

## ST. LAWRENCE OF CANTERBURY R C CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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### 25TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR A - 24TH SEPTEMBER 2023

*(Psalter Week 1)*

Entrance Antiphon: ***I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.***

Responsorial Psalm: ***The Lord is close to all who call him.***

Communion Antiphon: ***You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.***

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.

May God bless you all.

**Fr. Allan.**

## **ANNUAL MASS COUNT BEGINS THIS SUNDAY**

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

**TUESDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER** - Please note that the morning Mass on Tuesday 26th September will start at 9:30am instead of 9:45am as Fr. Allan has to attend a clergy meeting at the Cathedral that morning.

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

This postponed second collection from the 9th July Sea Sunday will be taken up next Sunday as it is a most worthy charity. 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.

## **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**

With sadness we announce the death of Anthony Clifford Mascarenhas on the 20th September (son of John Mascarenhas and the late Eula Mascarenhas). The Funeral will take place at St. Lawrence Church. Funeral details will be advised when known.

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

## **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.

## **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 for further information.

## **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. See poster for more details.

## **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/>.

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**Saturday 23rd September      25th Sunday of the Year A**

6.30pm                              Con and Joseph Manning RIP

**Sunday 24th September      25th Sunday of the Year A**

8.30am                              The People of the Parish

10.00am                             Mary Kathleen Keavney RIP

11.30am                             In Thanksgiving Ebere Ugadu 30th Birthday

**Monday 25th September      Feria**

9.30am                              Agnes and Martin Gurhy RIP

**Tuesday 26th September      Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs**

9.30am                              Arthur Maxted Senior RIP

**Wednesday 27th September   Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest**

9.30am                              Sheila Fendick RIP

**Thursday 28th September      Feria**

9.30am                              Jimmy O'Hanlon RIP

**Friday 29th September      Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels**

9.30am                              Brian McCabe RIP

**Saturday 30th September      Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church**

9.30am                              Anton Jeyaseelan RIP

| Collection             | 17th September 2023 | 2nd Collection: | Home Mission   |
|------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Cash                   | £418.99             | Cash            | £391.04        |
| Gift Aid               | £310.65             | Gift Aid        | -              |
| <b>Total</b>           | <b>£729.64</b>      | <b>Total</b>    | <b>£391.04</b> |
| 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.

***He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord. Psalms 33:5***