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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER - DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - 24TH APRIL 2022

(Psalter Week 2)

Entrance Antiphon: ***Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.***

Communion Antiphon: ***Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.***

If you would like to book a Mass Intention, 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.

Fr. Paul thanks you all for your generous Easter collection, cards, presents and kind words of support and appreciation.

Repository - First Holy Communion/Confirmation cards and gifts will be on sale in the front entrance of the church hall on the morning of this Saturday and next Saturday 30th April, as well as at the usual times during the coffee mornings on Wednesdays and after the Sundays Masses. Card payments cannot be accepted.

The 2nd Collection today is for the maintenance of St. George's Cathedral, Southwark, the mother church of the diocese. This collection helps meet the cost of the upkeep of the cathedral.

He is Risen!

Alleluia,

Alleluia,

Alleluia!

May the peace of the risen Christ be with you all.

Fr. Peter.

TODAY IS DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Divine Mercy Sunday is a very special Sunday when the Divine Floodgates from Heaven are wide-opened and Jesus offers the total forgiveness of all sins and punishment to any soul, who goes to Confession and receives Him in Holy Communion today.

The 9:30am Mass on Monday 25th April, Thursday 5th May and Thursday 12th May are replaced by the Funeral Masses.

DEATH NOTICES

1. Funeral Mass for TL George Thomas Henley will take place on Monday 25th April at 10:00am followed by cremation at Eltham Crematorium at 11:30am.
2. Funeral Service for TL Kathleen Mary Hooker will take place at Eltham Crematorium North Chapel on Monday 25th April 2022 at 4:15pm.
3. Funeral Mass for TL Kathleen Delores Metcalf will take place on Thursday 5th May at 10:00am followed by burial at Sidcup Cemetery at 11:30am.
4. Funeral Mass for TL Margaret Padmore will take place on Thursday 12th May at 10:00am followed by burial at 12noon at St. Werburgh Church Cemetery, Church Street, Hoo Rochester Kent ME3 9AL.
5. Funeral Mass for TL Margaret Rawlings will take place on Friday 13th May at 9:00am at Christchurch Eltham, 229 Eltham High Street, London SE9 1TX.

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

PRIEST TRAINING FUND - SECOND COLLECTION 8TH MAY

The priesthood has always been essential to the life of the Church, from the time of Jesus until today. Good Shepherd Sunday is the day we pray for vocations, for our priests, and take up the Priest Training Fund second collection. This fund pays for the formation of men to become priests in our Archdiocese.

After their ordination, our priests dedicate their lives to serving Christ and His people in our parishes, hospitals, schools, chaplaincies, prisons and in service to the needy, throughout South London, Kent and Surrey. We are blessed to have 6 men in formation to the Priesthood for our Archdiocese. However, it costs £30,000 a year to sponsor each seminarian. They study for 6 years before being ordained a Catholic priest.

We therefore rely on your generous support and prayers. Please support our priests of the future with a gift today.

Thank you.

- Donate Online: www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/PTF
- Or Scan QR Code using telephone camera (right)
- Telephone weekdays 9 am – 5 pm: 020 7960 2504
- Cash / Cheque – please use the Priest Training Fund envelopes at the back of church.



BEXLEY MUSIC CONCERT - IN AID OF THE CRISIS IN UKRAINE

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: On Saturday 30th April at 2.30pm St. Lawrence's will be hosting a charity concert given by Bexley Music (Bexley Youth Orchestra, Little Big Band and Bexley Youth Band) in aid of the crisis in Ukraine. Organised by Sidcup Rotary Club and Inner Wheel, proceeds will be channelled through the 52 Rotary Clubs in Ukrainian cities and also used to support Ukrainian refugees. Tickets cost £10 for adults, £5 for children and concessions. Refreshments will be provided in the Community Centre. There will be a raffle and an opportunity to make donations.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN SIDCUP

For the first time since its involvement in Churches Together in Sidcup, St. Lawrence's may be without representation on the 5-person committee, which comprises individuals from each of the 4 main denominations, meeting 5 times a year. This would not be an onerous task, as there is ample support from fellow parishioners. Anyone interested in taking on this duty is invited to attend CTiS's AGM on Tuesday, 26th April, at the Redeemed Christian Church of God, New Eltham, commencing 7.45 for 8pm.

WEDNESDAY COFFEE MORNING - UKRAINE FUNDRAISER

The Ukraine Fundraiser event was absolutely wonderful, over 45 people attended. A staggering £274 was raised for the appeal. We would like to thank everyone who attended and especially a big thank you to those who baked and to all the coffee morning volunteers who worked so hard to put on the event. Coffee Morning Team.

A DAY WITH MARY

1. **Saturday 30th April** - 9:30am to 5:30pm at Westminster Cathedral, 42 Francis Street, London SW1P 1QW.
2. **Saturday 7th May** - 9:30am to 5:30pm at St. Mary of the Crays, 111 Old Road, Crayford DA1 4DN.

See the notice board for details or visit www.adaywithmary.org.

QUIZ NIGHT

Inner Wheel of Sidcup are having a Quiz Night in aid of SLCF on Friday 6th May at 7.30pm at Sidcup Sports Club in Sydney Road. For tickets please contact Chris Head-Rapson on 07789 343632 or Helen Bacon on 07960 243947. Tickets are £7 each. There is a cheap cash bar at the club. Please bring your own nibbles.

NSPCC FUNDRAISER APPEAL

One of our parishioner, Catherine Culbert will cycling 300Kms during the month of April to raise funds for NSPCC. You can donate to her JustGiving page by visiting the link: https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/catherine-culbert?utm_source=Sharethis&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=catherine-culbert&utm_campaign=pfp-email&utm_term=0bac770efb364a3b9703efe3bf74cc88.

ALTAR SERVERS RALLY AYLESFORD PRIORY - 2ND MAY 2022

The 44th Annual Altar Servers Rally will take place on Monday 2nd May 2022 at 10:00am at The Friars, Aylesford Priory, Aylesford, Kent, ME20 7BX. See notice board.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 23rd April 6.30pm	Second Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy Sunday Martha Marie White
Sunday 24th April 8.30am 10.00am 11.30am	Second Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy Sunday Seamus Murphy RIP Margaret McDonald RIP People of the Parish
Monday 25th April 10.00am	Funeral Mass Funeral Mass of George Thomas Henley RIP
Tuesday 26th April 9.45am	Saint George, Martyr, Patron of England John Unthank RIP
Wednesday 27th April 9.30am	Feria Tony Steventon RIP
Thursday 28th April 9.30am	Saint Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr Beatrice O'Sullivan RIP and deceased family members
Friday 29th April 9.30am	Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church Marian and Fred Coe
Saturday 30th April 9.30am	Saint Pius V, Pope Wellbeing of Karen and Children

Collection	17th April 2022	Good Friday - Holy Places	
Cash	£1742.41	Cash	£35.00
Gift Aid	£1941.22	Gift Aid	£50.00
Total	£3683.63	Total	£85.00
Monthly Standing Order	£4449		

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.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. 1 Peter 1:3