

## ST. LAWRENCE OF CANTERBURY R C CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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### FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR B - 28TH APRIL 2024

*(Psalter Week 1)*

Entrance Antiphon: ***O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.***

*Responsorial Psalm: You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.*

Communion Antiphon: ***I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.***

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 Spring/Summer 2024: 12th May, 9th June and 7th July.

Have a blessed week.

**Fr. Paul.**

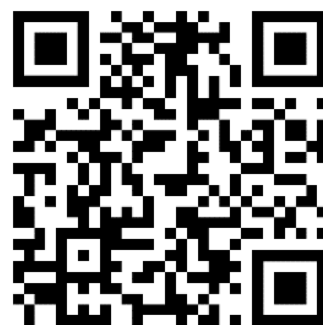
## **SECOND COLLECTION TODAY IS FOR ST. GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL**

For over half a century, St George's Cathedral has been the Mother Church of the Archdiocese of Southwark, home to 175 parishes and over 50,000 Roman Catholics. For many Catholics living and working across London and the South East of England, St George's has been a beacon of light.

Today, St George's Cathedral continues to attract thousands of worshippers and visitors each year, as well as serving a lively local parish community which proudly reflects the rich cultural and ethnic diversity of South London. The Cathedral frequently hosts important Diocesan and national celebrations, as well as concerts and events for various Catholic charities. There is a rich musical tradition, maintaining a choir of boys and men, as well as a girls' choir, both of which sing at Sunday Masses and on major feasts. In many respects, St George's Cathedral serves as a spiritual home and 'beehive' for Catholic evangelisation and mission across the Archdiocese of Southwark.

St George's Cathedral is entirely reliant upon the generosity of its parishioners, volunteers and the Archdiocese of Southwark to keep its doors open. It does not receive Vatican or government funding, nor has an endowment to rely on. Your support can enable the Cathedral to remain open daily to those seeking a place of peace, prayer and worship. Thank you!

- Donate Online: [www.rcaos.org.uk/Cathedral](http://www.rcaos.org.uk/Cathedral)
- Or Scan QR Code using telephone camera (right)
- Telephone weekdays 9 am – 5 pm: **020 7960 2504**
- Cash / Cheque – please use the St George's Cathedral envelopes at the back of church.



## **PILGRIMAGE TO SPAIN & FATIMA - COACH HIRE**

A coach has been booked to take those going on the Spain & Fatima pilgrimage to and from Gatwick Airport. The coach will depart from the church at 7.00am on Monday 20th May. On the return trip on Sunday 26th May, the coach is expected to leave Gatwick Airport at around 8.40pm. The cost to cover the travel is £65 per person. Please hand in your money in an envelope with your name to the parish office.

## **FIRST FRIDAY LUNCH - 12NOON TO 2PM**

The First Friday Lunch is on Friday 3rd May from 12-2 in the hall. All are welcome.

## **APPEAL FOR WELCOMERS AT SUNDAY MASS**

Our welcomers have been in place for a couple of years and gradually our team has grown. However, there is a distinct lack of volunteers at the 11.30am mass. If you attend this mass and would be prepared to put yourself forward this would be so appreciated. Please contact Jeanette in the parish office or send an email to [sidcup@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:sidcup@rcaos.org.uk) giving your name and contact details and our Welcomers co-ordinator Pat Slonecki will be in touch with you. Thank you.

**MARIST WAY** - The next meeting of the Marist Way group will be on Saturday 4th May after the 9.30am Mass in the upper room of the hall. All are welcome.

## **NINE FIRST FRIDAYS DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART**

Parishioners who are members of the Blackheath and Chislehurst Catenians are starting the Nine First Fridays Devotion to The Sacred Heart with Mass and Holy Communion at the 9.30am Mass on Friday 3 May. They invite any men of the parish to join them at Mass which will be followed by coffee in Walnuts Café afterwards. Details from Frank Savage: [frankjsavage@icloud.com](mailto:frankjsavage@icloud.com).

## **COFFEE MORNINGS AND REPOSITORY**

Come and join fellow parishioners in the Church Hall after the 9:30am Mass on Wednesdays and after the 8:30am and 10am Masses on Sundays for tea/coffee, biscuits and cake. The Repository will also be open at these times.

## **FILM NIGHT - WEDNESDAY 8TH MAY 6.45PM**

Arrive at 6.45pm for social time and refreshments in the hall provided by us, (bring your own if preferred) before the start of the film. Please see poster at the back of the church for further details. The film night will take place on the 1st Wednesday of each month thereafter. All are welcome to attend.

## **SOUTHWARK CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICES UPCOMING EVENTS**

1. Youth Training Seminar - Saturday 27th April 10am to 4.30pm at Amigo Hall St. George's Cathedral. London SE1 6HR. Sign up (free) at [www.tinyurl.com/scystraining](http://www.tinyurl.com/scystraining). See the poster on the notice board for the details of the programme for the day.
2. Monthly Young Adult Masses - On the first Sunday of each month the Southwark Catholic Youth Service runs a Young Adult Mass at St George's Cathedral, followed by a social at Amigo Hall . The next Mass is on Sunday 5th May at 6.00pm.

## **BEST OF CHORAL BACH MAGNIFICAT BWV 243 - SUNDAY 28TH APRIL 6PM**

The Bromley Adult Choir with orchestra and soloists are performing at All Saints Church, 44 Bark Hart Road Orpington BR6 0QD. See the poster on the notice board or visit [www.bymt.co.uk/events](http://www.bymt.co.uk/events).

## **INNER WHEEL OF SIDCUP QUIZ NIGHT - 17TH MAY 7.30PM**

Please join us for the Quiz Night at the Sidcup Sports Club. £10 per person. Bring your own nibbles but use the bar at the Club. Proceeds for Demelza children's charity. To book please contact [chrisheadrapson@gmail.com](mailto:chrisheadrapson@gmail.com).

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

See the poster on the notice board for details of the programme for the day. If interested in taking a coach, please telephone Tom Baker on 07719 338375 to book.

## **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.

## **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.

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

<b>Saturday 27th April</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter Year B</b>
6.30pm	Beatrice O'Sullivan RIP and deceased family members
<b>Sunday 28th April</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter Year B</b>
8.30am	For the intention of Sr. Patricia Devine
10.00am	Darcie-Mae Hope Stephens RIP
11.30am	The People of the Parish
<b>Monday 29th April</b>	<b>Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church</b>
9.30am	For the Intention of Peggy Quilter
<b>Tuesday 30th April</b>	<b>Feria</b>
9.45am	Mairead Adamson RIP
<b>Wednesday 1st May</b>	<b>Saint Joseph the Worker</b>
9.30am	Intentions of Jeanette and family
<b>Thursday 2nd May</b>	<b>Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</b>
9.30am	Jack Murphy RIP
<b>Friday 3rd May</b>	<b>Saints Philip and James, Apostles</b>
9.30am	Margaret Flahive RIP
<b>Saturday 4th May</b>	<b>The English Martyrs</b>
9.30am	Patrick Ryan RIP

Collection	21st April 2024	2nd Collection:	Priest Training Fund
Cash	£389.48	Cash	£363.34
Gift Aid	£281.94	Gift Aid	£858.55
Total	£671.42	Total	£1221.89
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.

***You, Lord, are all I have, and you give me all I need; my future is in your hands.  
How wonderful are your gifts to me; how good they are!  
Psalms 16:5-6***