michael Keaveny RIP

Saturday 20th May

9.30am

Saint Bernardine of Sienna, Priest

Robert Bartlett RIP

Collection	7th May 2023
Cash	£501.30
Gift Aid	£378.90
Total	£880.20
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.

So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God. 1 Corinthians 10:31