

## ST. LAWRENCE OF CANTERBURY R C CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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### 26TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR A - 1ST OCTOBER 2023

*(Psalter Week 2)*

Entrance Antiphon: ***All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.***

*Responsorial Psalm: Remember your mercy, Lord.*

Communion Antiphon: ***Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.***

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. Parish bereavement group meet in hall on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month 1.30-3pm.

**OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY** - The practice of the rosary is an effective prayer to be prayed individually, as a family and as a community. Praying through the intercession of Our Blessed Mother, the Mother of our Church leads us to her Son as St Louis de Montfort said 'To Jesus through Mary'. Please feel free to join in on Wednesdays and Fridays after Mass and on Saturdays before Mass.

God bless you all.

**Fr. Allan.**

## **2ND COLLECTION TODAY - APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA / STELLA MARIS**

Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult and hazardous conditions. Stella Maris is the maritime agency of the Catholic Church. Its teams of chaplains provide practical help and pastoral care to seafarers and fishers in the UK and around the World. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate in church through the 2nd collection or on the card reader terminals, by visiting [www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate), or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. There are some gift aid envelopes from Stella Maris available at the back of the Church. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris (formerly called Apostleship of the Sea) to continue its important work with seafarers and fishers.

## **PARISH STUDY GROUP - FRIDAY 6TH OCTOBER 5PM TO 6PM**

Fr. Allan will be leading a Parish Study Group on Mary entitled 'Let it be done unto me' for 5 weeks on Fridays 5pm to 6pm in the Parish Hall commencing on Friday 6th October. All are welcome to attend. If you have questions please speak with Fr. Allan.

## **SUNDAY 8TH OCTOBER IS PRISONERS' SUNDAY, 2ND COLLECTION FOR PACT**

Chris Dunne from PACT (Prison Advice and Care Trust) the national catholic prison charity will be making an appeal at all the Masses next Sunday. A second collection will be taken to support the work of PACT. There are some gift aid envelopes from PACT available at the back of the church. Prisoners Sunday is the Church's national day of prayer and action in support of prisoners and their families, and the work of PACT. This collection will enable PACT to meet the urgent needs of vulnerable people and their families affected by imprisonment. For further information about PACT and their work please visit <https://www.prisonadvice.org.uk>.

## **PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND - 20TH - 27TH MAY 2024**

Join this wonderful seven night parish pilgrimage to the Holy Land led by Fr. Paul: visiting many of the religious sites in Bethlehem, Nazareth, Galilee and Jerusalem. The full cost of the pilgrimage is £1959pp based on 2 or more sharing a room. Single room supplement is £505pp. The package price includes flights from London Heathrow, half board hotel accommodation - 4 nights in Bethlehem and 3 nights in Tiberias, coach transfers whilst in the Holy Land, full services of a local courier and 2 Lunches. To express an interest in joining this pilgrimage and for a booking form, please contact the parish office on 020 8300 2480 or Email: [sidcup@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:sidcup@rcaos.org.uk). Alternatively to book your place on this pilgrimage call Gill at Tangney Tours on 01732 886666.

## **DEATH NOTICE**

1. The Funeral Mass for Anthony *Cliffy* Clifford Mascarenhas RIP will take place on Tuesday 17th October at 10.00am followed by burial at Sidcup Cemetery at 11.30am.

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

## **ANNUAL MASS COUNT**

The diocesan annual mass count will continue over the next three Sundays. Volunteers are requested to please collect and return the tally counters from the sacristy before and after each Mass.

## **VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED FOR CLEANING THE CHURCH**

We have a very small group of people cleaning the church on a weekly basis on Mondays after the 9:30am Mass (excluding Bank Holidays). It would be helpful if some more people can come forward and join the group. The role involves dusting/sweeping/hovering and cleaning the glass doors and takes about half an hour. If you are able to volunteer please come along and join the team after Mass on Mondays.

## **CAFOD HARVEST FAMILY FAST DAY - 6TH OCTOBER**

CAFOD are working with local doctors and experts to get help to families and communities affected by natural disasters. Donate to CAFOD on this family fast day so that more families can get the help they need. Use the envelopes available at the back of the church or give online at [cafod.org.uk/fastday](https://cafod.org.uk/fastday).

## **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](mailto: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/>.

## **EVENTS FROM THE MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE TEAM AT THE ARCHDIOCESE**

1. **Grief in Loss, Hope In Christ** 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> October at Aylesford Priory - a retreat at times of bereavement Email [reception@thefriars.org.uk](mailto:reception@thefriars.org.uk)
2. **Sycamore: Growing in Faith Together** 4 one hour sessions on Tuesday evenings from 24<sup>th</sup> October Email Carole: [mflkent@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mflkent@rcaos.org.uk)
3. **Passing on the Faith as Grandparents**, 4 online Tuesday evenings in November Email Lisette: [mflse@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mflse@rcaos.org.uk)
4. **Passing on the Faith for Parents**, 4 online Wednesday evenings in November Email Lisette: [mflse@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mflse@rcaos.org.uk)
5. **Building a Better Marriage** Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November which helps enrich the marriage you have. Email Carole: [mflkent@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mflkent@rcaos.org.uk)

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**Saturday 30th September    26th Sunday of the Year A**

6.30pm                      The People of the Parish

**Sunday 1st October            26th Sunday of the Year A**

8.30am                      Janina Basiaga RIP

10.00am                    Deceased staff and students of St. Mary's College and  
Grammar School Sidcup

11.30am                    Dan McBride RIP

**Monday 2nd October            The Holy Guardian Angels**

9.30am                      Stella Turtin RIP

**Tuesday 3rd October            Feria**

9.45am                      Marie Tooher RIP

**Wednesday 4th October        Saint Francis of Assisi**

9.30am                      Holy Souls

**Thursday 5th October            Saint Faustina Kowalska, Virgin**

9.30am                      Harry and Cecilia Carr RIP

**Friday 6th October              Feria**

9.30am                      Anton Jeyaseelan RIP

**Saturday 7th October            Our Lady of the Rosary**

9.30am                      Holy Souls

Collection	24th September 2023
Cash	£485.90
Gift Aid	£272.88
Total	£758.78
Monthly Standing Order	£4745

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.

***Come, let us return to the Lord; for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us; he has struck down, and he will bind us up. Hosea 6:1***