

## ST. LAWRENCE OF CANTERBURY R C CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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### PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD - 24TH MARCH 2024

*(Psalter Week 2)*

Entrance Antiphon: ***Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel. Hosanna in the highest.***

***Responsorial Psalm: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?***

Communion Antiphon: ***Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.***

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.

As we enter into this most holy of weeks in our liturgical calendar we are invited into a personal journey with the Lord who always walks beside us. Beginning with Palm Sunday, we are invited to stand with the crowd in Jerusalem to chant '*Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!*' On Maundy Thursday let us take our place at table with Our Lord at the Last Supper before proceeding to stand at the foot of the cross on Good Friday. As silence descends on Good Friday evening let us enter into the quiet anticipation of the Resurrection and the beginning of our Salvation on Easter Sunday. I pray we will all enter into the spirit of Holy Week with open hearts and allow Our Lord to bestow his grace and blessings on us all this Easter.

Have a Holy Week!

***Fr. Paul.***

## **NO MORNING MASS ON WEDNESDAY 27TH MARCH**

Everyone are invited to attend the Chrism Mass at St. George's Cathedral at 11.30am.

## **GOOD FRIDAY 29TH MARCH**

A day of fasting and abstinence. The Good Friday collection is for the Holy Places for their upkeep and to maintain Christian schooling in these areas.

## **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.

## **STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND CONFESSIONS ON GOOD FRIDAY IS AT 11AM**

## **CONFESSIONS ON HOLY SATURDAY 30TH MARCH IS AT 11AM**

## **EASTER OFFERING ENVELOPES**

The Collection on Easter Sunday is for your Parish Priests. Please use the envelopes for Easter Offerings available at the back of the Church or use the Easter Offering option on the contactless payment terminals. If you donate by bank transfer, please include the reference 'Easter Offering'. Thank you for your generosity.

## **REFRESHMENTS AFTER EASTER VIGIL MASS**

Please join us after the 7.30pm 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.

## **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 7TH APRIL 3PM**

On Divine Mercy Sunday 7th April we will have a special prayer service at 3pm with a reflection on the Gospel, followed by the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Praises. People will be invited to make an Act of Consecration to Divine Mercy. There will be refreshments in the hall afterwards. Everyone is welcome.

## **PILGRIMAGE TO SPAIN & FATIMA LED BY FR. PAUL - 20TH TO 26TH MAY 2024**

**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.

***The last six reserved seats are still available on the flights so please secure your booking as soon as possible.*** The cost does not include travel to or from London Gatwick. To join this pilgrimage please speak with Fr. Paul or contact the parish office on Tel: 020 8300 2480 or Email: [sidcup@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:sidcup@rcaos.org.uk) for a booking form. Alternatively call Gill at Tangney Tours on 01732 886666 to book your places.

## **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 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 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 weekend, or contact me direct.

Many Thanks Nick Wells [nickjohnwells@hotmail.com](mailto:nickjohnwells@hotmail.com) 07986 348013.

## **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. Our first presentation is 'The Lady in the Van' featuring Maggie Smith (12). Voluntary donation and free raffle. All are welcome to attend.

## **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.

## **MARIST WAY PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM - SATURDAY 6TH JULY**

See the poster on the notice board for details of the programme for the day.

## **ONLINE WEBINAR ON DISCERNING GOD'S CALLING & MAKING LIFE CHOICES**

The Archdiocese of Southwark Spirituality Commission is offering an exciting webinar entitled 'Show me the way I should go: Tools for making life choices' on Saturday 13th April 2024 from 10 am – 1 pm on Zoom link <https://bit.ly/Choices2024>. The online meeting will be led by spiritual director and author, Chris Chapman. For further details see the poster on the notice board.

## **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.

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR HOLY WEEK

**Saturday 23rd March**      **Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (Year B)**

6.30pm      Maria Fausta Da Costa RIP

**Sunday 24th March**      **Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (Year B)**

8.30am      Intention of James D'Silva

10.00am      Intention of Helen Ansell

11.30am      The People of the Parish

**Monday 25th March**      **Monday of Holy Week**

9.30am      Intention of Mary Healy

**Tuesday 26th March**      **Tuesday of Holy Week**

9.45am      Mary Stubbs RIP

**Wednesday 27th March**      **Wednesday of Holy Week - NO MASS**

**Maundy Thursday 28th March**      **The Mass of the Lord's Supper**

7.30pm      The People of the Parish

Followed by      Adoration until 11.00pm ending with Night Prayer

**Good Friday 29th March**      **Friday of the Passion of the Lord**

11.00am      Stations of the Cross and Confessions

3.00pm      The Passion of the Lord

**Saturday 30th March**      **Holy Saturday**

11.00am      Confessions

7.30pm - **Easter Vigil Mass**      The People of the Parish

**Sunday 31st March**      **Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**

8.30am      Freddie and Millie Baldwin RIP

10.00am      Charlotte Scally RIP

11.30am      Agnes Medley RIP