

ST. LAWRENCE OF CANTERBURY R C CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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23RD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR A - 10TH SEPTEMBER 2023

(Psalter Week 3)

Entrance Antiphon: ***You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.***

Responsorial Psalm: O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

Communion Antiphon: ***Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.***

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 2nd Wednesday of the month 1.30-3pm.

Have a blessed week.

Fr. Paul.

TODAY IS EDUCATION SUNDAY - The 2nd Collection today is for the Catholic Education Service which acts on behalf of the Catholic Bishops' Conference to support Catholic education. There are over 2,000 Catholic schools, academies and colleges in England and Wales educating over 800,000 students. The CES is the chief negotiating and advisory body on matters affecting all aspects of Catholic education, and it also provides financial assistance for school transport in rural areas.

Fr. Paul will be away on holiday from Tuesday 12th September returning on Saturday 7th October, Fr. Allan will be covering the parish over these weeks.

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 2nd 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.

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.

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 or telephone 020 8672 7684 if you have any questions about the two courses. Brochures are available at the back of the church.

PARISH PRAYER INTENTIONS BOOK - Parishioners are invited to write any prayer intentions in our Parish Prayer Intentions book which is placed at the back of the church. Please take time to read the intentions and include them in your prayers. The Parish Prayer group prays for the intentions in the book when they meet on Mondays.

COFFEE MORNINGS AND REPOSITORY

Come and join fellow parishioners in the Church Hall after the 9:30am Mass on Wednesdays and after the 8:30am and 10am Masses on Sundays for tea/coffee, biscuits and cake. The Repository will also be open at these times.

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 of Southwark Safeguarding Team, in partnership with LoudFence, 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 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/>.

COFFEE WITH MUSIC THURSDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER 10.30AM SIDCUP LIBRARY

Come and buy a coffee and cake and enjoy music by the Autumn Clarinets ensemble formed by local musicians in 2016. Sponsored by the Sidcup Rotary Club, all the proceeds from this event will go to Demelza, a charity in the south east providing care for children with serious or life threatening medical conditions. All are welcome.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 9th September	23rd Sunday of the Year A
6.30pm	Intentions of Deacon Peter and Heike Varnes
Sunday 10th September	23rd Sunday of the Year A
8.30am	The People of the Parish
10.00am	For the Wellbeing of Malvina Young
11.30am	Nicholas Fernandes RIP
Monday 11th September	Feria
9.30am	Holy Souls
Tuesday 12th September	The Most Holy Name of Mary
9.45am	Angela D'Silva RIP
Wednesday 13th September	Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
9.30am	Holy Souls
Thursday 14th September	The Exaltation of The Holy Cross
9.30am	Frank Feighan RIP
Friday 15th September	Our Lady of Sorrows
9.30am	Friends and relatives of the Corkery Family both living and deceased
Saturday 16th September	Saint Cornelius, Pope and Saint Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
9.30am	Marie Tooher RIP

Collection	3rd September 2023
Cash	£545.68
Gift Aid	£289.10
Total	£834.78
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.

***And now, my sons, listen to me: happy are those who keep my ways.
Proverbs 8:32***