

ST. LAWRENCE OF CANTERBURY R C CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR B - 22ND SEPTEMBER 2024

(Psalter Week 1)

Entrance Antiphon: ***I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.***

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord upholds my life.

Communion Antiphon: ***You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.***

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: At the 10am Mass every Sunday during term time.

God bless you all.

Fr. Allan.

FR. REGIS RUBAYA

Fr. Regis Rubaya will take up his appointment as Parish Priest from the 1st October.

ANNUAL MASS COUNT BEGINS THIS SUNDAY

The diocesan annual mass count begins this Sunday and will continue over the next four Sundays. Volunteers are requested to please collect and return the tally counters from the sacristy before and after each Mass.

CONTENT FOR NEWSLETTER

If you would like to send information or content for the newsletter please email the parish office on sidcup@rcaos.org.uk by Wednesday 1pm. The parish priest will review and approve the items that can be included in the newsletter.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

We are looking for volunteers who would be willing to write the Sunday Prayers of the faithful (bidding prayers). We currently have only 3 volunteers in this ministry, it would be great if we can have a few more volunteers to take on this role so that it would reflect the prayer needs of the parish. A training session will be held in October. If you would like to help out in this ministry please email the office on sidcup@rcaos.org.uk.

SPIRITAN FATHERS MISSION APPEAL - 28TH/29TH SEPTEMBER

The Spiritan Fathers will be making a Mission Appeal at all the Masses on the 28th and 29th September. A second collection will be taken at all Masses for their Mission work.

ST. LAWRENCE YOUNG PEOPLE'S CHOIR - SINGING LESSONS

Do you have a child aged 7-18 who loves singing and would like to learn how to use their voice well and perhaps join the St. Lawrence young people's Choir? Then you are invited to contact Fiona on 07957592 081 to register your child for our 6 week voice and singing training starting on Saturday 5th October from 11am -12pm in the upstairs Hall. Places are limited, so parents please contact Fiona to register your children for the classes. See posters at the back of the church.

PARISH FILM NIGHT - WEDNESDAY 9TH OCTOBER

Thank you to everyone who supported our last film night, a great evening was had by all. Please join us for our next film evening on 9th October. 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.

AFTERNOON TEA - SUNDAY 13TH OCTOBER 2 - 5 PM

The afternoon tea event as well as being a fundraiser will be an opportunity to officially welcome Fr. Regis to St Lawrence's. Aiden Kent (singing Cabbie) will be performing a wide range of songs from the 50's/60's. Afternoon tea tickets will be on sale after all the masses this weekend and for the forthcoming weeks. Tickets £15. We look forward to seeing you at this event. Donations of coffee pots, teapots, sugar bowls, milk jugs and cake stands will be gratefully accepted. Please hand donations into the parish office.

DEATH NOTICE

1. The Funeral Mass for Christine Agnes Kitchen RIP will take place on Thursday 17th October at 11.00am followed by Cremation at Eltham Crematorium at 12.30pm.

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

SERVICE FOR HEALING AND HOPE - WEDNESDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER 2024

You are invited to a service for healing and hope for those that have been harmed by abuse and for those that work with or support those that have been harmed. The Service will take place at St. George's Cathedral on the 25th September at 6.30pm and will be led by Archbishop John Wilson. At the end of the service, everyone will be invited to tie a ribbon in support of those that have been harmed by abuse. There will be refreshments and a place for anyone who wishes, to talk to the safeguarding team.

CALLED TO HOLINESS - A DAY FOR READERS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

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.

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.

ST. PETER CHANEL PRIMARY SCHOOL - OPEN MORNINGS

Our local Catholic Primary School, St Peter Chanel, are hosting open mornings for prospective parents on the following dates: Friday 11th October, Tuesday 22nd October, Friday 22nd November. These mornings run from 9:30am - 11am and are a wonderful opportunity for you to see our school in action! There is a pre-school onsite which can take children from 2 years old. Please speak to the school office if you are interested in a place at Pre-School or please feel free to attend one of the open mornings if your child is due to start school in September 2025.

YEAR 6 PARENTS SECONDARY TRANSFER OPEN EVENTS ST. CATHERINE AND ST. COLUMBA'S SCHOOLS

Both of our local Catholic secondary schools are celebrating fantastic sets of results at GCSE in 2024. Parents of girls in Year 6 are invited to visit St Catherine's on Thursday October 3rd at 5pm whilst St Columba's for boys holds it's Open Morning on Saturday October 5th. Please visit the respective school websites for more information.

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.

GOVERNOR VACANCIES AT CHRIST THE KING SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

If you are interested in applying please visit www.ctlk.ac.uk or email Linda Harrison at governance@ctksfc.ac.uk. A full induction and training programme is provided.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 21st September	Twenty-Fifth Sunday of the Year B
6.30pm	Loreto Bongais RIP
Sunday 22nd September	Twenty-Fifth Sunday of the Year B
8.30am	The People of the Parish
10.00am	Joan Smith RIP
11.30am	Anthony Clifford Mascarenhas RIP
Monday 23rd September	Saint Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio), Priest
9.30am	Safe Travelling Geraldine Damanhuri
Tuesday 24th September	Our Lady of Walsingham, Memorial
9.30am	Intentions of Jeanette Fernandes and Family
Wednesday 25th September	Feria
9.30am	Agnes and Martin Gurhy RIP
Thursday 26th September	Feria
9.30am	Arthur Maxted Senior RIP
Friday 27th September	Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest
9.30am	Sheila Fendick RIP
Saturday 28th September	The Blessed Virgin Mary
9.30am	Wellbeing of Imelda Lynch

Collection	15th September 2024	2nd Collection: Home Mission	
Cash	£330.15	Cash	£255.29
Gift Aid	£378.80	Gift Aid	£138.80
Total	£708.95	Total	£394.09
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.

***On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul.
Psalms 138:3***