

## ST. LAWRENCE OF CANTERBURY R C CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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### THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR C - 20TH MARCH 2022

*(Psalter Week 3)*

Entrance Antiphon: ***My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.***

Communion Antiphon: ***For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.***

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***

## **2ND COLLECTION TODAY IS FOR THE UKRAINE APPEAL**

The Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) are appealing for money to buy medical and surgical supplies for the people in Ukraine. There will be a special second collection at all Masses on the 19th/20th March. The amount raised will be matched by the government. Thank you for your generosity.

Hand made candles by Lucia will be available in the hall on Wednesdays and Sundays during the coffee mornings. Half the proceeds will go towards the Ukraine Appeal.

## **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. We are looking for different people to lead the stations each week. Sign up sheet at the back of the Church.

## **LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE**

This year's Lenten Service of Reconciliation will be held jointly between Sidcup and Blackfen Parishes to make available the Sacrament of Confession in preparation for Easter. The service will take place at Our Lady of the Rosary at Blackfen, 330a Burnt Oak Lane, DA15 8LW, on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm.**

## **REPOSITORY**

The Repository in the Church Hall will be open on Wednesdays during the coffee morning and on Sundays after the 8:30am Mass and will close at 12:00noon. Easter Cards, First Holy Communion Cards and Gifts are on sale.

## **FOOD BANK**

We have re-commenced collecting food items in the bins at the back of the Church for the food bank run by our local churches. A list of the items needed is displayed at the back of the Church.

The 9:30am Mass on Thursday 24th March and Wednesday 6th April are replaced by the Funeral Masses.

## **DEATH NOTICES**

1. Funeral Mass for Bridget Mary (Maura) 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.
3. With sadness we announce that Kathleen Metcalf passed away on Sunday 6th March. To date no funeral details have been received.

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

## **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](mailto:nickjohnwells@hotmail.com) 07986 348013

### **Support Your Parish by Standing Order**

It is of great benefit to the parish if its members are able to sign up to a regular monthly standing order. If you are able to do so please complete a form that is available at the back of the Church. If you are a tax payer, please gift aid your donation. Thank you.

### **PARISH COFFEE MORNINGS**

The coffee mornings are held after the 8:30am and 10:00am Mass on Sundays and on Wednesdays from 10am to 11:30am. Please come along and meet up with fellow parishioners.

### **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.

### **PACT - STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

This Lent PACT, the major Catholic prisons charity, is sharing with parishes a new Stations of the Cross liturgy. PACT invites you to use the stations of the cross liturgy during Lent. You can download the stations of the cross liturgy by visiting the website link: <https://www.prisonadvice.org.uk/stations-of-the-cross>.

### **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**.

Visit: <https://www.southwarkdsc.org.uk/savinggrace>.

For further details and to sign up visit: [http://eepurl.com/hnK\\_Rz](http://eepurl.com/hnK_Rz).

For enquiries please email [spirituality@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:spirituality@rcaos.org.uk).

### **WINTERSHALL PASSION PLAY**

After a break of two years due to the pandemic, Wintershall will once again be performing Passion of Jesus Christ in Trafalgar Square on Good Friday 15th of April 2022 at 12 noon and 3:15pm. The play takes place in the open air and has been extremely popular in previous years, so arrival in good time in order to obtain a seat on the steps or elsewhere around the Square is recommended. Tickets are not required.

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

<p><b>Saturday 19th March (Vigil Mass)</b> 6.30pm</p> <p><b>Sunday 20th March</b> 8.30am 10.00am 11.30am</p> <p><b>Monday 21st March</b> 9.30am</p> <p><b>Tuesday 22nd March</b> 9.45am</p> <p><b>Wednesday 23rd March</b> 9.30am</p> <p><b>Thursday 24th March</b> 10.00am</p> <p><b>Friday 25th March</b> 9.30am</p> <p><b>Saturday 26th March</b> 9.30am</p>	<p><b>Third Sunday of Lent Year C</b> Jimmy McElroy RIP</p> <p><b>Third Sunday of Lent Year C</b> People of the Parish Tim Aseervatham RIP Adrian Charles Healy RIP</p> <p><b>Feria</b> Gwen Lane RIP</p> <p><b>Feria</b> Roseanne Travers RIP</p> <p><b>Feria</b> Intentions of Eula and John Mascarenhas</p> <p><b>Funeral Mass</b> Funeral Mass of Maura Spauld RIP</p> <p><b>Solemnity of The Annunciation of The Lord</b> Intention of Mary Healy</p> <p><b>Feria</b> Intention of James D'Silva</p>
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The Sacrament of Penance is available on Saturday mornings from 11am until the final confession and by prior arrangement.

Collection	13th March 2022	CAFOD Lent Appeal	
Cash	£224.21	Cash	£ 83.69
Gift Aid	£261.70	Gift Aid	£423.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£485.91</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£506.69</b>
Monthly Standing Order	£4159		

Please keep in your prayers the people of Ukraine and 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.

***Have mercy on me, O God, according to thy steadfast love; according to thy abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Psalms 51:1***