

ST. LAWRENCE OF CANTERBURY R C CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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13TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR A - 2ND JULY 2023

(Psalter Week 1)

Entrance Antiphon: ***All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy!***

Responsorial Psalm: I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.

Communion Antiphon: ***Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, his holy name.***

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.

Have a blessed week.

Fr. Paul.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

For some time now a Parish Pastoral Council has been slowly evolving in the parish. The Parish Pastoral Council is crucial to the successful mission of a parish to meet the needs within and beyond its doors. We currently have many volunteers in this parish and their contribution is much appreciated, however, we are having two sign up Sundays in July, when all parishioners will be invited to consider whether they would like to volunteer for certain aspects of parish life. Please see Sign up Sundays for the list of volunteering roles and Caritas Initiative for more information on this role.

SIGN UP SUNDAYS - 1ST/2ND JULY AND 8TH/9TH JULY

Our Parish Pastoral Council is planning many exciting ventures and these require greater community participation through volunteers. On the 1st/2nd July and the 8th/9th July after the Masses, parishioners will be invited to sign up to any of the roles they may like to help with or organise and run. The Parish Pastoral Council will be outside the church to answer any questions. The roles for volunteers include:

1. PACT parish representative
2. Friday café volunteers
3. Parish Building Maintenance
4. Caritas parish representative
5. Finance Committee Members
6. Children's Liturgy
7. Monthly/termly movie night
8. Monthly Foodbank Sunday
9. Christmas Fair volunteers
10. Stalls for Christmas Fair
11. Previously approved Safeguarding persons for upper room cinema for children at the Christmas Fair
12. Support for families about family matters
13. Parish Magazine
14. Parish Office Support

CARITAS INITIATIVE - Following the launch of Caritas Southwark in March by Archbishop John Wilson we are looking for a parish representative to take this initiative forward. "The aim of Caritas Southwark is to put faith into action in both practical and prayerful ways within each parish and school, and to offer support to existing charities and organisations engaged in social justice".

As part of the Caritas initiative, we are also looking for someone interested in becoming the point of contact for the Prison Advice and Care Trust (PACT) within our Parish. For further information on either of these initiatives contact Rosie Desbruslais.

DEACON PETER VARNES - SILVER JUBILEE - Last year Deacon Peter completed 25 years of Holy Orders to the Diaconate. Parishioners who wish to make a contribution towards a presentation to him next weekend are invited to place your contribution in the second collection this weekend or next. You may use the envelopes provided and hand in to the office during the week. We sincerely thank Deacon Peter for his many years of service and a Mass will be celebrated in thanksgiving on **Sunday 16th July at 11.30am** with a small reception after Mass in the Parish Hall.

2ND COLLECTION TODAY - PETER'S PENCE - These offerings enable the Holy Father and the Apostolic See to support the needs of the Universal Church.

9TH JULY IS SEA SUNDAY, 2ND COLLECTION - STELLA MARIS

Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. On Sea Sunday the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate in church, by visiting www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate, or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris (formerly called Apostleship of the Sea) to continue its important work.

DEATH NOTICES

1. The Funeral Mass for Maureen Bridget Griffin RIP will take place on Tuesday 4th July at 11:00am followed by Cremation at Eltham Crematorium at 12:30pm.
2. The Funeral Mass for James O'Hanlon RIP will take place on Tuesday 4th July at 10:00am at St Joseph's RC Church, 1 Orchard Road, Bromley BR1 2PR.
3. The Funeral Service for Robert Michael Hogan RIP will take place on Wednesday 5th July at 10:45am at Eltham Crematorium.

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

YOUTH MUSIC MINISTRY

We are looking for young people aged 7+ who either play/are learning to play musical instruments and/or young people who have a passion for music/singing, who can sing or would like to learn how to sing. If you would like your children to join this Ministry please bring them to a meeting in the hall on Sunday 2nd July after the 11:30am Mass.

PARISH BEREAVEMENT GROUP

We are a companioning group here to support you. If you think that talking to someone could help you in your bereavement, please come along and spend time with others by sharing your experience or just by being present.

We meet in the small hall on the 2nd Wednesday of every month from 1:30 - 3 pm.

N.B. We are not a counselling group.

A DAY WITH MARY - SATURDAY 8TH JULY

9:30am to 5:00pm at Our Lady of the Rosary, Burnt Oak Lane, Blackfen DA15 8LW.

See poster on the notice board or visit www.adaywithmary.org.

PARISH QUIZ NIGHT - SATURDAY 15TH JULY AT 7:30PM

The Spiritual and Social Events Team are organising a Quiz night on Saturday 15th July 2023 in the church hall from 7:30pm. Tickets priced at £7 each. Ticket selling after Sunday masses on the 1st/2nd July and 8th/9th July. Bring your own food and drink. Raffle tickets sold on the night. Any raffle prize donations most welcome, thank you. Profits from the event will be donated to the church.

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**, provide: your names, home address, the anniversary you are celebrating. Alternatively email your details and parish location to: mflse@rcaos.org.uk. Thank you. Marriage & Family Life SE Team.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 1st July

6.30pm

13th Sunday of the Year A

Mary Lee RIP

Sunday 2nd July

8.30am

13th Sunday of the Year A

Wellbeing of Anne Maxted

10.00am

Robert Bartlett RIP

11.30am

The People of the Parish

Monday 3rd July

9.30am

Saint Thomas, Apostle

Roseanne and Felix Travers RIP

Tuesday 4th July

9.45am

Saint Elizabeth of Portugal

Mary O'Connell RIP

11.00am

Funeral Mass for Maureen Bridget Griffin RIP

Wednesday 5th July

9.30am

Feria

Holy Souls

Thursday 6th July

9.30am

Saint Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr

Kathleen McGuen RIP

Friday 7th July

9.30am

Feria

For the wellbeing of Kumari Bandara and Ravi Rangana

Saturday 8th July

9.30am

The Blessed Virgin Mary

Holy Souls

Collection	25th June 2023
Cash	£263.50
Gift Aid	£425.74
Total	£689.24
Monthly Standing Order	£4790

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.

Come to him, to that living stone, rejected by men but in God's sight chosen and precious. 1 Peter 2:4