

ST. LAWRENCE OF CANTERBURY R C CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (A) - 4TH JUNE 2023

(Psalter Week 1)

Entrance Antiphon: ***Blest be God the Father, and the Only Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit, for he has shown us his merciful love.***

Responsorial Psalm: To you glory and praise for evermore.

Communion Antiphon: ***Since you are children of God, God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son, the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.***

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.

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"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 and 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."**

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Suggestion Box - The responses to the suggestions received in the suggestion box are displayed on the notice board.

Parish AGM - The minutes of the 30th March Parish AGM are available on the parish website www.stlsidcup.org.

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 parish hall on Sunday 2nd July after the 11.30am Mass.

DEATH NOTICES

1. 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.
2. 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 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 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.

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.

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.

NEW DAWN IN THE CHURCH - ANNUAL CONFERENCE AT WALSINGHAM

Pilgrims are welcome to join the Catholic Charismatic Family Pilgrimage Conference at the Basilica of Our Lady of Walsingham from Monday 31st July to Friday 4th August. Bishop David Oakley of Northampton Diocese will be joining the Conference for the whole week and Eucharistic Adoration will be at the centre of the heart of this year's event. For full conference details go to www.newdawn.org.uk or for any enquiries please email registration@newdawn.org.uk. See the poster on the notice board.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 3rd June

6.30pm

Solemnity of The Most Holy Trinity (A)

For the recovery of Francis Whelan and for his family.

Sunday 4th June

8.30am

Solemnity of The Most Holy Trinity (A)

Robyn Nash-Flanagan RIP

10.00am

Maria Teresa Davey RIP

11.30am

The People of the Parish

Monday 5th June

9.30am

Saint Boniface, Bishop and Martyr

Kathleen Rogan RIP

Tuesday 6th June

9.45am

Feria

Holy Souls

Wednesday 7th June

9.30am

Feria

Vilma Pinto RIP

Thursday 8th June

9.30am

Feria

Holy Souls

Friday 9th June

9.30am

Feria

Kathleen Rogan RIP

Saturday 10th June

9.30am

The Blessed Virgin Mary

Fr. Michael Coleman SM RIP

Collection	28th May 2023
Cash	£316.30
Gift Aid	£469.08
Total	£785.38
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.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. Romans 15:13