ST. LAWRENCE OF CANTERBURY R C CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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14TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR A - 9TH JULY 2023

(Psalter Week 2)

Entrance Antiphon: Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

Responsorial Psalm: I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.

Communion Antiphon: Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

INTERNATIONAL MASS - SUNDAY 30TH JULY 11.30AM

We will be celebrating the ethnic diversity of our parish with an International Mass on Sunday 30th July 2023 at 11.30am. The liturgy will be multi-lingual although the Mass readings will all be in English. Canon Victor Darlington, the Episcopal Vicar for the South East Area, Commission for Promoting Racial and Cultural Inclusion, Education and Director of Caritas, will be the main celebrant.

Parishioners are encouraged to wear their national dress, bring flags and consider whether you may like to ask your child or someone else to join in the offertory procession to present something that represents your country. Fr Allan will concelebrate in French and I will concelebrate in Spanish. After Mass you are invited to bring a dish from your country of origin to share with others and refreshments will be served; you will be able to drop off your dish in the parish hall prior to 11.30 Mass. I am hoping it will be a fun day for all. If you have any queries please speak with Jeanette or one of the priest.

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. We are having the second sign up Sunday this weekend, when all parishioners are invited to consider whether they would like to volunteer for certain aspects of parish life. Please see Sign up Sunday for the list of volunteering roles and Caritas Initiative for more information on this role.

SIGN UP SUNDAY - 8TH/9TH JULY

Our Parish Pastoral Council is planning many exciting ventures and these require greater community participation through volunteers. On 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. 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.

WEEKEND 29TH & 30TH JULY - APPEAL ON BEHALF OF MUSTARD SEED COMMUNITIES

Peter Mitchell our parish organist and promoter of Mustard Seed Communities will be making an appeal on behalf of this charity. Mustard Seed Communities began in 1978 as a home for children with disabilities on the outskirts of Kingston, Jamaica. Today, Mustard Seed Communities provides loving and lifelong care to over 600 children and adults with disabilities, children affected by HIV and young mothers in crisis across Jamaica, Nicaragua, Dominican Republic, Zimbabwe and Malawi. For further information please visit <u>https://www.mustardseed.com</u>.

DEATH NOTICES

- 1. The Memorial Mass for Sylvia Alice Wates RIP will take place on Friday 14th July at 1:00pm.
- 2. The Funeral Mass for Louise Veronica Stotesbury RIP will take place on Tuesday 18th July at 10:00am followed by cremation at Eltham Crematorium at 12:15pm.
- 3. The Funeral Service for Mavis Joy Welfare RIP will take place on Friday 21st July at 3:30pm at Kemnal Park Cemetery.

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

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 2^{nd} Wednesday of every month from 1:30 - 3 pm. N.B. We are not a counselling group.

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 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.

CTS BOOKLETS - We have restocked our CTS booklets in the two racks at the back of the church. These include many new and interesting titles. Please put the money in the box at the back of the church.

PARISH PRAYER GROUP - The last prayer meeting before the summer will be held on Monday 17th July at 2:30pm. The prayer group will restart early in September.

ST. PETER CHANEL PRE-SCHOOL

St Peter Chanel Pre-School are currently allocating places for September 2023. The Pre-School offers morning, afternoon and full day places. We are an outstanding setting within the beautiful grounds of St Peter Chanel Catholic Primary School. Places are available for children from 2-4 years. Please enquire with the school about the different funding options available for places. Visitors are welcome to come along and see our exciting Pre-School in action, meet the team and ask any questions. To book an appointment Tel: 0208 302 6029 or email <u>admin@stpeterchanel.bexley.sch.uk</u>.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

| Saturday 8th July | 14th Sunday of the Year A | | |
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| 6.30pm | Philip Grey RIP | | |
| Sunday 9th July | 14th Sunday of the Year A | | |
| 8.30am | Martin Fryday RIP | | |
| 10.00am | The People of the Parish | | |
| 11.30am | Eula Mascarenhas RIP | | |
| Monday 10th July | Feria | | |
| 9.30am | Eula Mascarenhas RIP | | |
| Tuesday 11th July | Saint Benedict, Abbot, Patron of Europe | | |
| 9.45am | Margarita Peňa RIP | | |
| Wednesday 12th July | Feria | | |
| 9.30am | James Dolan RIP | | |
| Thursday 13th July | Feria | | |
| 9.30am | Eula Mascarenhas RIP | | |
| Friday 14th July | Feria | | |
| 9.30am | Holy Souls | | |
| 1.00pm | Memorial Mass for Sylvia Alice Wates RIP | | |
| Saturday 15th July | Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church | | |
| 9.30am | Sheelagh Aughterlony RIP | | |

| Collection | 2nd July 2023 | 2nd Collection: Peter's Pence | |
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| Cash | £591.73 | Cash | £178.22 |
| Gift Aid | £837.50 | Gift Aid | £195.00 |
| Total | £1429.23 | Total | £373.22 |
| 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.

And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. 1 Thessalonians 3:12