

ST. LAWRENCE OF CANTERBURY R C CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI) (B) - 2ND JUNE 2024

(Psalter Week 1)

Entrance Antiphon: ***He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.***

Responsorial Psalm: The cup of salvation I will raise; I will call on the Lord's name.

Communion Antiphon: ***Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says 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 Spring/Summer 2024: **9th June** and 7th July.

Have a blessed week.

Fr. Paul.

TUESDAY MORNING MASS TIME

From August 2024 the Tuesday morning Mass will revert back to the 9.30am start as we will continue to have an assistant priest in the parish.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Doris Afreh, Chair of the Parish Pastoral Council has stepped down after many years of chairing the PPC meetings. On behalf of the parish we would like to thank her for all her work in the PPC. If you'd like to join the Parish Council please speak with Fr. Paul.

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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.

READERS AT 11.30AM SUNDAY MASS

For some time we have been relying on a very small pool of readers at our 11.30am Sunday Mass. If this is a ministry you feel called to and would like to volunteer to become a reader at Mass on Saturday evening or Sundays please email the parish office at sidcup@rcaos.org.uk or telephone Jill Martin on 07831 201933.

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 giving your name and contact details and our Welcomers co-ordinator Pat Slonecki will be in touch with you. Thank you.

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 5TH JUNE AT 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. Film nights take place on the first Wednesday of the month. All are welcome to attend.

FIRST FRIDAY LUNCH - 12NOON TO 2PM

The First Friday Lunch is on Friday 7th June from 12-2 in the hall. All are welcome.

MARIST WAY PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM - SATURDAY 6TH JULY

A 35-seater coach is booked for departure from St. Lawrence's at 8am sharp on Saturday 6 July. Two seats are available at £30each, call Tom Baker on 07719 338375.

DEATH NOTICE

1. The Funeral Mass for Michael Booker RIP will take place on Monday 10th June at 12noon followed by burial at Sidcup Cemetery at 1.30pm.

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

PARISH PRAYER INTENTIONS BOOK

Parishioners are invited to write any prayer intentions in the Parish Prayer Intentions book which is been placed at the back of the church. Please read the intentions and include them in your prayers. The Parish Prayer group will pray for the intentions in the book on Mondays at 2:30pm in the Upper Room of the hall. All are welcome to attend.

100 CLUB

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 send an email to sidcup@rcaos.org.uk.

SIDCUP FOODBANK AT NEW COMMUNITY CHURCH SIDCUP

Just a reminder that there are two foodbank bins at the back of the church. If you are able to provide any non-perishable essentials for a weekly shop such as pasta, soup, beans, tea, coffee, sauces, tinned fish, squash, sugar, canned vegetables etc. please put them in the bins. **Please do not put out of date, frozen, or fresh produce in the food bins.** For further info contact me on 07986 348013. Thanks Nick Wells.

SOUTHWARK CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICE

The Southwark Catholic Youth Service has several activities in 2024 for youth and young adults. See brochures available at the back of the church. For regular updates on forthcoming events, sign up to its network at www.tinyurl.com/scysnetwork. For queries on youth activities you can email youth@rcaos.org.uk.

CELTIC WISDOM QUIET DAY - SATURDAY 15TH JUNE 10.30 AM TO 4PM

The Sisters of St Andrew, 99 Belmont Hill, London SE13 5DY in Lewisham invite you to join them for a Quiet Day on Saturday 15th June 2024, Kathleen O'Sullivan will lead the quiet day based on the experience of a pilgrimage to Skellig Michael. For more information, and to register, please email: welcome@sisters-of-st-andrew.com. A donation of between £20 - £30 is suggested. Please bring a packed lunch. See poster.

BUILDING A BETTER MARRIAGE COURSE

As part of the preparation for the 2025 Jubilee year, the Southwark Marriage and Family Team are running a Building a Better Marriage Course on June 29th in Sittingbourne Parish and on September 28 at Worcester Park Parish. The one-day course is for married couples. It seeks to help husbands and wives to make their marriage better and to improve their communication skills. For more information visit the website link <https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/mission/marriage-and-family-life>.

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES LED BY ARCHBISHOP JOHN - 23 - 30 AUGUST

Join Archbishop John and Bishop Paul on a pilgrimage to Lourdes from 23 - 30 August. For details of the pilgrimage, including volunteering and accommodation options visit <https://rcaos.org.uk/news-events/news/archbishop-john-to-lead-pilgrimage-to-lourdes/>. Experience the unique spirituality of Lourdes, along with people from parishes around the Archdiocese.

BEXLEY CRISIS CAFÉ

The Bexley Crisis Café is a safe and friendly place for anyone 18yrs and over where you can visit, 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

Saturday 1st June

Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) (B)

6.30pm

Philomena and Tomy O'Doherty RIP

Sunday 2nd June

Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) (B)

8.30am

Michael Kelly RIP

10.00am

Intention of Christine Spencer

11.30am

The People of the Parish

Monday 3rd June

Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs

9.30am

Intentions of Karen Carr and Children

Tuesday 4th June

Feria

9.45am

Maria Teresa Davey RIP

Wednesday 5th June

Saint Boniface, Bishop and Martyr

9.30am

Francis D'Rosario RIP

Thursday 6th June

Feria

9.30am

Andrew Greene RIP

Friday 7th June

Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

9.30am

Vilma and Frank Pinto RIP

Saturday 8th June

The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9.30am

Intentions of Myrna Kadi

Collection	26th May 2024
Cash	£440.04
Gift Aid	£261.80
Total	£701.84
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.

Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

1 Corinthians 10:17