

## ST. LAWRENCE OF CANTERBURY R C CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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### 22ND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR A - 3RD SEPTEMBER 2023

*(Psalter Week 2)*

Entrance Antiphon: ***Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.***

***Responsorial Psalm: For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord my God.***

Communion Antiphon: ***How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.***

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.

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

Have a blessed week.

***Fr. Paul.***

**THANK YOU** - Fr. Rozairo Arputham from the SMA Fathers would like to thank you all for your generosity. A total donation of £939.07 was received for their Mission work. They will remember you all in their prayers.

**MUSTARD SEED COMMUNITIES APPEAL** - Peter Mitchell would like to thank you all for being so generous with your donations to the Mustard Seed Communities. A total of £2064.18 was raised, which will enable Mustard Seed Communities to continue their work with children and adults with disabilities, children affected by HIV and young mothers in crisis in Jamaica, Nicaragua, Dominican Republic, Zimbabwe and Malawi.

**WEDNESDAY COFFEE MORNING** - will recommence on Wednesday 6th September.

**PARISH PRAYER GROUP** - will recommence on Monday 11th September.

### **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<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month from 1.30 - 3 pm.

N.B. We are not a counselling group. Next session 13th September.

**CHEQUES** - If you write a cheque for your church collection, hall hire, mass stipends etc. please could you write the payee as 'RCAS SIDCUP' and not 'St. Lawrence Church'. This is due to the change of our bank account name to RCAS Sidcup.

### **COURSES FROM THE AGENCY OF EVANGELISATION AND CATECHESIS**

- 1. THE ARCHBISHOP'S CERTIFICATE (ARCHCERT) 2023/25** - is a two-year online course for all in Southwark who wish to understand their faith in a more profound way and be able to share it with both confidence and joy. The course will commence online on 7 October 2023 from 10am – 12pm. For further information on the course please visit <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/archcert>.
- 2. CATHOLIC CERTIFICATE IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES (CCRS)** - is a knowledge based, internationally recognised qualification that provides participants with an understanding of the teachings of the Catholic faith. For further information on the course please visit <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/ccrs>.

Please email [aec@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:aec@rcaos.org.uk) or telephone 020 8672 7684 if you have any questions about the two courses. Brochures are available at the back of the church.

### **DEATH NOTICE**

- 1.** The Funeral Mass of Robert Kyle Gallaher RIP will take place on Thursday 7th September at 10.00am followed by Cremation at Eltham Crematorium at 11.30am.

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

## **DEANERY CATECHIST DAY - SATURDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER**

All catechists are invited to attend the deanery catechist day on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:sidcup@rcaos.org.uk).

## **SERVICE OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT, PRAYER AND REFLECTION - WEDNESDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER at 6:30PM AT ST. GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL SE1 7HY**

Archbishop John Wilson and the Archdiocese Safeguarding Team, in partnership with LoudFence, warmly invite you to attend a service of acknowledgement, prayer and reflection, for all those that have been harmed by abuse and for those that support or work with those that have been harmed. The service will take place at St. George's Cathedral at 6:30pm on Wednesday 27th September. After the service, there will be an opportunity to tie a ribbon on the tree of reflection in support or prayer for those that have been harmed by abuse and to show our commitment to end abuse. Light refreshments will be provided. Please see the poster on the notice board.

## **DIOCESAN DAY FOR CATECHISTS - SATURDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER**

On behalf of the Archbishop, the Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis invites all catechists to the annual Diocesan Day for Catechists on Saturday 30th September 2023 from 10.00am to 4.00pm at the Amigo Hall in St. George's Cathedral, Southwark, SE1 6HR. This is a day for all the catechists of the diocese. To book your place please complete the online form - <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/latest/cat23>.

## **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/>.

## **SIDCUP FOODBANK AT NEW COMMUNITY CHURCH SIDCUP**

Just a reminder that there are two foodbank bins at the back of the church. If you are able to provide any non-perishable essentials such as pasta, soup, beans, tea, coffee, sauces, tinned fish, squash, sugar, canned vegetables etc. Please put them in the bins at the back of the church. For info contact me. Thanks Nick Wells 07986 348013.

**BEXLEY CRISIS CAFÉ** - This is a safe and friendly place that you can come to if you need support and advice in a crisis. It is a place where you can access mental health support and advice from mental health and wellbeing workers. The café is open from 6pm to 10pm everyday at Mind in Bexley 2a Devonshire Road, Bexleyheath DA6 8DS.

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**Saturday 2nd September      22nd Sunday of the Year A**

6.30pm                              The People of the Parish

**Sunday 3rd September      22nd Sunday of the Year A**

8.30am                              Peter and Margaret Lyons RIP

10.00am                             Michael Timlin RIP

11.30am                             Adelaida Viraj RIP

**Monday 4th September      Saint Cuthbert, Bishop**

9.30am                              Austin Barradell RIP

**Tuesday 5th September      Feria**

9.45am                              Friends and relatives of the Flatman family both living and deceased

**Wednesday 6th September      Feria**

9.30am                              In Thanksgiving for the safe delivery of Baby Ariella

**Thursday 7th September      Funeral Mass**

10.00am                             Funeral Mass of Robert Kyle Gallaher RIP

**Friday 8th September      The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

9.30am                              Andrew McBride RIP

**Saturday 9th September      The Blessed Virgin Mary**

9.30am                              Trudy Custy RIP

Collection	27th August 2023	2nd Collection	SMA Fathers Appeal
Cash	£387.30	Cash	£820.09
Gift Aid	£281.00	Card Reader	£118.98
Total	£668.30	Total	£939.07
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.

***Seek the Lord and his strength, seek his presence continually.***

***1 Chronicles 16:11***