ST. LAWRENCE OF CANTERBURY R C CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B - 10TH MARCH 2024

(Psalter Week 4)

Entrance Antiphon: *Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.*

Responsorial Psalm: O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not!

Communion Antiphon: Jerusalem is built as a city bonded as one together. It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, to praise the name of the Lord.

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.

During this season of Lenten renewal, I pray that our efforts of prayer, fasting and almsgiving will culminate in the joyful celebration of Easter.

Have a great Lent! *Fr. Paul.*

TODAY IS MOTHERING SUNDAY

Mothering Sunday is celebrated this year on the fourth Sunday in Lent. We thank God for the love of our mothers and grandmothers. May the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, intercede for us.

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 Vallodolid.

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 Vallodolid 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 Vallodolid.

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

PARISH STUDY COURSE ON THE CREED IS ON FRIDAY 15TH MARCH AT 3PM.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN SIDCUP - LENTEN LUNCHES

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: 13th and 20th of March. Discretionary donations go to Christian Aid. All are welcome.

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 NOTICES

The 9.30am Mass on Thursday the 11th April is replaced by the Funeral Mass.

- 1. The Funeral Mass for John Thomas Yates RIP will take place on Thursday 11th April at 10am followed by cremation at Eltham Crematorium at 11.30am.
- 2. With sadness we announce the death of Bill Gillibrand. Funeral details will be advised when known.

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

The cheques are available to collect from the parish office. There are a few 100 Club numbers available at £5/month, displayed at the back of the church. If you would like to join the club please email the parish office at <u>sidcup@rcaos.org.uk</u>.

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If you would like to receive the newsletter or updates by email please visit the parish website at <u>https://www.stlsidcup.org</u> and click on the Subscribe to our Newsletter button which is at the top of the homepage and complete the form.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN SIDCUP - WALK OF WITNESS ON GOOD FRIDAY

The Walk of Witness takes place on Good Friday, 29th March, departing from St. John's Church, Church Road. Gather at 9.30am for 9.45am start, finishing at Christ Church, Main Road. Refreshments will be served afterwards at Christ Church, Main Road. All are welcome.

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.

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 <u>www.rcsouthwark.co.uk</u>, Facebook or Instagram @stgeorgesya.

LAMORBEY & SIDCUP LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY LEAFLETS

Lamorbey & Sidcup Local History Society, as a community project, have produced two town trail leaflets. These leaflets have been designed to help and encourage the community and visitors to explore some of the interesting aspects of our town. The leaflets are free and can be found at the back of the church.

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.

BEXLEY'S HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND FOOD PROGRAMME

The Bexley's Holiday Activities and Food programme is back this Easter. There are 21 providers, across the London Borough of Bexley, delivering a variety of activities/youth clubs for children and young people aged 4-16. A free meal is also provided. See the poster on the notice board for further details and for the QR Code/Website link.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 9th March	Fourth Sunday of Lent Year B
6.30pm	Intention of Fr. Raglan Hay-Will
Sunday 10th March	Fourth Sunday of Lent Year B
8.30am	Stella Dantas RIP
10.00am	Kevin Pendergas RIP
11.30am	The People of the Parish
Monday 11th March	Feria
9.30am	Michael and Anne Regan RIP
Tuesday 12th March	Feria
9.45am	Mary Alice Howes RIP and George Martin RIP
Wednesday 13th March	Feria
9.30am	Richard and Gwen Lane RIP
Thursday 14th March	Feria
9.30am	Jim Dolan RIP
Friday 15th March	Feria
9.30am	For the wellbeing of Liam Judd
Saturday 16th March	Feria
9.30am	For the wellbeing of Karen Cooke

Collection	3rd March 2024
Cash	£436.63
Gift Aid	£392.00
Total	£828.63
Monthly Standing Order	£4655

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 Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made. Psalms 145:9