

ST. LAWRENCE OF CANTERBURY R C CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR C - 6TH MARCH 2022

(Psalter Week 1)

Entrance Antiphon: ***When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.***

Communion Antiphon: ***One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.***

Everyone is encouraged to **CONTINUE WEARING FACE MASKS**. Sanitisers will continue to be made available.

If you would like to book a Mass Intention, please contact Jeanette in the parish office. Alternatively please use the Mass Intention Envelopes available at the back of the church and put it through the office letter box with your contact number.

The recommended Stipend by the Archdiocese for a Mass Intention is £10.

Lent is a season of opportunity in which we can take stock of where we are in our life of faith and perhaps consider where we may like to be.

Through the tried and tested practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving we can submit ourselves to God's grace and ask him to enrich and deepen our Christian life.

During this season I pray that we will all grow in faith, both as individuals and as a community gathered around our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

May we all have a great Lent.

Fr. Paul

YOUNG ADULTS PRAYER EVENING - WEDNESDAY 9TH MARCH AT 7PM

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

ROSARY - FRIDAYS AFTER MASS

A parish initiative to pray the rosary has commenced on Fridays after Mass. Please speak with Mary Wells, or just join in after Mass.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - FRIDAYS 10AM - 12:00 Noon

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on Fridays after the 9:30am Mass until 12:00noon. Sign up sheets are available at the back of the Church. We require two names for each available time slot.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS - FRIDAYS 12NOON

Stations of the cross will be on Fridays after the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

SATURDAY MORNING PRAYER

The Saturday morning prayer starts at 8:45am followed by the rosary and then Mass.

ST. LAWRENCE'S CHURCH GIFT AID SCHEME - ENVELOPES/DONATIONS

For those of you already on the scheme thank you for your continued support. The weekly donor boxes of envelopes for the next tax year will be distributed after all masses over the next 3 weekends, as well as the smaller packs of envelopes for second collections for the Standing Order Donors. If you are a Standing Order Donor, it could be that you have paid the same amount for many years, might you consider a small increase? Just to remind you that you must be a UK tax payer to use this scheme. If you no longer pay tax please contact me as soon as possible.

For those of you unfamiliar with the scheme, if you are a UK Tax Payer we are able to reclaim tax paid on all your donations. We simply need your name and address and a record of your donations by either using a monthly standing order, or by placing your cash/cheque donations in a pre-printed envelope each week. If you would like more information, please see one of the representatives outside Mass over the next three weekends, or contact me direct.

Many Thanks Nick Wells nickjohnwells@hotmail.com 07986 348013

The 9:30am Mass on Thursday 24th March is replaced by the funeral Mass at 10am.

DEATH NOTICES

1. Funeral Mass for Bridget Mary Spaul will take place on Thursday 24th March at 10:00am followed by burial at Sidcup Cemetery at 11:30am.
2. Funeral Mass for Mary Catherine O'Connell will take place on Wednesday 6th April at 11:00am followed by cremation at Eltham Crematorium at 12:30pm. Mary will be brought into the Church at 4pm on Tuesday 5th April.

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

WEDNESDAY COFFEE MORNING

A coffee morning is held in the parish hall on Wednesdays from 10am to 11:30am. Please come along and meet up with fellow parishioners. The Repository will be open during the coffee morning.

SUNDAY COFFEE MORNINGS

The coffee mornings are held after the 8:30am and 10:00am Mass on Sundays. Please come along. Volunteers are needed to run the coffee mornings. If you are able to help please speak to Michael in the hall after Mass. The Repository will be open during the coffee morning and will close at 12:00noon.

CTS BOOKS AND LEAFLETS

Spiritual Books and Leaflets from CTS are available at the back of the church, please put the money in the box at the back of the church.

CAFOD LENT APPEAL - FAMILY FAST DAY - 11TH MARCH

CAFOD Family Fast Day is on Friday 11th March, a day when we eat simply and give generously to support parents around the world with expert training in farming and advice on nutrition and health care so parents can help their children grow big and strong. Your small act of love this Lent will make a big difference to many communities affected by extreme hunger and children suffering from malnutrition. You can donate in church using a CAFOD envelope or scan the QR code on the poster or by visiting the CAFOD website <https://cafod.org.uk/Give/Donate-to-CAFOD/Lent-Appeal>
Go to <https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Family-Fast-Day> to find out more about how the money you donate can help our sisters and brothers around the world fight poverty and hunger.

SOUTHWARK MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE TEAM EVENT

“Grief in Loss, Hope in Christ Retreat” - On Friday 18th – Sunday 20th March 2022 at Aylesford Priory. Mourning the loss of a loved one, trying to cope with feeling out of control, this retreat is a space away for you. To book and an opportunity to find out more please telephone Aylesford Priory on 01622 717272.

SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN RETREAT FOR LENT - “SAVING GRACE”

Make some space to develop your relationship with God this Lent. Sign up for our Diocesan ‘retreat at home’ called **Saving Grace**. Every week you will receive an email with links to a 25minute video in which our Archbishop John will introduce the theme and the reading, Chris Chapman will deliver the retreat, with others contributing. You will also receive materials to use in your own prayer and reflection.

All you have to do is sign up and then set aside what space you can for Saving Grace! Visit: <https://www.southwarkdsc.org.uk/savinggrace>.

For further details and to sign up visit: http://eepurl.com/hnK_Rz.

For enquiries please email spirituality@rcaos.org.uk.

CHILDREN’S LITURGY

‘Celebrate’ is a free initiative designed to help children grow in their faith from Redemptorist Publications. Each week they will provide the Children’s Liturgy in the form of a video of the week’s Gospel reading, a reflection and a final prayer.

Visit the link: <https://www.rpbooks.co.uk/celebrate-following-your-faith>.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 5th March (Vigil Mass)

6.30pm

First Sunday of Lent Year C

People of the Parish

Sunday 6th March

8.30am

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Holy Souls

10.00am

Noreen Mary Drury RIP

11.30am

In Thanksgiving Obah Family

Monday 7th March

Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

9.30am

Angela Nadarajah RIP

Tuesday 8th March

Feria

9.45am

Mary Margaret Brennan RIP

Wednesday 9th March

Feria

9.30am

Gwen Lane RIP

Thursday 10th March

Feria

9.30am

Tony Steventon RIP

Friday 11th March

Feria

9.30am

George Martin RIP

Saturday 12th March

Feria

9.30am

Mary Alice Howes RIP

The Sacrament of Penance is available on Saturday mornings from 11am until the final confession and by prior arrangement.

Collection	27th February 2022	Clergy Support Fund	
Cash	£109.35	Cash	£ 632.92
Gift Aid	£359.47	Gift Aid	£1160.00
Total	£468.82	Total	£1792.92
Monthly Standing Order	£4220		

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 in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.
Palms 51:10***