

ST. LAWRENCE OF CANTERBURY R C CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - 21ST MAY 2023

(Psalter Week 3)

Entrance Antiphon: ***O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face; hide not your face from me, alleluia.***

Responsorial Psalm: I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.

Communion Antiphon: ***Father, I pray that they may be one as we also are one, alleluia.***

If you would like to book a Mass Intention, please use the Mass Intention Envelopes available at the back of the church and put it through the office letter-box with your contact number. The recommended Stipend by the Archdiocese for a Mass Intention is £10.

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.

Parish Prayer Group meet at 2:30pm on Mondays in the Upper room of the Hall.

Divine Mercy Devotion after Mass on Wednesdays.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays 10am to 12noon.

Saturday morning prayer starts at 8:45am followed by the rosary and then Mass.

Have a blessed week.

Fr. Paul.

TODAY 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.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

1. **Lourdes Prayer Intention Box**

There is a prayer Intentions box at the back of the Church for people to put their prayer intentions for the parish pilgrimage to Lourdes.

2. **Storage of Luggage**

The Hall will be opened to receive luggage on Tuesday 6th June between 7pm and 8pm. All luggage is left at owners risk.

3. **Coach Times**

The coach will depart from the church at 9.30am on Wednesday the 7th June. On the return trip on the 12th June, the coach is expected to leave Stansted Airport at around 6.00pm. Please arrive by 9.00am on Wednesday the 7th June.

4. **Pilgrimage Programme**

The programme of the pilgrimage will be discussed at a meeting after dinner on the 7th June.

ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING

Fr. Allan will be holding an altar server training for new and old altar servers after the 11.30am Mass on Sunday 18th June in the Church. Please bring your child along for the training if you would like them to serve a Saturday Evening or Sunday Morning Mass. Any child who has made their first Holy Communion is invited to serve Mass.

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.

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. The Funeral Mass for Eulalia Mascarenhas RIP will take place on Friday 2nd June at 11:00am followed by burial at Sidcup Cemetery at 12:30pm.
3. The Funeral Mass for Hayley Elizabeth Burke RIP will take place on Friday 16th June at 2:00pm followed by Cremation at Kemnal Park Crematorium at 3:30pm.
4. With sadness we announce the death of Sheelagh Aughterlony. 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.

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.

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 mfise@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.

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.

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 20th May	Seventh Sunday of Easter (A)
6.30pm	Austin Barradell RIP
Sunday 21st May	Seventh Sunday of Easter (A)
8.30am	The People of the Parish
10.00am	Austin Barradell RIP
11.30am	Frances Davies RIP
Monday 22nd May	Saint Rita of Cascia
9.30am	Eileen Maxted RIP
Tuesday 23rd May	Feria
9.45am	Joanne Woollacott RIP
Wednesday 24th May	Feria
9.30am	Darrell D'Silva RIP
Thursday 25th May	Saint Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church
9.30am	Nora Beadle RIP
12:30pm	Funeral Service (Not Mass) for Wanda Woolcott RIP
Friday 26th May	Saint Philip Neri, Priest
9.30am	Fr. Michael Coleman SM RIP
Saturday 27th May	Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop
9.30am	Intentions of Elizabeth Ross and Family

Collection	14th May 2023
Cash	£464.58
Gift Aid	£302.02
Total	£766.60
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.

Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18