

ST. LAWRENCE OF CANTERBURY R C CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B - 17TH MARCH 2024

(Psalter Week 1)

Entrance Antiphon: ***Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.***

Responsorial Psalm: A pure heart create for me, O God.

Communion Antiphon: ***Amen, Amen I say to you: Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single grain. But if it dies, it bears much fruit.***

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: 21st April, 12th May, 9th June and 7th July.

Next Week is Palm Sunday. All Masses will commence in the narthex for the commemoration of the Lord's entrance into Jerusalem.

Have a great Lent!

Fr. Paul.

ST. LAWRENCE'S CHURCH GIFT AID SCHEME - ENVELOPES / DONATIONS

For those of you already on the scheme thank you for your continued support. The weekly donor boxes of envelopes for the next tax year will be distributed after all masses over this and the next weekend, as well as the smaller packs of envelopes for second collections for all parishioners that currently donate by a Standing Order.

Perhaps if you are a weekly envelope donor, you might consider starting up a monthly standing order instead, to help the parish as it is also easier to process.

If you are a Standing Order Donor, it could be that you have paid the same amount for many years, might you consider a small increase, which you can do yourself online or at your bank?

Just to remind you that you must be a UK tax payer to use this scheme. If you no longer pay tax, please let us know as soon as possible. Please check that we have your correct address, and if you have changed telephone number or email, please provide us your new contact details.

For those of you unfamiliar with the scheme, if you are a UK Tax Payer we are able to reclaim tax paid on all your donations, at no cost to you. We simply need your name and address and a record of your donations by either using a monthly standing order, or by placing your cash/cheque donations in a pre-printed envelope each week. If you would like more information, please see one of the representatives outside Mass over this and the next weekend, or contact me direct.

Many Thanks Nick Wells nickjohnwells@hotmail.com 07986 348013.

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 only five of the reserved seats left on the flights so please secure your booking as soon as possible and by Friday 22nd 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

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 encouraged 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. The Funeral Mass of Bill Gillibrand RIP will take place at St. Mary's Church Chislehurst BR7 5PL on Tuesday 26th March at 10am followed by cremation at Eltham Crematorium.

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

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CHURCHES TOGETHER IN SIDCUP - LENTEN LUNCH

CTiS organised Soup & Bread Lunch will be held at Christ Church Main Road Sidcup DA14 6PA from 12noon to 1.30pm on Wednesdays 20th of March. Discretionary donations go to Christian Aid. All are welcome.

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.

REFRESHMENTS AFTER EASTER VIGIL MASS

Please join us after the 8pm Easter Vigil Mass for refreshments in the Parish hall served by the Parish Spiritual and Social events Team. Everyone is welcome to join us in the Hall after the Mass.

WEDNESDAY COFFEE MORNINGS AND REPOSITORY

The last Wednesday coffee morning will be on the 27th March. We will recommence after the Easter holidays on the 17th April. Easter cards are on sale in the Repository.

ST. LAWRENCE'S FILM NIGHT - WEDNESDAY 3RD APRIL 7PM

St Lawrence's film night will be commencing on Wednesday 3 April at 7.00pm in the Parish Hall. The film night will take place on the 1st Wednesday of each month thereafter. Details of the film to follow soon. All are welcome to attend.

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.

CHRIST THE KING ST. MARY'S SIXTH FORM - EASTER EGGS APPEAL

CTK are appealing for donations of chocolate Easter eggs for their Easter Appeal. These will be sent to SVP and Demelza the two charities they are supporting this year. Donations should be dropped off at the CTK St. Mary's entrance kiosk by 27th March.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 16th March	Fifth Sunday of Lent Year B
6.30pm	The People of the Parish
Sunday 17th March	Fifth Sunday of Lent Year B
8.30am	Deceased members of the Cordeiro family
10.00am	John Conway RIP
11.30am	Anthony Clifford Mascarenhas RIP
Monday 18th March	Feria
9.30am	In Thanksgiving to St. Anthony of Padua and St. Jude
Tuesday 19th March	Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Patron of the Universal Church
9.45am	Brou Luc RIP
Wednesday 20th March	Feria
9.30am	Adrian Charles Healy RIP
Thursday 21st March	Feria
9.30am	James Noel Murphy RIP & David Martin Murphy RIP
Friday 22nd March	Feria
9.30am	Jennie Healy RIP
Saturday 23rd March	Feria
9.30am	Roseanne and Felix Travers RIP

Collection	10th March 2024
Cash	£460.46
Gift Aid	£266.00
Total	£726.46
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.

Keep my steps steady according to your promise, and never let iniquity have dominion over me. Psalms 119:133