

ST. LAWRENCE OF CANTERBURY R C CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR B - 14TH JANUARY 2024

(Psalter Week 2)

Entrance Antiphon: ***All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!***

Responsorial Psalm: Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.

Communion Antiphon: ***You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.***

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.

Saturday morning prayer starts at 8:45am followed by the rosary and then Mass.

Fr. Allan and myself thank you all for your generous Christmas collection, cards, presents and kind words of support and appreciation. We have a wonderful community here at St. Lawrence's!

Have a blessed week.

Fr. Paul.

TODAY IS PEACE SUNDAY

Pax Christi is the Catholic Movement for Peace in England and Wales. The work of Pax Christi is based on the gospel and inspired by faith. Pax Christi relies on your support to continue their work of creating communities of peace and justice. To find out more about the work of Pax Christi, please go to www.paxchristi.org.uk. Donation envelopes are available at the back of the Church.

THERE WILL BE NO CONFESSIONS AT 11 AM ON SATURDAY 20TH JANUARY.

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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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

St. Lawrence's Church is starting a monthly Children's Liturgy group for pre-First Holy Communion children at the 10am Mass on Sunday, 14th January 2024 (led by DBS-checked parishioner volunteers). These are the dates for Spring/Summer 2024: 4th February, 3rd March, 21st April, 12th May, 9th June and 7th July. For further details, please contact Catherine Culbert (07828003594).

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN SIDCUP (CTiS) UNITY SERVICE

The CTiS Unity Service takes place at St. Lawrence's on Sunday, 21st January, commencing at 4pm, with refreshments to follow in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.

BARN DANCE - 3RD FEBRUARY 7.30PM TO 10.30PM

The St. Lawrence's Barn Dance with our favourite band 'The Cajun Boogaloo' is on Saturday 3rd February 2024. Tickets will be on sale after Mass every Sunday from this weekend. Individual tickets £10 - Family tickets £25. Bring your own drinks and snacks. There will be a Raffle and Best Barn Dance Fancy Dress prize. Proceeds will go to the St. Lawrence Charitable Fund.

PARISH PRAYER INTENTIONS BOOK

Parishioners are invited to write any prayer intentions in our Parish Prayer Intentions book which has been 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 in the Upper Room of the Hall. All are welcome to join the Parish Prayer group.

DEATH NOTICES

The 9.45am Mass on Tuesday 23rd January is replaced by the Funeral Mass.

1. The Funeral Mass for Margaret *Maggie* Carter RIP will take place on Tuesday 23rd January at 10.00am followed by cremation at Eltham Crematorium at 11.45am.
2. The Funeral Mass for Andrew Greene RIP will take place on Tuesday 30th January at 11.00am followed by cremation at Eltham Crematorium at 12.30pm.

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

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. The 2024 Catholic Directories are available in the Repository.

100 CLUB WINNERS

There are a few 100 Club numbers available at £5/month. These are displayed at the back of the church. If you would like to join the club please email your contact details to the parish office at sidcup@rcaos.org.uk.

A DAY WITH MARY - SATURDAY 27TH JANUARY

9:30am to 5:00pm at St. Anselm's Church 89 West Hill, Dartford DA1 2HJ . Please see the poster on the notice board for details or visit www adaywithmary.org.

CARITAS SOUTHWARK ANNIVERSARY

This March is the first anniversary of Caritas Southwark. To mark the occasion, Archbishop John Wilson will celebrate Mass at St. George's Cathedral on Saturday 16th March at 12.30pm. There will be an event in Amigo Hall afterwards, highlighting some of the wonderful projects taking place in various parishes across the archdiocese. All are welcome.

NEW PROLIFE INITIATIVE - CONNECT 2024

Would you like to connect locally, in-person, with other people who support the pro-life cause? March for Life UK are inviting people to be part of a new initiative called 'Connect' which will help establish local pro-life groups to pray, fundraise, socialise, educate and get involved in outreach. To find out more and be part of an initial online meeting please email Isabel at info@marchforlife.co.uk.

ST. PETER CHANEL PRE-SCHOOL

The Pre-School offers morning, afternoon and full day places for children from 2 - 4 years. Leaflets with further details are available at the back of the Church. Visitors are welcome to come along and see our exciting Pre-School in action. You will be able to meet the team and ask any questions you may have. To book an appointment please telephone 0208 302 6029 or email admin@stpeterchanel.bexley.sch.uk.

Collection	10th December 2023	Collection	17th December 2023
Cash	£526.39	Cash	£374.85
Gift Aid	£419.00	Gift Aid	£319.00
Total	£945.39	Total	£693.85

Collection	24th December 2023	Collection	25th December 2023
Cash	£368.11	Cash	£2636.28
Gift Aid	£212.10	Gift Aid	£2494.58
Total	£580.21	Total	£5130.86

The Crib Offering for the Catholic Children Society was: £247.60

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 13th January	Second Sunday of the Year B
6.30pm	Oliver Conaty RIP
Sunday 14th January	Second Sunday of the Year B
8.30am	Judy Mascarenhas RIP
10.00am	Roy Ayres RIP
11.30am	The People of the Parish
Monday 15th January	Feria
9.30am	Fr. Francis Kemsley RIP
Tuesday 16th January	Feria
9.45am	Leonard Sheppard RIP
Wednesday 17th January	Saint Anthony, Abbot
9.30am	Tom Head-Rapson RIP
Thursday 18th January	Feria
9.30am	Wellbeing of Phyllis McGuinness
Friday 19th January	Feria
9.30am	Edna Fendick RIP
Saturday 20th January	The Blessed Virgin Mary
9.30am	Carmen Bancila RIP

Collection	31st December 2023	Collection	7th January 2024
Cash	£533.80	Cash	£466.73
Gift Aid	£306.90	Gift Aid	£253.50
Total	£840.70	Total	£720.23
Monthly Standing Order	£4800		

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.

Keep my steps steady according to your promise, and never let iniquity have dominion over me.

Psalms 119:133