

ST. LAWRENCE OF CANTERBURY R C CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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17TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR A - 30TH JULY 2023

(Psalter Week 1)

Entrance Antiphon: ***God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.***

Responsorial Psalm: Lord how I love your law!

Communion Antiphon: ***Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.***

INTERNATIONAL MASS - THIS SUNDAY 30TH JULY 11.30AM

We will be celebrating the ethnic diversity of our parish with an International Mass this 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.

Have a blessed week.

Fr. Paul.

THIS 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>.

Fr. Paul will be away from the parish from the 31st July to the 7th August on a Pilgrimage to World Youth Day with the men discerning priesthood. Please keep them and all our seminarians in your prayers.

Fr. Allan will be away from the 9th August to the 1st September.

The Parish Office will be closed while Jeanette is away from the 3rd to 21st August. See Fr. Paul for any urgent matters.

PARISH PRAYER GROUP - will recommence on Monday 11th 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.

PARISH BEREAVEMENT GROUP - The bereavement group meet in the small hall on the 2nd Wednesday of every month from 1.30 - 3pm, next session 13th September.

MARIST WAY

The next meeting of the Marist Way group will be on Saturday 5th August after the 9:30am Mass in the upper room of the hall. Come along. All are welcome to attend.

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Tuesday 15th August is a Holyday of Obligation.

SOCIETY OF AFRICAN MISSIONS (SMA FATHERS) MISSION APPEAL

Fr. Andrew Batare from the SMA Fathers will be making a Mission Appeal at all the Masses on the weekend of 26th and 27th August. There will be a second collection taken at all the Masses for their Mission work.

DEATH NOTICES

1. The Funeral Mass of Margaret Elizabeth Barnett RIP will take place on Thursday 10th August at 10.30am followed by Cremation at Eltham Crematorium at 12.15pm.
2. The Funeral Mass of Anthony James Christopher 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.

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>.

DIVINE MERCY PILGRIMAGE TO AYLESFORD - 28TH AUGUST 10AM TO 4:30PM
Divine Mercy Apostolate are leading a pilgrimage to Aylesford on Monday 28th August from 10am to 4.30pm. There will be Divine Mercy Devotions and Rosary, Confessions, Adoration, 12noon Mass, Veneration of Merciful Jesus Image and Relics of Saint Faustina. The Friars, Aylesford Priory, Kent ME20 7BX. All are welcome to attend.

MARCH FOR LIFE - SATURDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER

This day begins with Mass at 10.30am at Westminster Cathedral. There are events at the Emmanuel Centre, Marsham Street SW1P 3DW from 10.30am to 1.00pm including a new initiative called 'Engage' where you can get trained to engage the public and change hearts and minds one conversation at a time. The March will start at the Emmanuel Centre at 1.30pm, proceeding to Parliament Square, where there will be testimonies and speeches, with the day concluding at 4.30pm. For further details see the poster on the notice board or visit <https://www.marchforlife.co.uk>.

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.

ARCHDIOCESAN SEMINAR - SATURDAY 28TH OCTOBER

You are all invited to an Archdiocesan Seminar on Promoting Racial and Cultural Inclusion in our Parishes, Schools & Communities on Saturday 28 October 2023 at Amigo Hall, St George's Cathedral, Westminster Bridge Road, London, SE1 7HY from 9.30am to 4pm. Visit <https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/mission/commission-for-promoting-racial-and-cultural-inclusion/seminar-on-promoting-racial-inclusion-28-october-2023/>.

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 29th July

6.30pm

17th Sunday of the Year A

Wellbeing of Margaret Bestel

Sunday 30th July

8.30am

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Archie McCaughan RIP

10.00am

Holy Souls

11.30am

The People of the Parish

Monday 31st July

9.30am

Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

Intentions of K. Carr and children

Tuesday 1st August

9.45am

Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Maurice Madden RIP

Wednesday 2nd August

9.30am

Saint Peter Julian Eymard, Priest

Holy Souls

Thursday 3rd August

9.30am

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Charles and Josephine Fernandes RIP

Friday 4th August

9.30am

Saint John Vianney, Priest

Ted Fendick RIP

Saturday 5th August

9.30am

The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major

Norah Turner RIP

Collection	23rd July 2023
Cash	£469.52
Gift Aid	£334.40
Total	£803.92
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.

You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures for evermore. Psalms 16:11