

ST. LAWRENCE OF CANTERBURY R C CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR B - 21ST JULY 2024

(Psalter Week 4)

Entrance Antiphon: ***See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.***

Responsorial Psalm: ***The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.***

Communion Antiphon: ***The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.***

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.

No Confession at 11am this Saturday due to Ordination Mass at the Cathedral.

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: **At the 10am Mass every Sunday starting from 15th September.**

Have a blessed week.

Fr. Paul.

DEACON FRAZER ORDINATION

The ordination of Deacon Frazer Bellfield to the Priesthood takes place on Saturday 20th July at 12.30pm at St George's Cathedral. He has been appointed as Assistant Priest at Our Lady Help of Christians, Blackheath Village and will take up his post in September. Please keep Deacon Frazer in your prayers and also pray for Vocations to the priesthood and religious life in our Archdiocese.

CHURCH FLOORING REFURBISHMENT

The Church will be closed from 1pm on Sunday 21st July and will re-open at 5.30pm on Saturday 27th July to undertake the refurbishment of the Church timber flooring. **The regular weekday Mass will be celebrated in the Upper Room of the Hall during this week. The Mass will not be Live Streamed during this week.**

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT ON FRIDAYS

There will be no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday the 26th July and during the month of August, the devotion will recommence on Friday 6th September.

TUESDAY MORNING MASS TIME

From August 2024 the Tuesday morning Mass will start at 9.30am.

INTERNATIONAL MASS AND FAREWELL FOR FR. PAUL

Our annual International Mass will take place on Sunday 28th July at the 11.30am Mass. Everyone is invited to wear their traditional dress for this wonderful celebration. A reception will be held afterwards in the church hall where parishioners are invited to bring a dish from your country of origin to share with others and refreshments will be served. A celebration of Fr. Paul's appointment as Parish Priest of St. Lawrence's Church from 2021 to 2024 will take place at the same time. Everyone is welcome.

UPSTAIRS FLAT - 1A HAMILTON ROAD

With great pleasure it can be announced that Sidcup Parish as Landlord has entered into an agreement with the Archdiocese of Southwark as Tenant to lease the flat at full commercial value to a retired priest of this diocese. Fr. Christopher Basden, who will be retiring from parish ministry at Ramsgate in the summer, will take up occupation from late August. Fr Christopher will have no obligation to the parish of Sidcup who will continue to have two priests serving the parish community.

NEW LECTIONARY COMMENCING ADVENT 2024

A big thank you to our parishioner who so generously donated towards the full cost of the new lectionary we will be using from Advent this year. A great gift to the parish of Sidcup.

PARISH PLANNED MAINTENANCE REPORT

The parish planned maintenance report for the church, the community center and No 1 and 3 Hamilton Road is available on the home page of the parish website. Please visit the website at <https://www.stlsidcup.org/> for further details.

QUIZ NIGHT

Thank you to all who attended our quiz night on Saturday. We raised an amazing £523 and had an enjoyable evening. A very big thank you to our quiz mistress Chris Head Rapson who devised the questions. The money raised will go towards the forthcoming parish initiatives. SSET Team.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY IN SEPTEMBER

The Children's Liturgy will restart on Sunday 15th September at the 10am mass. It is with great joy that we announce the Children's Liturgy will take place every Sunday from this date with breaks for the school holidays. The schedule will be shared in September. Please see the designated noticeboard for further information plus the beautiful drawings created by our children. Volunteers are DBS checked. Children and parents/carers/grandparents are all welcome.

PARISH FILM NIGHT - WEDNESDAY 7TH AUGUST

Come and join us and fellow parishioners for our next film night, a musical sing-a-long. Arrive from 7pm for social time/refreshments, film starts at 7.30pm. See poster at the back of the church for further details. All are welcome.

CALLED TO HOLINESS - A DAY FOR READERS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

There are two formation days coming up for readers and extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist of the SE area of our Archdiocese.

1. On Saturday 19th October at St Stephen's Church, Welling, 26 Deepdene Road, DA16 3QL. For the Deaneries of Bexley, Bromley, and Greenwich. And

2. On Saturday 26th October, at Bishop Thomas Grant School, Belltrees Grove, Streatham, SW16 2HY for the Deaneries of Camberwell, Lewisham, and Lambeth.

Each of the days will begin with tea and coffee at 9:30am, there will be three presentations and the day will end with Mass at 3pm. Please send an email to the parish office at sidcup@rcaos.org.uk to confirm the day you will be attending.

HEADTEACHER ST. PETER CHANEL SCHOOL

Mrs. Gower will be leaving St Peter Chanel at the end of this term after eleven years of outstanding service. She is taking up a position with the St. Oscar Romero Trust (SELCAT), the Diocesan School Commission. The Governors have successfully appointed Mr. Alex Davies, who will take over as Headteacher in September.

Mr. Davies is currently working at St. Thomas More Primary School in Bexleyheath.

This is an exciting time of change for the school and would ask for your support as we welcome him to our Catholic community of St. Lawrence's Sidcup.

Patricia Slonecki - Chair of Governors.

MASS FOR THE BEATIFICATION OF FATHER AGNELO - 25TH JULY 10AM

A Mass will be celebrated at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, 330A Burnt Oak Lane, Blackfen DA15 8LW at 10am on Thursday 25th July 2024. All are welcome.

GOVERNORS AT LOCAL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS; SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOLS TO FULFIL THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH

In an increasingly secular world our local Catholic schools provide outstanding formation of young people with Gospel values at the heart of their work. St Peter Chanel and St Columba's both have vacancies for Foundation Governors and would welcome anyone interested in helping the schools remain amongst the best in Bexley. For more information or an informal chat with a local headteacher on what serving as a Governor entails please contact Bill Stone on office@st-columbas.bexley.sch.uk.

LARK IN THE PARK - 25TH - 29TH JULY AT SIDCUP PLACE

Lark in the Park is a community event provided by Churches in Sidcup. The free event takes place from 25th to the 29th July at Sidcup Place. For further details of the programme visit <https://larksidcup.com> or pick up a leaflet from the back of the church.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 20th July

6.30pm

Sixteenth Sunday of the Year B

Mary and David Power RIP

Sunday 21st July

8.30am

Sixteenth Sunday of the Year B

Holy Souls

10.00am

The People of the Parish

11.30am

Intentions of the Cahill Family

Monday 22nd July

9.30am

Saint Mary Magdalene

Intentions of Elizabeth Ross and Family

Tuesday 23rd July

9.45am

Saint Bridget, Religious, Patron of Europe

Holy Souls

Wednesday 24th July

9.30am

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Philomena Mary Daniele RIP

Thursday 25th July

9.30am

Saint James, Apostle

Jimmy Waddell RIP

Friday 26th July

9.30am

Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Peggy Oakes RIP

Saturday 27th July

9.30am

The Blessed Virgin Mary

Holy Souls

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| Collection | 14th July 2024 | 2nd Collection: Stella Maris | |
| Cash | £384.49 | Cash | £454.68 |
| Gift Aid | £352.80 | Gift Aid | £ 55.00 |
| Total | £737.29 | Total | £509.68 |
| Monthly Standing Order | £4766 | | |

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 steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

Lamentations 3:22-23