

## ST. LAWRENCE OF CANTERBURY R C CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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### 27TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR A - 8TH OCTOBER 2023

*(Psalter Week 3)*

Entrance Antiphon: ***Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.***

***Responsorial Psalm: The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.***

Communion Antiphon: ***The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.***

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.

Have a blessed week.

**Fr. Paul.**

## **TODAY IS PRISONERS' SUNDAY, 2ND COLLECTION IS FOR PACT**

Chris Dunne from PACT (Prison Advice and Care Trust) the national catholic prison charity will be making an appeal at the end of all the Masses. 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>.

## **ANNUAL MASS COUNT**

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

## **PARISH STUDY GROUP - FRIDAYS 5PM TO 6PM**

Fr. Allan is leading a Parish Study Group on Mary entitled 'Let it be done unto me' over the next 4 weeks on Fridays 5pm to 6pm in the Hall. All are welcome to join the course.

## **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.

## **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/hoovering 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.

## **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.

## 100 CLUB WINNERS

MONTH	£75	£50	£25	£10
JUNE	J. Njugana	Fr. Paul	C. Head-Rapson	S. Eastwood
JULY	L. Fernandes	M. O'Grady-Hills	C. Bradbury	M. Dwyer
AUGUST	M. Lodwig	G. O'Sullivan	B. Collins	A. Gajabasia

There are a few 100 Club numbers available at £5/month. If you would like to join the club please email your contact details to the parish office at [sidcup@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:sidcup@rcaos.org.uk).

### 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 11th October.

### 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 Sunday for tea/coffee, biscuits and cake. The Repository will also be open at these times.

### 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. 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)
- 2. Passing on the Faith as Grandparents**, 4 online Tuesday evenings in November Email Lisette: [mflse@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mflse@rcaos.org.uk)
- 3. Passing on the Faith for Parents**, 4 online Wednesday evenings in November Email Lisette: [mflse@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mflse@rcaos.org.uk)
- 4. 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

<b>Saturday 7th October</b>	<b>27th Sunday of the Year A</b>
6.30pm	Con Manning RIP
<b>Sunday 8th October</b>	<b>27th Sunday of the Year A</b>
8.30am	The People of the Parish
10.00am	Linda Rowland RIP
11.30am	Intention of Anthony Wilkins
<b>Monday 9th October</b>	<b>Saint John Henry Newman, Priest</b>
9.30am	Holy Souls
<b>Tuesday 10th October</b>	<b>Feria</b>
9.45am	Margaret Whelan RIP
<b>Wednesday 11th October</b>	<b>Feria</b>
9.30am	Tony Driscoll RIP
<b>Thursday 12th October</b>	<b>Feria</b>
9.30am	Holy Souls
<b>Friday 13th October</b>	<b>Saint Edward the Confessor, King</b>
9.30am	Patrick O'Callaghan RIP
<b>Saturday 14th October</b>	<b>The Blessed Virgin Mary</b>
9.30am	Veronica Lavender RIP

Collection	1st October 2023	2nd Collection:	Stella Maris
Cash	£290.00	Cash	£445.00
Gift Aid	£314.00	Gift Aid	£165.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£604.00</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£610.00</b>
Monthly Standing Order	£4785		

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.

***So let us not become tired of doing good; for if we do not give up, the time will come when we will reap the harvest. Galatians 6:9***