

ST. LAWRENCE OF CANTERBURY R C CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B - 25TH FEBRUARY 2024

(Psalter Week 2)

Entrance Antiphon: ***Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.***

Responsorial Psalm: I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

Communion Antiphon: ***This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.***

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

2ND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND - CAFOD LENT FAST APPEAL

Please use the CAFOD envelopes available at the back of the Church.

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: 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.

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.

FIRST FRIDAY LUNCH - 12NOON TO 2PM

The First Friday Lunch is on Friday 1st March from 12-2 in the hall. All are welcome.

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.

MARIST WAY

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

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.

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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.

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.

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.

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.

LENTEN SCRIPTURE COURSE LED BY BRIAN PURFIELD

A Lenten scripture course entitled '**Bringing the New Testament to Life**' will be held on **Saturday 9th March 10am-3.30pm** at St John Fisher Church, 48 Thanet Rd, Bexley DA5 1AP. See the poster on the notice board. All are welcome to attend.

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.

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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SHOP - VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS REQUIRED

The newly opened SVP Shop at 10 St. John's Parade, Sidcup High Street is in urgent need of donations and volunteers. Please see poster on the notice board for details.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 24th February	Second Sunday of Lent Year B
6.30pm	Intention of Fr. Kevin Melody
Sunday 25th February	Second Sunday of Lent Year B
8.30am	The People of the Parish
10.00am	Clemencia Motondi RIP
11.30am	Deceased members of the McNicholas Family
Monday 26th February	Feria
9.30am	Agnes Gray RIP
Tuesday 27th February	Feria
9.45am	Kathleen Fitzpatrick RIP
Wednesday 28th February	Feria
9.30am	Betty Walsh RIP
Thursday 29th February	Feria
9.30am	Intention of Debbie Deakins
Friday 1st March	Saint David, Bishop, Patron of Wales
9.30am	Mary and Isabel Mitchell RIP
Saturday 2nd March	Feria
9.30am	Charlotte Brown RIP

Collection	18th February 2024	2nd Collection:	Clergy Support Fund
Cash	£398.15	Cash	£481.80
Gift Aid	£378.20	Gift Aid	£463.00
Total	£776.35	Total	£944.80
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.

Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews 4:16