

ST. LAWRENCE OF CANTERBURY R C CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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16TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR A - 23RD JULY 2023

(Psalter Week 4)

Entrance Antiphon: ***See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.***

Responsorial Psalm: ***O Lord, you are good and forgiving.***

Communion Antiphon: ***The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear 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 the 11.30am 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.

SIGN UP SUNDAY

Thank you to all the parishioners who have signed up to the various volunteering roles over the last two Sundays. Thank you also to all our volunteers who helped out on both the sign up Sundays. The responses are being collated at the moment. If you have volunteered for any of the roles, the parish pastoral council will be in touch with you. Most of the initiatives will start in the autumn.

DEACON PETER VARNES SILVER JUBILEE

Thank you for joining me on Sunday, celebrating my 25 years of Diaconate at St. Lawrences and thank you for your prayers and generosity. I am truly grateful and you all remain in my prayers. Deacon Peter.

11.30AM SUNDAY MASS

Those who attend our 11.30am Mass will know that we have been blessed by the music and voice of Petra Stoffel. It is a great loss to the parish to see Petra return to Germany for personal reasons and we say goodbye with our heartfelt prayer and gratitude. To show our appreciation for the way in which Petra has helped us all in our worship through her immense talent I invite the parish to say thank you by way of a donation in our second collection this weekend. Petra will be with us towards the end of July and her last Mass here at St Lawrence's will be on Sunday 30th July at 11.30am, our International Mass. If you would like to make a donation please place it in the envelopes that are available at the back of the church and place them in the collection. We will present this to her at the end of our Mass on the 30th July.

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. Cheques should be made payable to 'Mustard Seed Communities UK'. For further information please visit <https://www.mustardseed.com>.

THANK YOU - The Aughterlony Family would like to thank everyone for their prayers, masses, support and kindness over the last few months. A Mass will be offered for all your intentions on 6th August.

QUIZ NIGHT

On Saturday 15th July a Quiz night was held in the parish hall. What a beautiful evening had by all! A completely sold-out event! Thank you to you all for supporting the evening. Thank you to the SSET for all the hard work spent planning, preparing, then carrying out the event, to Chris Head-Rapson our phenomenal Quiz Master and producer of the quiz, and finally to our parish priests who support the SSET and their endeavours to raise money. The Quiz night raised a breathtaking £1082.36 which will go towards the forthcoming parish initiatives. SSET Team.

DEATH NOTICE

1. The Funeral Mass of Anthony McAleenan RIP will take place on Friday 11th August at 10.00am followed by burial at St. Luke's Cemetery, Bromley at 11.30am. May their soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

WORLD GRANDPARENT'S DAY SUNDAY 23RD JULY

The Vatican has granted a Plenary Indulgence for grandparents, the elderly, and all faithful who participate in the solemn celebration presided over by the Pope in St. Peter's Basilica, as well as to all those who attend Mass in various parts of the world on the 23rd July. The theme for this day is "His mercy is from age to age" (Lk 1:50). The indulgence is subject to the usual conditions of sacramental Confession, reception of the Eucharist, and prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father. A plenary indulgence offers remission of the temporal punishment due to sins already forgiven, which can be applied to oneself or to the souls in Purgatory.

SEA SUNDAY - APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA/STELLA MARIS

We have postponed this planned second collection but will take it up later on in the year as it is a most worthy charity. If you want to donate by using your gift aid envelopes you still can by placing them in any Sunday collection and they will be collated with the second collection in due course. Many thanks.

PARISH PRAYER GROUP - will restart early in September.

NO ADORATION ON FRIDAYS IN AUGUST. The Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays from 10am to 12noon will resume on Friday 1st September.

WEDNESDAY COFFEE MORNING - is now closed for the summer break and will recommence on Wednesday 6th September.

EVANGELIUM 2023 - 18TH - 20TH AUGUST - A conference on Catholic faith, life and culture for young adults aged 18 to 35 at Oratory School, Woodcote, Oxfordshire RG8 0PJ. See the poster on the notice board for further information. For booking call 01834 812643 or visit <https://saintant.com/product/evangelium-2023>.

DEANERY CATECHIST DAY - SATURDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER

All catechists are invited to attend the deanery catechist day on Saturday 16th September at St Stephen's Church, 26 Deepdene Road, Welling, Kent DA16 3QL. If you are able to attend please email sidcup@rcaos.org.uk.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION AND LECTORS OF THE SOUTH EAST - FORMATION DAYS 2023

All Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors are invited to attend one of the two formation days. Can you please email sidcup@rcaos.org.uk to confirm which day you can attend.

- 1. Saturday 14 October 2023 - 10am-4pm**, for Parishes in the Deaneries of Bexley, Bromley and Greenwich . Venue: St Stephen's Church, 26 Deepdene Road, Welling, Kent DA16 3QL.
- 2. Saturday 21 October 2023 - 10am-4pm**, for Parishes in the Deaneries of Camberwell, Lewisham and Lambeth . Venue: Bishop Thomas Grant School, Belltrees Grove, London SW16 2HYS

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 admin@stpeterchanel.bexley.sch.uk.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 22nd July

6.30pm

16th Sunday of the Year A

Wellbeing of Kathleen O'Dwyer

Sunday 23rd July

8.30am

16th Sunday of the Year A

Jo Walsh RIP

10.00am

The People of the Parish

11.30am

Louise Stotesbury RIP

Monday 24th July

9.30am

Feria

Holy Souls

Tuesday 25th July

9.45am

Saint James, Apostle

James Waddell RIP

Wednesday 26th July

9.30am

Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Peggy Oakes RIP

Thursday 27th July

9.30am

Feria

Intention of Karen Moran

Friday 28th July

9.30am

Feria

Intentions of Richard and Linda McNulty

Saturday 29th July

9.30am

Saints Mary, Martha and Lazarus

Jennie Healy RIP

Collection	16th July 2023
Cash	£450.23
Gift Aid	£514.93
Total	£965.16
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 all the faithful departed that God may grant them eternal rest.

So let us not become tired of doing good; for if we do not give up, the time will come when we will reap the harvest. Galatians 6:9