

ST. LAWRENCE OF CANTERBURY R C CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B - 3RD MARCH 2024

(Psalter Week 3)

Entrance Antiphon: ***My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.***

Responsorial Psalm: ***You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.***

Communion Antiphon: ***The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.***

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.

Children's Liturgy dates for 2024: 3rd March, 21st April, 12th May, 9th June & 7th July.

As we enter into the season of Lenten renewal, I pray our efforts of prayer, fasting and almsgiving will culminate in the joyful celebration of Easter.

Have a great Lent!

Fr. Paul.

PILGRIMAGE TO SPAIN & FATIMA LED BY FR. PAUL - 20TH TO 26TH MAY 2024

Join this wonderful seven day pilgrimage to Spain and Fatima led by Fr. Paul.

4 nights half board accommodation in Spain - Walking in the footsteps of Saint Teresa of Avila, Visiting Salamanca and Segovia, the Monastery of Saint John of the Cross and Valladolid.

2 nights full board accommodation in Fatima - Visiting the Sanctuary in Fatima, the Rosary Basilica, the Chapel of Apparitions and the Holy Trinity Basilica. Attending the Rosary candlelight procession and the International Mass on Sunday.

The Pilgrimage cost is £1358pp based on a minimum of 20 passengers and 2 sharing a room. Single room supplement is £235pp. The price includes half board accommodation in Avila, Salamanca, Segovia and Valladolid and full board accommodation in Fatima. Also included is daily Mass, coach transfers for the itinerary and half day guided tours in Avila, Salamanca, Segovia and Valladolid.

There are limited seats reserved on the flights so please secure your booking as soon as possible and by Friday 15th March. The cost does not include travel to or from London Gatwick.

To join this seven day pilgrimage, please speak with Fr. Paul or contact the parish office on Tel: 020 8300 2480 or Email: sidcup@rcaos.org.uk for a booking form. Alternatively call Gill at Tangney Tours on 01732 886666 to book your places.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS ON FRIDAYS AT 7:30PM DURING LENT

NO PARISH STUDY COURSE ON THE CREED ON FRIDAY 8TH MARCH DUE TO A FUNERAL MASS. NEXT SESSION WILL BE ON FRIDAY 15TH MARCH AT 3PM.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN SIDCUP - LENTEN LUNCHESES

CTiS organised Soup & Bread Lunches will be held at Christ Church Main Road Sidcup DA14 6PA from 12noon to 1.30pm on Wednesdays during Lent: 6th, 13th & 20th of March, with our parish providing the lunch at Christ Church on the 6th March. Discretionary donations go to Christian Aid. All are welcome.

GUILD OF ST. STEPHEN ENROLMENT - SUNDAY 10TH MARCH 10AM

For those who have been serving at the altar during Mass for more than a year but have not yet received their St. Stephen medal there will be an enrolment ceremony during the 10 am Mass on Sunday 10th March. Please let Fr. Allan know if you are attending so we can have a rough idea of numbers.

RECONCILIATION SERVICE - THURSDAY 21ST MARCH 7PM

There will be a joint Reconciliation Service with St Lawrence's, Sidcup and Our Lady of the Rosary, Blackfen, on **Thursday 21st March at 7pm** at Our Lady of the Rosary, 330A Burnt Oak Lane, Blackfen, DA15 8LW. Everyone is welcome to attend.

DEATH NOTICE

1. A Funeral Mass for Hugh Desmond Sloan (died 2018) and Helen Margaret Sloan (died 2023) RIP will take place on Friday 8th March at 2.00pm followed by burial of their ashes at Chislehurst Cemetery at 3:30pm.
Hugh and Helen were parishioners in Sidcup for over 50 years.

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

100 CLUB WINNERS

MONTH	£75	£50	£25	£10
DECEMBER	S. Wall	D. Barker	M. Conway	J. Flynn
JANUARY	M. Wiles	S. Grace	S. Martyn	C. Carr
FEBRUARY	M. Wall	M. Conway	M. Healy	R. Waddell

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.

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.stsidcup.org> and click on the Subscribe to our Newsletter button which is at the top of the homepage and complete the form.

COFFEE MORNINGS AND REPOSITORY

Come and join us in the Hall after the 9:30am Mass on Wednesdays and after the 8:30am & 10am Masses on Sundays for tea/coffee, biscuits and cake. The Repository is open during the coffee mornings. Easter cards are on sale in the Repository.

YOUTH DAY - SATURDAY 9TH MARCH 11AM TO 5.30PM

The youth day for ages 10 to 14 is at Richard Challoner School, New Malden KT3 5PA. The day will include faith input from Fr. Samuel Burke OP, Eucharistic Adoration and praise, sports, games and pizza. To book please visit www.tinyurl.com/scysyouthday.

YOUNG ADULT EVENTS

St. George's Cathedral hosts a monthly Young Adult Mass at 6.00pm on the First Sunday of every month, followed by a social gathering (for those aged 18+). There are also weekly events and socials on Thursday evenings. For further details visit the events page of www.rcsouthwark.co.uk, Facebook or Instagram @stgeorgesya.

MASS IN CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE - 13TH JULY

The Mass in Celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage will take place on Saturday 13th July at St George's Cathedral. If you are celebrating your 1st/10th/25th/40th/50th/60th+ wedding anniversary this year, email us on mflse@rcaos.org.uk by the 31st May providing your names, home address, parish, the anniversary you are celebrating.

BEXLEY CRISIS CAFÉ

The Bexley Crisis Café is a safe and friendly place for anyone 18yrs and over where you can come to, if you need support and advice in a crisis or if you are experiencing severe emotional and psychological distress. At the café 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 2nd March

6.30pm

Third Sunday of Lent Year B

Veronica Doyle RIP

Sunday 3rd March

8.30am

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The People of the Parish

10.00am

Intentions of Jonathan and Jothan Akpofure

11.30am

Patrick and Teresa McBride RIP

Monday 4th March

Feria

9.30am

Fr. Bob Elwood RIP

Tuesday 5th March

Feria

9.45am

Antony and Sheena Simcock RIP

Wednesday 6th March

Feria

9.30am

Stella Pereira Jennings RIP

Thursday 7th March

Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

9.30am

Angela Nadarajah RIP

Friday 8th March

Feria

9.30am

Mary Margaret Brennan RIP

2:00pm

Funeral Mass for Hugh Desmond and Helen Margaret Sloan RIP

Saturday 9th March

Feria

9.30am

Tony and Kristina Beak RIP

Collection	25th February 2024	2nd Collection:	CAFOD Lent Fast Day
Cash	£619.96	Cash	£416.13
Gift Aid	£300.70	Gift Aid	£ 55.00
Total	£920.66	Total	£471.13
Monthly Standing Order	£4780		

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.

***Seek the Lord and his strength, seek his presence continually.
1 Chronicles 16:11***