

## ST. LAWRENCE OF CANTERBURY R C CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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### 30TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR B - 24TH OCTOBER 2021

Entrance Antiphon: ***Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.***

Communion Antiphon: ***We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.***

All Masses are live streamed through our parish webcam.

The Sacrament of Penance is available on Saturday mornings from 11am - 11:30am in the Church or by prior appointment.

If you would like to book a mass intention, please contact the parish office.

The Repository in the Church Hall will be open on Sundays after the 8:30am Mass until 12noon and on Wednesdays during the coffee morning. Christmas cards and other gifts are now available in the Repository.

The Church will remain open after Mass until 1:30pm on Tuesday to Saturday for Private Worship.

Mass Envelopes for the Holy Souls are available at the back of the church. There will be a Vigil Mass at 7:30pm on Tuesday 2nd November for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. The Grave Blessing Service at Kemnal Park Cemetery will take place at 2pm on the 6th November. Grave Blessings on the 7th November - at 1:30pm at Hill View Cemetery and at 2:30pm at Sidcup Cemetery.

Have a blessed week.

**Fr. Paul**

## **POPE URGES CHURCH TO LEAVE BEHIND 'OUTWORN PASTORAL MODELS'** By Loup Besmond de Senneville, Vatican City

Pope Francis has launched a two-year consultation of all the world's Catholics, an ambitious project to prepare the agenda for the next meeting of the Synod of Bishops in 2023. "In these days, Jesus calls us, as he did the rich man in the Gospel, to empty ourselves, to free ourselves from all that is worldly, including our inward-looking and outworn pastoral models," he told some 3,000 people, including numerous foreign ambassadors to the Holy See, who were gathered for Sunday Mass in St. Peter's Basilica. The 84-year-old pope encouraged Catholics to meet and listen to one another, allowing God to help them begin walking together "where we are". Francis called this "synodal process" of consultation, which is scheduled to begin on 17 October in local dioceses around the world, "an adventure" in which everyone must take part. "Are we prepared for the adventure of this journey? Or are we fearful of the unknown, preferring to take refuge in the usual excuses: 'It's useless' or 'We've always done it this way'?" he challenged Catholics during his Sunday homily. True to his description of the Church as a "field hospital" engaged amid the world's turmoil, the Jesuit pope elaborated on his vision of a God who "is not found in neat and orderly places, distant from reality" but who "walks ever at our side. He meets us where we are, on the often rocky roads of life".

Francis encouraged Catholics to become "experts in the art of encounter", like Jesus, who "is not afraid to listen ... with his heart and not just with his ears". The pope warned listening has nothing to do with "organising events" or with "theorising about problems". "Are we good at listening? How good is the 'hearing' of our heart?" he asked. He said the synodal process should "suggest fresh paths and new ways of speaking" for the Catholic Church. But he warned against several possible pitfalls. "Let us not soundproof our hearts; let us not remain barricaded in our certainties," the pope insisted. He also encouraged Catholics to get out of their "old habits" by totally avoiding "artificial and shallow and pre-packaged responses". Francis warned the synod is not a "Church convention, a study group or a political gathering", nor is it "a parliament". On the contrary, he called it "a process of healing guided by the Spirit".

The pope's closest aides in launching the synodal process – especially those in secretariat for the Synod of Bishops – are putting a lot of hope in the consultations at the local level. "Enabling everyone to participate is an essential ecclesial duty!" Pope Francis said. "All the baptized, for baptism is our identity card," he said. Here too, he warned against "three risks" for the synod: "formalism", "intellectualism" and "complacency". After the consultation phase with Catholics around the world, which will last until February, all the bishops' conferences are being urged to publish a report on these first meetings in April. Then the discussion will continue continent by continent. Finally, national episcopal conferences will elect representatives to attend the final stage of this novel synodal process – the ordinary assembly of the Synod of Bishops, which is to take place in October 2023 at the Vatican.

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### **SYNOD AND SYNODAL PROCESS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK**

An invitation is extended to 'all of the baptised' to contribute on three principal themes: Communion, Participation and Mission. For Info visit: <https://www.synod.va/en.html> & <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/synodal-church/>. Tony and Pat Slonecki will lead this process and we are most grateful to them for giving their time to this endeavour.

