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: Be my protector, O god, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me; guide me, for the sake of your name.

First Reading: Leviticus: 13.1-2, 45-46.

Response to Psalm: You are my refuge, O lord; you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10.31-11.1.

Gospel: Mark: 1-40-45. Jesus heals a leaper.

Communion Antiphon: They ate and had their fill and what they craved the lord gave them. They were not disappointed in what they craved.

We pray for the repose of the soul of Anne Welsh. The funeral mass will be celebrated on Monday 15th February at 12.30pm. The funeral mass of Mary Blackmore will be celebrated Thursday Collection: 7th February 2021. 18th February at 11.00am. The funeral of Billy Giles will be celebrated on 3rd March at 11.30am.

May our loved ones rest in peace

First Holy communion registration forms are available from the parish office.

Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time. Vigil Mass Saturday Evening 6.30pm.

Sunday: 8.30am 10.00am & 11.30am

6.30pm John Crawley. RIP. 8.30am Michael O'Sullivan. RIP. 10.00am People of the Parish. 11.30am Charlie Keeley. RIP.

Monday 15th February. 9.30am Intention of John & Eula Mascarenhas. 12.30pm.Funeral of Anne Welsh.

Tuesday 16th February. 9.30am William Aseervatham .RIP.

Wednesday 17th February – Ash Wednesday. 9.30am Ellen & James Bull. RIP.

1.45pm Mass for Christ the King College.

6.30pm- Fr. Paul Sanders. RIP.

Thursday 18th February. 09.30am Intention of Richard and Linda McNulty. Funeral of Mary Blackmore. 11.00am

Friday 19th February 09.30am Rosaline Varnes RIP.

Saturday 20th February. 9.30am Neily McBride. RIP.

Cash: £235.00. Gift Aid £766.00. Total: £1001.00. Monthly Standing Order: £3790.00 If you would like to book a mass in remembrance of somebody or for a special intention, please contact the parish office.

14th February 2021. - Year B.

Archbishop John Wilson has asked that I take up a new appointment, as the new parish priest of St. John the Baptist, Westerham and act as the parochial Administer of St. Teresa of the Infant Jesus, Biggin Hill. I will begin my new role on the 13th March; this means I will leave St Lawrence's after nine years. Fr. Paul Kyne has been appointed as the new parish priest of Sidcup. Fr. Paul as many of you may remember spent his pastoral year as a student here, so he has the benefit of knowing many of you, and I know that you will make him very welcome and support him in his new appointment.

I Wish to thank everybody for your kindness and friendship over my time as your priest, and ask for your prayers as I take up this new appointment of looking after two parish communities. Fr. John Diver.

We begin our season of Lent this week with the celebration of Ash Wednesday. I enclose part of Cardinal Vincent Nichols reflection on our Lenten iourney.

"The pandemic has shed light on how we cope in times of trail and crisis. It presented us with an opportunity to examine our lives, re- evaluate our priorities, purposes and goals. Self – examination and reflection is never easy. Change is often painful and difficult. We take comfort in prayer and from reading the scriptures, 'blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him,' (James 1:12).

Lent, then, is a season to dream. But dreams mean changing and conversion. They point towards cleansing, purification and the love of God poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. For it is in prayer that we encounter the overflowing of God's love. Only this gives us the grace to reach out to our brothers and sisters, especially those on the margins, the very edges. We see reality clearly when we think of those needing the support of food banks, victims of domestic violence, human trafficking and sexual child abuse. The broken hearted and the downtrodden are dear to us. We raise our voice on behalf of the poor and suffering of the world, especially the Rohingya, the Uighurs, and the Yazidi. For Jesus taught us: 'Truly, I say to you, as you did to one of the least of these, you did it to me (Matthew25:40).

May God's love be poured out upon us, falling like morning dew. May the healing balm of the Father's mercy wash away our iniquity, cleanse us from our sin and put a new song of joy and new life into our hearts."- Cardinal Vincent Nichols.