

ST. LAWRENCE OF CANTERBURY R C CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C - 5TH DECEMBER 2021

(Psalter Week 2)

Entrance Antiphon: ***O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.***

Communion Antiphon: ***Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from 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 Jeanette in the parish office.

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

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. Handmade candles by Lucia will also be on sale.

God of Light and Love fill us with your Holy Spirit so that we may keep watchful in prayer during this Advent Season as we await the coming of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Have a blessed week.

Fr. Paul

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/>.

Alternative ways to submit contributions and Websites to find out more information: www.rcaos.org.uk/synod www.aec.rcaos.org.uk/synod Email: synod@rcaos.org.uk

In writing: Synod Submissions, c/o Archbishop's House, 150 St George's Road, London, SE1 6HX. Further resources from the Synod Office in Rome is available at www.synod.va/en.html in different languages. Resources from the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England & Wales is available at www.cbcew.org.uk/synodal-church/

CONFIRMATION APPLICATION FORMS

The Confirmation Programme for children in Year 8 and above will be starting on the 8th January 2022. For an application form please see Fr. Paul after Mass.

The deadline for returning the completed application forms is Sunday 19th December.

YOUNG ADULTS PRAYER EVENING - WEDNESDAY 8TH DECEMBER AT 7PM

If you are 18-40 you are invited to join other young adults in the parish for our initial Wednesday evening gathering. We will meet in the church (side door will be open) at 7pm for prayer followed by a pizza. Please come along – no advance booking necessary. Just turn up!

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - DBS CHECKS

All Eucharistic Ministers who haven't completed the DBS forms in the last two months need to contact Jeanette at the Parish Office as a priority as you need to have your DBS checks redone as soon as possible. You should have received an email from Deacon Peter to this effect. You will need to bring in your ID documents - Passport, Driving Licence and a recent bank statement/utility bill/council tax bill and NI number.

HOLY SOULS MASSES

Thank you for your Mass Stipends for Holy Souls Masses to be celebrated for the faithful departed. These Masses have been allocated and will be celebrated in due course.

DEATH NOTICE

With sadness we learned that Sheena Frances Callaghan died on the 27th November. Sheena was an active member of the parish as a Eucharistic Minister, altar server and helped with the church cleaning.

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

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.

WEDNESDAY COFFEE MORNING

The coffee mornings are held in the parish hall on Wednesdays from 10am to 11:30am. A voluntary gold coin donation for attendance will be most welcome. Please come along and meet up with fellow parishioners.

SUNDAY COFFEE MORNINGS

The coffee mornings after the 8:30am and 10:00am Mass on Sundays have re-started. Please come along. If you would like to volunteer, please speak to Michael in the hall.

KNITTING SALE TODAY

There will be a sale of knitted toys, ladies and children items in the hall after all the morning Masses this Sunday.

GOLDEN JUBILEE OF ORDINATION - MARIST PRIEST TOM BURNS

The Rt. Rev Thomas Burns now Bishop Emeritus of Menevia Wales, a Marist Priest and former teacher at St. Mary's School in Sidcup will be celebrating his golden jubilee of ordination to the priesthood at a Thanksgiving Mass on Thursday 16th December at 11:30am in St. Joseph's Cathedral, Convent Street, Swansea SA1 2BX. Mass will be livestreamed, visit the link www.meneviacathedral.org.

A DAY WITH MARY

Saturday 18th December 2021 - 10am to 5pm at St George Cathedral, Lambeth Road, London SE1 6HR. See notice board for details or visit www adaywithmary.org.

EDUCATION COMMISSION

Do you have skills to offer as a Governor or Trustee in the Catholic Schools in Southwark? Could you spare a few hours a month? The education commission for the R C Archdiocese of Southwark needs local people from its parishes to volunteer as foundation governors or trustees/directors in catholic schools and academies. Visit <https://www.rcaoseducation.org.uk/could-you-become-a-governor>.

SYCAMORE

An informal course about the Christian faith and its relevance for life today. Explore your beliefs, share ideas, meet people and think about questions that really matter. For further information visit: <https://www.sycamore.fm/>.

ST. LAWRENCE CHARITABLE FUND

In past years, Parishioners have made a donation to SLCF rather than sending Christmas cards. A listing will be at the back of the church if you would like to do this again this year. Thank you for your continued support. The SLCF Team.

CHRIST THE KING ST. MARY'S - CHRISTMAS TOY APPEAL

CTK's annual Christmas Toy Appeal aims to make Christmas magic for the children in our local community, by providing them with a gift they may otherwise not have had. With your support, CTK hopes to make Christmas magic for even more children this year. Please bring your toys to the Parish Office, labelling the present with the age it is appropriate for by Wednesday 8th December. Thank you for supporting our annual toy appeal. CTK St. Mary's Team.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 4th December (Vigil Mass)	Second Sunday of Advent Year C
6.30pm	Alice Comer RIP
Sunday 5th December	Second Sunday of Advent Year C
8.30am	Matthew Forde RIP
10.00am	Deceased Relatives and Friends of Mary Healy
11.30am	Aedh Brennan RIP
Monday 6th December	Feria
9.30am	Janina Basiaga RIP
Tuesday 7th December	Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
9.45am	Patrick Mullan RIP
Wednesday 8th December	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
9.30am	Paul Harrison RIP
Thursday 9th December	Feria
9.30am	Janina Basiaga RIP
Friday 10th December	Feria
9.30am	Margaret Quinn Fish RIP
Saturday 11th December	Saint Damasus I, Pope
9.30am	Barbara Cabral RIP

Collection	28th November
Cash	£155.91
Gift Aid	£353.46
Total	£509.37
Monthly Standing Order	£4254.00

Please keep in your prayers the sick of our parish who are at home and in hospitals. Please also pray for the souls of the faithful departed that God may grant them eternal rest.

“Yet even now,” says the Lord, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning.” Joel 2:12