

ST. LAWRENCE OF CANTERBURY R C CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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28TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR A - 15TH OCTOBER 2023

(Psalter Week 4)

Entrance Antiphon: ***If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.***

Responsorial Psalm: In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

Communion Antiphon: ***The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.***

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.

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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION APPLICATION FORMS

The First Holy Communion programme for children in Year 3 and above will be starting in November. Both parent and child will need to be regular Sunday Mass attendees in this parish in order to join the course. For an application form please see Fr. Allan after Mass. The parents meeting is on Thursday 2nd November at 7 pm in the Church Hall. The Enrolment Mass is on Sunday 19th November at 10 am, both parent and child will need to attend the Enrolment Mass.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

Thinking about becoming Catholic? As an adult are you thinking about becoming Catholic or are you considering the sacrament of Confirmation as an adult? If so please speak with Fr Allan about an application form. The first meeting for RCIA candidates will be on Thursday November 2nd at 7:30 pm in the parish office.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

Fr. Allan is leading a Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham leaving St. Lawrence's on Tuesday 22 November after the 9:45am Mass, staying overnight and returning on Wednesday 23 November. Pilgrims will have to book their own accommodation which can be done through the Pilgrim Bureau, Friday Market Place, Walsingham, Norfolk, NR22 6EG. Tel: 01328 820217, Web: www.walsingham.org.uk. Email: reservations@walsingham.org.uk.

We are also requesting for volunteers willing to car pool to the shrine with the cost of petrol shared amongst the group. If you are interested in joining this pilgrimage please email your names to the parish office on sidcup@rcaos.org.uk please also let the parish office know if you are willing to car pool to the shrine or if you need a lift to the shrine. Please book your accommodation as soon as possible. For further information about the pilgrimage please speak with Fr. Allan after Mass.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND - 20TH - 27TH MAY 2024

Due to the tragic events in Israel and Gaza we are not taking any further names for the Pilgrimage to the Holy Land. We will keep an eye on the situation and in due course advise on whether the pilgrimage will proceed.

FIRST FRIDAY LUNCH - 12NOON TO 2PM

All are welcome to join us for lunch in the church hall from 12 - 2pm every first Friday of each month. Our first lunch will be served on Friday 3rd November. Looking forward to seeing you.

XMAS FAYRE DONATIONS APPEAL

Our parish Xmas Fayre is on Saturday 25th November 10.30am to 1.30pm. We are looking for the following donations: Chocolate, bottles/cans (wine, spirit or soft drinks), New Gifts, Teddies and Children toys (in working/good condition). Please bring your donations to the Parish office (Tuesday-Friday 10am-2pm). Any questions please ring Fabiola 0777 3793139. Thank you.

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.

ANNUAL MASS COUNT

The final diocesan annual mass count will take place over this Sunday. Volunteers are requested to please collect/return the tally counters from the sacristy before/after 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 3 weeks on Fridays 5pm to 6pm in the Hall. All are welcome to join the course

2ND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY IS FOR MISSIO

Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday. Missio is the Church's official charity for the support of foreign missions. The Collection taken on World Mission Sunday goes in its entirety to support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is new, young or poor. The Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to the special collection for Missio as it is vital for the growth of the Church and the spread of the Gospel in predominantly impoverished and remote areas overseas.

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. Christmas cards, Advent calendars and small gifts are on sale in the repository.

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.

THREE SESSIONS ON MENTAL HEALTH - THURSDAYS 7PM TO 9PM

St. John Vianney Church, Heathfield Road, Bexleyheath DA6 8NP will be hosting three evening sessions on Mental Health on Thursdays from 7pm to 9pm on the 2nd, 9th and 16th of November. The sessions will cover these areas: Mental Health Services and Support that are available within Bexley, the work of Re-Instate Ltd, looking after ourselves and each other and Children's Mental Health. There will be staff from Oxleas and Bexley Counselling Matters. All are welcome, see flyers at the back of the church.

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 24th October Email Carole: mflkent@rcaos.org.uk
- 2. Passing on the Faith as Grandparents**, 4 online Tuesday evenings in November Email Lisette: mflse@rcaos.org.uk
- 3. Passing on the Faith for Parents**, 4 online Wednesday evenings in November Email Lisette: mflse@rcaos.org.uk

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 14th October	28th Sunday of the Year A
6.30pm	In Thanksgiving Jonny and Simran Aseervatham
Sunday 15th October	28th Sunday of the Year A
8.30am	The People of the Parish
10.00am	Roy Lawrence David Nathaniel RIP
11.30am	Intention of Graham Young
Monday 16th October	Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin
9.30am	For the protection, consolation and release of Alexei Navalny
Tuesday 17th October	Funeral Mass
10.00am	Funeral Mass for Anthony Clifford Mascarenhas RIP
Wednesday 18th October	Saint Luke, Evangelist
9.30am	Chris Wells and deceased Family Members
Thursday 19th October	Feria
9.30am	Brian, Michael and Patrick O'Donnell RIP
Friday 20th October	Feria
9.30am	Olinda Figueiredo RIP
Saturday 21st October	Saint Margaret Clitherow, Martyr
9.30am	In Thanksgiving & for the Intentions of the Obah family

Collection	8th October 2023	2nd Collection:	PACT
Cash	£454.81	Cash	£680.83
Gift Aid	£277.65	Gift Aid	-
Total	£732.46	Total	£680.83
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.

O Lord, have mercy on us. We have put our hope in you. Protect us day by day and save us in times of trouble. Isaiah 33:2