St Lawrence's Church Sidcup

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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: After the Lord was baptised, the heavens were opened, and the spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the father thundered: this is my beloved son, with whom I am well pleased.

First Reading: Isaiah 55: 1-11.

Response to Psalm: With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-9.

Gospel: Mark 1:7-11.

Communion Antiphon: Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

We keep in our prayers the repose of the soul of Esther Reginald.Total: £821.84 Her funeral mass will take place on Monday 11th January at Monthly Stand 11am. We remember the repose of the soul of Lilian Maud O'Brien, whose funeral service will take place in the same date, also Margaret Forcella whose funeral mass, will be celebrated on 21st January at 11.30. We remember the repose of the soul of Bridget Mary Martin whose funeral mass will be celebrated on 22nd February at 11.30am.

May our loved ones rest in peace.,

The Baptism of The Lord. Vigil Mass Saturday Evening 6.30pm. Sunday: 8.30am 10.00am & 11.30am

6.30pm Edie Shiels .RIP.8.30am Fr. Geoffrey Greystone.SM. RI.P.10.00am People of the Parish.11.30am John Basley. RIP.

Monday 11th January 9.30am Fr.Norton. RIP. 11.00am Funeral Mass of Esther Reginald.

Tuesday 12th January 9.30am Fr. Murray. RIP.

Wednesday 13th January-9.30am Angela Murphy. RIP. 1.45pm Mass for Christ the King College. Thursday 14th January 09.30am Peter Seery. RIP.

Friday 15th January 09.30 – Patrick Cornelius Murphy. RIP.

Saturday 16th January Fr. Paddy McElroy. RIP.

Collection: 2nd Sunday after Christmas. Ve Cash : £550.84 Gift Aid £271.00

Monthly Standing Order : £3700.00

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The gospel this weekend tells us about the Baptism of Jesus and how the heavens were opened the spirit coming down like a dove. Most of us have been present at the baptism of a child, and realise the privilege of being at something so unique and yet personal and powerful. When Jesus was baptised it must have given him a new impetus and the surge of energy to start his ministry knowing that he was God's beloved son. This power is given to us in our baptism, to know that we are his sons and daughter, enabling us to live with hope and trust in these challenging times.

From the Sunday Message:

"The Gospel of Mark was written before the versions of Matthew and Luke: we may find Mark's presentation more difficult and challenging. We may find ourselves relived that we are not faced with same questions that the disciples faced. For instance they sometimes misunderstood what was happening. As we follow the narrative over the next few weeks, Mark is inviting us to put ourselves in the shoes of the people whom Jesus meets and to ask ourselves what we would do in their situation.

The scriptures are the word of God, alive and active confronting us today. This may sound alarming but we might remember the first line of Mark's Gospel showing solidarity and identifying himself with those people who are open to the word of god and willing to examine their lives and amend them where necessary as sign of hope for us all.

We might remember that at our baptism we received the holy spirit which tells us that we are given the power to live as disciples of Jesus."

Many thanks to everybody who is contributing by way of a monthly standing order. The amount now received is on average £3790.00 per month. With the ongoing trend of not handling cash, you may like to start a monthly standing order or perhaps join the gift aid scheme for the first time. If you have any queries please contact Nick Wells via the parish office or through his email nickjohnwells@hotmail.co.uk.

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.

Many thanks to everybody for their kind donations and gifts at Christmas. With every blessing. Fr. John.