ST. LAWRENCE OF CANTERBURY R C CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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PENTECOST SUNDAY - 28TH MAY 2023

(Psalter Week 4)

Entrance Antiphon: The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

Communion Antiphon: They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, 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 with Rosary. Saturday morning prayer starts at 8:45am followed by the rosary and then Mass.

No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday 2nd June due to Funeral Mass.

Have a blessed week. Fr. Paul.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

"And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing; and he said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?'. They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us'. He said to them, 'You go into the vineyard too'"(Mt 20:6-7)

For some time now a Parish Pastoral Council have been slowly evolving in the parish. The Parish Pastoral Council is crucial to the successful mission of a parish to meet the needs within <u>and</u> beyond its doors. We currently have many volunteers in this parish and their contribution is much appreciated, however, very soon all parishioners will be invited to consider whether they would like to volunteer for certain aspects of parish life and more information will be given over the coming weeks.

In the meantime, please see a few quotations from three popes in recent times on this subject:

- St John Paul II stated that The call [go into the vineyard too] "is a concern not only of Pastors, clergy, and men and women religious. The call is addressed to everyone: lay people as well are personally called by the Lord, from whom they receive a mission on behalf of the Church and the world." (Christifides Laici 1989)
- Pope Benedict "The lay faithful must no longer be viewed as collaborators of the clergy but as 'co-responsible' for the Church's being and action" (6th Assembly of the International Catholic Action Forum August 2012)
- Pope Francis, as the Bishop of the Diocese of Rome, in January 2023 has himself asked that each parish in his diocese form a Parish Pastoral Council as an organ of "ecclesial communion, community discernment and co-responsibility to which the bishop must listen."

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 and stay with your child 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. Thank you for volunteering your child for this lovely ministry.

MARIST WAY

The next meeting of the Marist Way group will be on Saturday 3rd June after the 9:30am Mass in the upper room of the hall. Come along. All are welcome to attend.

DEATH NOTICES

- 1. 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.
- 2. The Funeral Mass for Sheelagh Aughterlony RIP will take place on Monday 12th June at 12noon followed by burial at Kemnal Park Cemetery at 1:30pm.
- 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.

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

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.

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.

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.

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 <u>mflse@rcaos.org.uk</u> As the title of your email, please write your parish location e.g. Clapham, Beckenham. Marriage & Family Life SE Team.

LARK IN THE PARK - 27TH - 31ST JULY AT SIDCUP PLACE

Over the many years of Lark in the Park, so many volunteers from the various churches in Sidcup, have supported the event in so many different ways, making it a special community event. There are many ways in which you can volunteer to serve and not all tasks include heavy lifting. Teams are needed to pray, help with our over 60s events, craft activities, steward, welcome, clean, litter pick, help with tech and media team, all kinds of things for all kinds of skills.

An event poster, plus a poster with volunteer information are displayed on the notice board at the back of the Church. For details of the event visit <u>www.larkinthepark.com</u> or Email: info@larkinthepark.com or Tel: 020 8309 6056.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 27th May	Pentecost Sunday (A)		
6.30pm	Evelyn Martin RIP & Sean RIP		
Sunday 28th May	Pentecost Sunday (A)		
8.30am	Fr. Michael Coleman SM RIP		
10.00am	The People of the Parish		
11.30am	John Crawley RIP		
Monday 29th May	Mary, Mother of the Church, Memorial		
9.30am	Friends and Relatives of the Maxted Family both Living and Deceased		
Tuesday 30th May	Feria		
9.45am	Bobby Gray RIP		
Wednesday 31st May	The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Feast		
9.30am	Holy Souls		
Thursday 1st June	Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest, Feast		
9.30am	Mary Jinetta Cabrelli RIP		
Friday 2nd June	Saints Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs		
9.30am	Holy Souls		
11.00am	Funeral Mass for Eulalia Mascarenchas RIP		
Saturday 3rd June	Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs		
9.30am	Kath Rogan RIP		

Collection	21st May 2023	2nd Collection:	World Communication
Cash	£420.09	Cash	£230.26
Gift Aid	£310.00	Gift Aid	£115.00
Total	£730.09	Total	£345.26
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 God did not give us a spirit of timidity but a spirit of power and love and self-control. 2 Timothy 1:7