

ST. LAWRENCE OF CANTERBURY R C CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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33RD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR A - 19TH NOVEMBER 2023

(Psalter Week 1)

Entrance Antiphon: ***The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.***

Responsorial Psalm: O blessed are those who fear the Lord.

Communion Antiphon: ***To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.***

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.

PARISH CHRISTMAS FAYRE - SATURDAY 25TH NOVEMBER 10.30AM TO 1.30PM

In the month of November we pray for the faithful departed. Mass Envelopes for the Holy Souls are available at the back of the church.

Have a blessed week.

Fr. Paul.

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#RED WEDNESDAY - 22ND NOVEMBER 2023

On Wednesday 22nd November #RedWednesday we will be standing together with Aid to the Church in Need to break the silence on the persecution of Christians worldwide - especially those in the Middle East, Africa and China. To donate to ACN or to join an ACN #RedWednesday event please visit <https://acnuk.org/events/>.

ST LAWRENCE CHARITABLE FUND ANNUAL APPEAL—18/19TH NOVEMBER

As a registered charity SLCF has provided help to those in need locally for over 35 years. We are grateful for the continued support of parishioners and others within the local community. Options for giving donations are by - using the card readers within the church - giving to collectors after each Mass - or via the website www.stlcf.co.uk. Standing order forms also on the website. Would you consider volunteering to join the team? Please talk to us for further information. Thank you. The SLCF Team.

CONFIRMATION APPLICATION FORMS

The Confirmation Programme for children in Year 9 and above will be starting on the 9th December 2023. For an application form please see Fr. Allan after Mass. The deadline for returning the completed application forms is Sunday 19th November.

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.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

There is a prayer Intentions box at the back of the Church for people to put their prayer intentions for the parish pilgrimage to Walsingham. The cars will leave to Walsingham from the church carpark after the 9.45am Mass on Tuesday the 21st November. Please arrive early and by 10.15am on Tuesday the 21st November.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE DONATIONS APPEAL

Our parish Christmas 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.

REPOSITORY - The repository is open on Wednesdays and on Sundays during the coffee mornings. Christmas cards, Advent calendars and small gifts are on sale.

DEATH NOTICES

1. The Funeral Mass for Mary Catherine Troy RIP will take place on Friday 24th November at 2.00pm followed by cremation at Kemnal Park Crematorium at 3.30pm.
2. With sadness we announce the death of Rene Cobb husband of the late Margaret Cobb. The family were parishioners at St. Lawrence's for many years.

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

NOVEMBER - MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

The Holy Souls mass envelopes are available at the back of the Church. Please include the names of your deceased family members and friends along with your Mass offerings in the envelope. The envelopes will be placed in a basket at the front of the altar. Mass offerings will be used to celebrate Masses for Holy Souls during the year.

DEANERY MASS FOR THE DECEASED CLERGY OF BEXLEY

The Deanery Mass for the deceased clergy of Bexley will be celebrated at our parish at 11am on Tuesday 28th November to remember and pray for the deceased clergy, who served our communities. All are welcome.

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 do take some time to read the intentions and include them in your prayers. The Parish Prayer group will pray for the intentions in the book when they meet on Mondays at 2:30pm.

2ND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY - CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICES

Sunday 26th November is National Youth Sunday, the second collection will be for the Catholic Youth Services to support the youth work in the diocese and beyond, especially the work of Southwark Catholic Youth Service.

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.

A DAY WITH MARY - SATURDAY 16TH DECEMBER

10:00am to 5:30pm at St. George's Cathedral, Lambeth Road SE1 7HY. Please see the poster on the notice board for details or visit www adaywithmary.org.

CAFOD ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CRISIS APPEAL

Donate to CAFOD's Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal at cafod.org.uk/ipc to support those affected and get funds to local trusted experts in Gaza and southern Israel who have been working alongside communities helping those most in need. Your donation will help support aid workers providing urgent humanitarian aid including food, water and emergency shelter to those in need. Please also pray for all those affected and for peace to return to the Middle East.

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. Thank you Nick Wells.

BEXLEY CRISIS CAFÉ - This is a safe and friendly place that you can come to if you need support and advice in a crisis. It is a place where you can access mental health support and advice from mental health and wellbeing workers. The café is open from 6pm to 10pm everyday at Mind in Bexley 2a Devonshire Road, Bexleyheath DA6 8DS.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 18th November 33rd Sunday of the Year A

6.30pm Bridget Monaghan RIP

Sunday 19th November 33rd Sunday of the Year A

8.30am The People of the Parish

10.00am Charmaine German RIP

11.30am Roy Lawrence David Nathaniel RIP

Monday 20th November Feria

9.30am John McClosky RIP

Tuesday 21st November The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9.45am Rene and Margaret Cobb RIP

Wednesday 22nd November Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr

9.30am Fr. Adrian Marsh RIP OFM CAP

Thursday 23rd November Feria

9.30am Holy Souls

Friday 24th November Saint Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest and Companions, Martyrs

9.30am Holy Souls

2.00pm Funeral Mass for Mary Catherine Troy RIP

Saturday 25th November The Blessed Virgin Mary

9.30am Tom Egan RIP

Collection	12th November 2023	2nd Collection: Archbishop's Appeal	
Cash	£459.42	Cash	£191.76
Gift Aid	£306.00	Gift Aid	£539.32
Total	£765.42	Total	£731.08
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.

Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labour is not in vain.

1 Corinthians 15:58