

ST. LAWRENCE OF CANTERBURY R C CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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21ST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR A - 27TH AUGUST 2023

(Psalter Week 1)

Entrance Antiphon: ***Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.***

Responsorial Psalm: Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands.

Communion Antiphon: ***Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, says the Lord, and I will raise him up on the last day.***

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.

SOCIETY OF AFRICAN MISSIONS (SMA FATHERS) MISSION APPEAL TODAY

The Society of African Missions (SMA) are involved in preaching the Good News of Jesus Christ mainly in Africa and to people of African Origin. They run education, justice, health care and development projects for people in these communities. For further information please visit <https://www.smafathers.org>.

Fr. Rozairo Arputham from the SMA Fathers will be making a Mission Appeal at all the Masses which he will be celebrating this weekend. There will be a second collection taken at all the Masses for their Mission work.

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.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND ADORATION

On Fridays from 10.00am to 12noon will recommence on Friday 1st September.

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>.

MARIST WAY

The next meeting of the Marist Way group will be on Saturday 2nd September after the 9:30am Mass in the upper room of the hall. Come along. All are welcome to attend.

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 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.

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.

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.

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/>.

COURSES AT THE LONDON JESUIT CENTRE - 114 Mount Street, W1K 3AH

September 26th - Laudato Si': Politics, Theology and Beyond.

October 3rd – Discover Ignatian Spirituality.

October 14th – Fully Human Fully Alive Part 1.

November 7th – Literature and Theology.

For further information visit <https://www.londonjesuitcentre.org/whats-on/courses>.

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. Anything you may be able to give would be gratefully accepted. For info please contact me. Thanks Nick Wells 07986 348013.

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 26th August	21st Sunday of the Year A
6.30pm	The People of the Parish
Sunday 27th August	21st Sunday of the Year A
8.30am	Mary Manners RIP
10.00am	Maraino and Sacramenta Coelho RIP
11.30am	John Crawley RIP
Monday 28th August	Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
9.30am	John MacDonald RIP
Tuesday 29th August	The Passion of Saint John the Baptist
9.45am	Jennie and Adrian Healy RIP
Wednesday 30th August	Saint Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line and Margaret Ward, Martyrs
9.30am	Felix Gray RIP
Thursday 31st August	Feria
9.30am	Holy Souls
Friday 1st September	Feria
9.30am	Martin McGrath RIP and Clarence Medley RIP
Saturday 2nd September	The Blessed Virgin Mary
9.30am	Margaret Cahill RIP and Deceased Family members

Collections	30th July	6th August	13th August	20th August
Cash	£530.82	£410.33	£422.96	£328.61
Gift Aid	£316.70	£262.00	£310.10	£305.56
Total	£847.52	£672.33	£733.06	£634.17
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.

Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life". John 6:68