## **WORLD MISSION DAY - 24TH OCTOBER**

Today is World Mission Day and the 2nd Collection for Missio will enable missionaries to share God's love with those in greatest need today.

## **VOLUNTEER NEEDED FOR MANAGING THE MAINTENANCE OF THE PARISH PROPERTY**

We are looking for a retired Building Surveyor/Facilities Manager or someone with Health & Safety expertise to assist us with managing the maintenance of the parish property. If you are able to volunteer can you please contact the parish office on Telephone: 020 8300 2480 or Email: [sidcup@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:sidcup@rcaos.org.uk).

## **DBS CLINIC - WEDNESDAY 27TH OCTOBER 10AM TO 3PM.**

As per the Diocesan Safeguarding Policy all returning and new volunteers in various parish ministries who require a DBS, need to have a current check that has been issued within the last 3 years or are signed up to the update service.

As most of our volunteers in the various ministries need to have their DBS checks redone, we will be holding **a DBS clinic from 10am to 3pm on Wednesday 27th October in the Hall**. All volunteers in the various ministries are requested to **please collect the forms from Jeanette at the Parish Office, prior to the clinic.**

## **DEATH NOTICES**

1. With sadness we learned that Barbara Donovan died on Wednesday 27th September. May she rest in peace. The funeral service will take place on Thursday 28th October at St Lawrence's at 11:00 am followed by interment at Sidcup Cemetery thereafter. Barbara and her husband Maurice were parishioners at St. Lawrence's from the 1960s until around 2010.
2. Canon Richard Hearne passed away on the 7th October. Funeral details to follow.
3. Janet D'Cruz died peacefully in her sleep in the early hours of the morning on Friday 15th October. Funeral Mass will take place on Thursday 4th November at St. Lawrence's at 11:00am followed by cremation at Eltham Crematorium and then a reception at St Lawrence's Hall. For catering purposes please will you confirm your attendance at the reception in the parish hall via telephone to Emma on 07813 655 392 or email [emmadcruz@hotmail.com](mailto:emmadcruz@hotmail.com). Thank you.
4. Funeral for T/L Mark Anthony Bush will take place on Tuesday 16th November at St. Lawrence's at 11:00am followed by cremation at Eltham Crematorium.
5. Funeral Service for T/L Mr Luc Brou on Friday 19th November at 11am at Kemnal Park Cemetery.

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

**SAINT LAWRENCE CHARITABLE FUND (SLCF)** SLCF will be making their Annual Appeal on the weekend 30th/31st October. If you would like to support us please visit our website for details <https://stlcf.co.uk>. You can email us if you have queries. Thank you for your continuing support. The SLCF Team.

## **'POWER OF PRAYER' BY DEACON PETER VARNES**

Deacon Peter's copy of his 'Power of Prayer' is available at the back of the church.

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**Saturday 23rd October (Vigil Mass)**

6.30pm

**Sunday 24th October**

8.30am

10.00am

11.30am

**Monday 25th October**

9.30am

**Tuesday 26th October**

9.45am

**Wednesday 27th October**

9.30am

**Thursday 28th October**

9.30am

11:00am

**Friday 29th October**

9.30am

**Saturday 30th October**

9.30am

**30th Sunday of the YEAR B**

Intention of Frank Tierney

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Fr. Michael Boland RIP

Parishioners

Paddy Rowe RIP

**Feria**

Janet Brown RIP

**Feria**

Fr. Michael Jakubas RIP

**Feria**

Mark Dey RIP

**Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles**

Fr. Paul Sanders RIP

Funeral of Barbara Donovan (No Mass)

**Feria**

Fr. Bryan Taylor RIP

**The Blessed Virgin Mary**

Monsignor Canon Cyril Murtagh RIP

Collection	17th October	2nd Collection	
Cash	£227.91	Prisoner's Sunday	PACT
Gift Aid	£355.00	Cash	£17
Total	£582.91	Gift Aid	-
Monthly Standing Order	£4319.00	Total	£17

On this World Mission Day please pray for the work of Missio and for the missionaries that they may find the strength to continue to ignite God's love around the world. Please also pray for the sick of our parish who are at home and in hospitals and for the souls of the faithful departed that they may rest in peace.

***Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Matthew 11:28***