

ST. LAWRENCE OF CANTERBURY R C CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B - 18TH FEBRUARY 2024

(Psalter Week 1)

Entrance Antiphon: ***When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.***

Responsorial Psalm: ***Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love for those who keep your covenant.***

Communion Antiphon: ***One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.***

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.

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

CLERGY SUPPORT FUND 2ND COLLECTION - 17TH/18TH FEBRUARY

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.

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.



CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY - FRIDAY 23RD FEBRUARY - The 2nd collection on 24th/25th February is for CAFOD Lent Fast Day. Use the CAFOD envelopes available.

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.

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.

DEATH NOTICES

1. The Funeral Service for Brenda Jean Hutchon RIP will take place on Thursday 29th February at Eltham Crematorium at 10:15am.
2. 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.

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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.

PARISH STUDY COURSE ON THE CREED - FRIDAYS AT 3PM

Fr. Allan is leading a CaFE study course titled Believe: Reflections on the 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.

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: 21st & 28th of February and 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.

LENTEN SCRIPTURE COURSE LED BY BRIAN PURFIELD

A two day Lenten scripture course led by Brian Purfield member of the London Jesuit Centre takes place at St John Fisher Church, 48 Thanet Rd, Bexley DA5 1AP. For further details see the poster on the notice board. All are welcome to attend.

1. Bringing the Old Testament to Life Sat 24th February 10am-3.30pm.

2. Bringing the New Testament to Life Sat 9th March 10am-3.30pm.

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.

A DAY OF REFLECTION AND SUPPORT FOR CATECHISTS - 2ND MARCH

All catechists in the Bexley Deanery are invited to attend the day of reflection and support on Saturday 2nd March at Our Lady of the Rosary, 330A Burnt Oak Lane, Sidcup DA15 8LW. See the poster on the notice board for the programme of the day.

PASSING ON THE FAITH - SESSIONS FOR PARENTS & GRANDPARENTS

Four online sessions **for parents** starting Wednesday 28th February, 8pm – 9:30pm. And **for grandparents**, focusing specifically on the conversations which can help to anchor faith, four online sessions starting Thursday 18th April, 7:30 – 9pm. To book email Lisette on mflse@rcaos.org.uk.

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, so you can receive an invitation from the Archbishop for the renewal of vows during Mass.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 17th February	First Sunday of Lent Year B
6.30pm	The People of the Parish
Sunday 18th February	First Sunday of Lent Year B
8.30am	Baby Jade Nash-Flanagan RIP
10.00am	Padraig Counihan RIP
11.30am	Mde. Yvette Scribot RIP
Monday 19th February	Feria
9.30am	Patrick and Kathleen O'Donnell RIP
Tuesday 20th February	Feria
9.45am	Milton McGrath RIP
Wednesday 21st February	Saint Peter Damien, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
9.30am	Robert Pereira RIP
Thursday 22nd February	The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle, Feast
9.30am	Maura Spauld RIP
Friday 23rd February	Saint Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr
9.30am	Rosalind Pinto RIP
Saturday 24th February	Feria
9.30am	Fr. Robin Duckworth RIP

Collection	11th February 2024
Cash	£452.71
Gift Aid	£356.11
Total	£808.82
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.

I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek out your servant, for I do not forget your commandments.

Psalms 119:176