

ST. LAWRENCE OF CANTERBURY R C CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C - 12TH DECEMBER 2021

(Psalter Week 3)

Entrance Antiphon: ***Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.***

Communion Antiphon: ***Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.***

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.

Envelopes for Christmas Offerings for the Priest are available at the back of the Church.

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.

RCIA

Thinking about becoming Catholic?

As an adult are you thinking about becoming Catholic or are you considering the sacrament of Confirmation as an adult? If so please speak with Fr Paul about an application form or pick one up at the back of the Church. When all forms have been received you will be contacted early in the New Year to attend an initial meeting to discuss further.

YOUNG ADULT ADVENT RETREAT

The Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ) Sisters are holding an Advent Retreat for young adults (people aged 18-35) on Saturday 18 December from 10.30am to 2.30pm at the FCJ Spirituality Centre in Somers Town. The day will include some input, a time of prayer and reflection and sharing with others on the theme of Advent. To book your place, email: bookings.fcjcentre@fcjhouse-somerstown.co.uk.

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.

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.

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 10am to 11:30am - Our last coffee morning will be on 15th December and we will resume again in the New Year from the 12th January.

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.

HOLY SOULS MASSES

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

KNIGHTS OF ST. COLUMBA - CHRISTMAS APPEAL

The Knight's of St. Columba Welling Council 294 would like to thank all parishioners for your kind and generous donations. Their Christmas Appeal raised a total of £149.13p.

A DAY WITH MARY

Saturday 18th December 2021 - 10am to 5pm at St George Cathedral, Lambeth Road, London SE1 6HR.

Saturday 1st January 2022 - 10am to 5pm at Sacred Heart Church, Edge Hill, Wimbledon, London SW19 4LU. See notice board/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/>.

THE ST. BARNABAS SOCIETY

The St. Barnabas Society has been supporting converts every year as they join the Church and many commence ministry, often having given up both financial security and friends. The demand for their support has continued to rise especially during the pandemic. On their 125th Anniversary this year they are making an appeal for funding so that their mission work can continue. If you are able to support their work, please contact the Director, Father Paul Martin, on 01865 513377 or visit the website at www.stbarnabassociety.org.uk. Alternatively you can send your donation to St. Barnabas Society, Windsor House, Sandy Lane, Oxford OX4 6LB.

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 St Mary's Team thanks all parishioners who donated to the Christmas Toy Appeal.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

<p>Saturday 11th December (Vigil Mass) 6.30pm</p> <p>Sunday 12th December 8.30am 10.00am 11.30am</p> <p>Monday 13th December 9.30am</p> <p>Tuesday 14th December 9.45am</p> <p>Wednesday 15th December 9.30am</p> <p>Thursday 16th December 9.30am</p> <p>Friday 17th December 9.30am</p> <p>Saturday 18th December 9.30am</p>	<p>Third Sunday of Advent Year C Mary Keavney RIP</p> <p>Third Sunday of Advent Year C Alice Comer RIP Parishioners Dick Tooher and Joe Fitzpatrick RIP</p> <p>St. Lucy Virgin and Martyr Joe Hourigan RIP</p> <p>Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church Marion Beadle RIP</p> <p>Feria Intention of Moreen Hegarty</p> <p>Feria Intention of Vilma Pinto</p> <p>Feria Estela Kadi Perera RIP</p> <p>Feria Noel Murphy RIP</p>
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Collection	5th December
Cash	£279.30
Gift Aid	£286.00
Total	£565.30
Monthly Standing Order	£4274.00

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.

***Create a pure heart in me, O God, and put a new and loyal spirit in me.
Psalm 51:10***