

St Lawrence's Church Sidcup

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All Masses are live streamed through our parish Webcam

Morning mass will be celebrated at 09.30am, and then the church will close for cleaning. The sacrament of reconciliation is available on Saturday mornings from 11am-12pm, in the parish hall.

Entrance Antiphon: When a profound silence covered all things and night was in the middle of its course, your all-powerful word, O lord bounded from heavens royal throne.

First Reading: Ecclesiasticus: 24:1,2, 8, 12

Response to Psalm: The word was made flesh and lived among us.

Second Reading: Ephesians 1-3, 6, 15-18.

Gospel: John 1:1-5, 9-14.

Communion Antiphon: To all who would accept him, he gave the power to become children of God.

St. Lawrence 100 Club- Parish Draw- winners

September	October	November
£75- C. Kitchen	£75- M. Atkinson	£75. M. Lodwig
£50- R. Spencer	£50- O' Connell	£50. M. Spaul
£25- S. Tracey	£25- S. Sadler	£25 S. Padfield
£10- M. Dwyer.	£10 J.Njugana	£10. F. Basley

Second Sunday after Christmas.

Vigil Mass Saturday Evening

6.30pm.

Sunday: 8.30am 10.00am & 11.30am

6.30pm Peter Seery .RIP.

8.30am George Abdee. RIP.

10.00am Intention of Kadi Family.

11.30am People of the Parish.

Monday 4th January

9.30am Fr. Pattern. RIP.

Tuesday 5th January

9.30am Delia Willis. RIP.

Wednesday 6th January-

The Epiphany of the Lord.

9.30am Tim Hawes. RIP.

8pm- Archbishop Peter Smith. RIP.

Thursday 7th January

09.30am Orazio Provenza .RIP.

Friday 8th January

09.30 – Fr. Collier. SM. RIP.

Saturday 9th January

Fr. Robin Greystone SM. RIP.

Collection: 4th Sunday of Advent.

Cash : £365.32

Gift Aid £625.00

Total: £990.320

Christmas day Collection

Cash:2909.21

Gift Aid.1556.63

Total: £4465.84\$

Monthly Standing Order : £3485.00

3rd January 2021. – .Year B.

It is a number of years since we celebrated the Second Sunday after the Nativity as the feast of the epiphany was moved to this Sunday, but now it is back to its usual date and occurs this Wednesday. This weekend we have a chance to hear again or for the first time this year the words of the Prologue in the gospel of St. John. Although we have just finished the celebration of Christmas there is nothing about the child in the manger. Instead we hear about the cosmic significance of the birth and the astounding truth that God walked on earth among us. Trying to describe how Jesus is fully divine and fully human is difficult, so John paints a picture without using the image of the Baby Jesus. Jesus was God before the world began, and is now finally revealed to us.

This may be the first Mass that many of us will attend at the beginning of this New Year. We have all been battered by the past year, we all need the assurance that God is with us in the good and bad. If God is truly made flesh and lived among us, he knows our suffering and joys.

As we approach the end of Christmastide we might take the time to reflect on the past few weeks, and what we did at Christmas. In the thoughts of St. John it is about God reaching out to us. Through Jesus we build an intimate relationship of trust in God, which is something for us all to think about this New year, especially our relationship towards each other and the witness and behaviour we present. We ask for God's blessing on all this Sunday for the coming year.

Pastoral Statistics of the Year 2020:

Baptisms: 11

Reception into the church: 2

Holy Communions:11

Funerals: 33.

Unfortunately our marriages and the sacrament of confirmation had to be postponed.

We keep in our prayers the family of Esther Reginald, her funeral mass will take place on Monday 11 January at 11.00am. We pray for the repose of the soul of John Uwagwu, the father of one of our parishioners and also fr. Michael Gwinell and Canon Frank O' Sullivan two priests of our diocese.

If you would like to book a mass for next year, in remembrance of somebody or for a special intention please contact the parish office.

