# ST. LAWRENCE OF CANTERBURY R C CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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# SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR B - 11TH FEBRUARY 2024

(Psalter Week 2)

Entrance Antiphon: **Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.** 

Responsorial Psalm: You are my refuge, O Lord; you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Communion Antiphon: They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

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 Spring/Summer 2024: 3rd March, 21st April, 12th May, 9th June and 7th July.

Have a blessed week. *Fr. Paul.* 

# WEDNESDAY 14TH FEBRUARY IS ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent and is a day of fasting and abstinence. There will be two Masses on this day at 9.30am and 7.30pm.

# NET MINISTRIES RETREAT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE - SATURDAY 17TH FEBRUARY

The NET Ministries Mission Team are having a Lenten retreat for those aged 13-17yrs on Saturday 17th February, 11am to 4pm at St George's Cathedral Primary School, 28 Lambeth Rd, London, SE1 7JB. Cost is £5. To book visit <u>www.tinyurl.com/scysretreat</u>

# 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.

# DIVINE MERCY AFTERNOON OF REFLECTION - SATURDAY 24TH FEBRUARY 1.30PM- 4.30PM

During Lent we are having a Divine Mercy Afternoon of Reflection, led by the Marian Fathers from the Divine Mercy Apostolate on Saturday 24 February 2024, 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm at St. Lawrence Church, 1 Hamilton Road, Sidcup DA15 7HB. See Posters.

The Devotional Programme for the afternoon will be as follows:

- 1:30 pm Worship and Enthronement of the Image of Merciful Jesus
- 1:45 pm Talk on Divine Mercy
- 2:15 pm Stations of the Cross
- 3.00 pm Hour of Mercy Benediction & Chaplet
- 3:30 pm Holy Sacrifice of the Mass
- 4:15 pm Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus and Relic of St. Faustina

There will be confessions available during the afternoon. All are welcome to attend, please bring your family and friends to the Merciful Jesus

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# CLERGY SUPPORT FUND 2ND COLLECTION - 17TH/18TH FEBRAURY

The clergy in our Archdiocese have given us so much. They have been there for us in our happiest moments and comforted us when we have lost loved ones. Supporting priests in their retirement is one way to show your appreciation for all they have done for parishes.

You make supporting our clergy in retirement possible, please be generous today with a gift to the Clergy Support Fund.

The Second Collection on the 17th and 18th February will be for the Clergy Support Fund.

Donate Online: https://rcaos.org.uk/donate/csf

Scan QR Code (see right)

Telephone Mon-Fri 9am-5pm: 020 7960 2504

Cash / Cheque – please use the Clergy Support Fund envelopes available at the back of church.

Thank you for your generosity and please continue to keep our Priests in your prayers.



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#### **DEATH NOTICE**

A Funeral Mass for Hugh Desmond Sloan (died 2018) and Helen Margaret Sloan (died 2023) RIP will take place on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### PARISH STUDY COURSE ON THE CREED - FRIDAYS AT 3PM

Fr. Allan is leading a CaFE study course titled Believe: Reflections on the Creed. This is a six-part series exploring the treasures of our faith as expressed in the Nicene Creed. The meetings take place on Fridays from 3pm to 4pm in the Upper Room of the Hall. All are welcome to attend. Please use the entrance to the Hall on 1 Hamilton Rd.

#### **BARN DANCE**

A total of £522 was raised for St. Lawrence Charitable Fund from the barn dance. Thanks to the generosity of parishioners this will make life easier for several families. The event itself was a wonderful way of bringing the parish community together. Thank you to everyone who helped organise the event and to the businesses namely: The Kitchen, Boyles, Sidcup Storyteller, Queen B Hair Salon, Pascal's and Catch Coffee shop who supported the event by donating prizes towards the raffle.

#### PARISH MEN'S GROUP

The Parish Men's Group will meet on Tuesday 13th February at 7pm in the parish hall. The book reading is 'Theology of the Body - Chapter 1'. If you are interested in joining the group please speak with Fr Paul after one of the Masses.

#### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - FRIDAY 1ST MARCH 11AM

The World Day of Prayer will be held on Friday 1st March 2024,11am at Sidcup Baptist Church 167 Main Road, Sidcup DA14 6PA. Refreshments will be served after the service, everyone is welcome to attend.

#### PASSING ON THE FAITH - SESSIONS FOR PARENTS & GRANDPARENTS

How do we start? How do we continue? What works well for children at different stages? Four online sessions **for parents** starting Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February, 8pm – 9:30pm. And **for grandparents**, focusing specifically on the conversations which can help to anchor faith, four online sessions starting Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April, 7:30 – 9pm. To book email Lisette on <u>mflse@rcaos.org.uk</u>.

#### 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 1<sup>st</sup>/10<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup>/40<sup>th</sup>/50<sup>th</sup>/60<sup>th</sup>+ wedding anniversary this year, please let us know as soon as possible, and no later than May 31, providing the following details: your names in the format John and Mary Smith, your home address, the anniversary you are celebrating, so you can receive an invitation from the Archbishop for the renewal of vows during Mass. Spaces are limited. Email us at <u>mflse@rcaos.org.uk</u> with your parish location as the email title.

#### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 10th February	Sixth Sunday of the Year B
6.30pm	P J O'Connor RIP
Sunday 11th February	Sixth Sunday of the Year B
8.30am	The People of the Parish
10.00am	Maura Spaull RIP
11.30am	For the Wellbeing of Anthony Wilkins
Monday 12th February	Feria
9.30am	Mary Catherine Troy RIP
Tuesday 13th February	Feria
9.45am	Richard Lane RIP
Wednesday 14th February	Ash Wednesday - Day of Fasting and Abstinence
9.30am	Jimmy Jackson RIP
7.30pm	The People of the Parish
Thursday 15th February	Feria
9.30am	Peter Griffin RIP
Friday 16th February	Feria
9.30am	Richard Lane RIP
Saturday 17th February	Feria
9.30am	Tim Aseervatham RIP

Collection	4th February 2024
Cash	£677.05
Gift Aid	£355.67
Total	£1032.72
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.

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. Lamentations 3:22-23