

## ST. LAWRENCE OF CANTERBURY R C CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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### FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR C LAETARE SUNDAY - 27TH MARCH 2022

*(Psalter Week 4)*

Entrance Antiphon: ***Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.***

Communion Antiphon: ***You must rejoice, my son, for your brother was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.***

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***

Fr. Paul will be away from the parish from Monday 28th March to Friday 1st April as he has been asked to attend a Conference with the Congregation of Clergy in Rome.

### **UKRAINE APPEAL**

The Ukraine Appeal last weekend raised a total of £2350.37. The money will be sent to the Disasters Emergency Committee for the charity CAFOD. Thank you for your generosity and please continue to pray for an end to the conflict.

Hand made candles by Lucia for Mother's Day will be available in the hall on Sunday 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, Confirmation Cards and Gifts are on sale.

### **MARIST WAY**

The next meeting of the Marist Way group will be on Saturday 2nd April after the 9:30am Mass in the upper room of the hall. All are welcome.

The 9:30am Mass on Wednesday 6th April and on Monday 25th April are replaced by the Funeral Masses. The 9:30am Mass on Wednesday 13th April has been cancelled due to the Archdiocesan Chrism Mass at St. George's Cathedral.

### **DEATH NOTICES**

1. 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.
2. Funeral Mass for George Thomas Henley will take place on Monday 25th April at 10:00am followed by cremation at Eltham Crematorium at 11:30am.

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.

### **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.

### **ALL NIGHT VIGIL - FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH**

On Friday 1st April at 10:00pm at St. Anselm's Church, 89 West Hill, Dartford, DA1 2HJ. The Vigil Mass starts at 10:00pm followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with devotions throughout the night and time for silent prayer. Benediction will be at 5:45am followed by Mass at 6:00am. All are welcome to come for an hour or more to adore Our Lord. The church is open all night and has good parking facilities. Please see the poster on the notice board for more details.

### **BACH - ST. JOHN PASSION**

The BYMT Adult Choir will be performing Bach's St John Passion on Palm Sunday, April 10th at 6pm at All Saints' Church, Orpington, Bark Hart Road, BR6 0QD. It will be performed in English so people attending will be able to reflect on the Passion of Christ. Tickets cost £10 and are available at: [www.bymt.co.uk/events](http://www.bymt.co.uk/events) or by phone on 0208 467 1566. Please see poster at the back of the Church for details.

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**Saturday 26th March (Vigil Mass) Fourth Sunday of Lent Year C**

6.30pm

In Thanksgiving Jessica Alcuizar

**Sunday 27th March**

**Fourth Sunday of Lent Year C**

8.30am

Charlie Keeley RIP

10.00am

People of the Parish

11.30am

Agnes Gray RIP

**Monday 28th March**

**Feria**

9.30am

Eileen Maxted RIP

**Tuesday 29th March**

**Feria**

9.45am

Mary Stubbs RIP

**Wednesday 30th March**

**Feria**

9.30am

Michael Kelly RIP

**Thursday 31st March**

**Feria**

9.30am

Agnes Medley RIP

**Friday 1st April**

**Feria**

9.30am

Intention of James D'Silva

**Saturday 2nd April**

**Feria**

9.30am

William John Griffith RIP

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

Collection	20th March 2022	Ukraine Appeal	
Cash	£172.75	Cash	£1250.37
Gift Aid	£462.00	Gift Aid	£1100.00
Total	£634.75	Total	£2350.37
Monthly Standing Order	£4159		

Please pray for all the people affected due to the conflict in Ukraine and for 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.

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