

## ST. LAWRENCE OF CANTERBURY R C CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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### SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

**26TH NOVEMBER 2023**

*(Psalter Week 2)*

Entrance Antiphon: ***How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.***

Responsorial Psalm: ***The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.***

Communion Antiphon: ***The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.***

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.**

## **SUBSCRIBE TO RECEIVE THE NEWSLETTER OR UPDATES BY EMAIL**

If you would like to receive the newsletter or updates by email please visit the parish website at <https://www.stlsidcup.org> and click on the Subscribe to our Newsletter button which is at the top of the homepage and complete the form.

## **2ND COLLECTION THIS SUNDAY - CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICES**

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

## **KNIGHTS OF ST. COLUMBA - CHRISTMAS APPEAL**

The Knights will be handing out their 'Keep Christ in Christmas' posters after all the Masses this weekend, there will be a collection basket for your donations.

## **CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME**

The Confirmation Programme starts on the 9th December 2023 at 5pm in the Hall.

## **CHRISTMAS FAYRE**

Thank you to everyone who helped with the organisation and running of our Parish Christmas Fayre on Saturday. Thank you also for all your donations of gifts, drinks, toys etc and particularly Thank you to everyone for attending the Fayre.

## **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.

## **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 is open on Wednesdays and on Sundays during the coffee mornings. Christmas cards, Advent calendars and small gifts are on sale.

## **FIRST FRIDAY LUNCH - 12NOON TO 2PM**

Please come to the First Friday Lunch in the parish hall on Friday 1st December from 12 - 2pm for a lunch and chat. Held on the first Fridays of the month. All are welcome.

## **MARIST WAY**

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

## **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.

## 100 CLUB WINNERS

MONTH	£75	£50	£25	£10
SEPTEMBER	E. Armfield	J. Flynn	L. Sanders	C. Tragheim
OCTOBER	P. Slonecki	N. Wells	J. Regan	D. Sexton
NOVEMBER	J. Brooker	M. Wells	M. Grady-Hills	E. Armfield

### ADVENT SERVICE

The annual joint Advent Service between St Lawrence's and Holy Trinity Lamorbey will take place on Sunday 3rd December at Holy Trinity (corner of Hurst Road) at 6pm.

### PRISON ADVICE AND CARE TRUST (PACT) ADVENT SERVICE

The Prison Advice and Care Trust will hold its Annual Advent Carol Service on Tuesday 5th December 2023 AT 7pm at Our Lady of Victories RC Church, 235a Kensington High Street, London W8 6SA. All are welcome.

### CHURCHES TOGETHER IN SIDCUP (CTiS) - UPCOMING EVENTS

1. Civic Carol Service organised by Churches Together in Sidcup in conjunction with the London Borough of Bexley takes place at St. John's, Church Road, on Sunday, 10th December, commencing 4pm. All are welcome.
2. CTiS's Carol-singing in the High St. takes place outside the gym opposite Hadlow Road on 16th December 11am-12 noon. All are welcome to join in.

### 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](http://www adaywithmary.org).

### SOUTH EAST PASTORAL AREA, CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

Canon Victor Darlington, Episcopal Vicar for the South East warmly invites you to the Christmas Carol Service of the South East Pastoral Area, Archdiocese of Southwark on Sunday 17th December 2023 Gaudete Sunday at 7.30pm at Corpus Christi Catholic Church, Brixton Hill 11 Trent Road, London, SW2 5BJ. See poster. All are welcome.

### CHRIST THE KING SIXTH FORM - CHRISTMAS GIFT APPEAL

If you would like to support CTK's Christmas Gift Appeal please see the poster on the notice board for details. Items that can be donated include toys, puzzles, colouring/puzzle books, toiletries, chocolates, biscuits and hot beverages. The Gifts need to be dropped off at the entrance kiosk at CTK St Mary's, Chislehurst Rd, Sidcup DA14 6BE. The deadline for donating gifts is Wednesday 13th December.

### CHRISTMAS DAY COMMUNITY LUNCH

Albany Park Baptist Church, Stansted Crescent, Bexley DA5 3JB will be opening their Church doors to serve Christmas Day Lunch at 2pm for the marginalised, the lonely, the bereaved and those struggling in the community. For further details and to support this cause visit the link <https://app.givingishuman.com/content/fKQqaHCuJCiUHbw39> and <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/christmas-day-lunch-tickets-753074936407?aff=oddtcreator>.

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**Saturday 25th November**     **Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

6.30pm

George Kevin Davison RIP - 1st Anniversary

**Sunday 26th November**     **Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

8.30am

The People of the Parish

10.00am

Darcie-Mae Hope Stevens RIP

11.30am

Dodie and Hugh McCallion RIP

**Monday 27th November**     **Feria**

9.30am

Joseph Nadarajah RIP

**Tuesday 28th November**     **Feria**

9.45am

Holy Souls

**Wednesday 29th November**     **Feria**

9.30am

Jimmy Jackson RIP

**Thursday 30th November**     **Saint Andrew, Apostle, Patron of Scotland**

9.30am

Holy Souls

**Friday 1st December**     **Feria**

9.30am

Thomas Linnett RIP

**Saturday 2nd December**     **The Blessed Virgin Mary**

9.30am

Mary Kathleen Keavney RIP

Collection	19th November 2023
Cash	£539.86
Gift Aid	£360.00
Total	£899.86
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.

***Whatever you do, do it from the heart, as for the Lord, and not for men.  
Colossians 3:23***