

## ST. LAWRENCE OF CANTERBURY R C CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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### 18TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR C - 31ST JULY 2022

*(Psalter Week 2)*

Entrance Antiphon: ***O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.***

Responsorial Psalm: ***O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next.***

Communion Antiphon: ***You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.***

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.

August Break - Jeanette will be away from Thursday 11th August returning on Tuesday 30th August. Fr. Paul will be away from Monday 15th August returning on Saturday 20th August, Fr. Bryan Wells will cover the parish during this week.

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

The Repository will be open on Sundays after the 8:30am Mass until 12noon. The Sunday Coffee Mornings will remain open during August.

**NO ADORATION ON FRIDAYS IN AUGUST.** The Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays 10am to 12noon will resume in September.

Have a blessed week.

***Fr. Paul.***

## **SYNOD 2023: NATIONAL SYNTHESIS DOCUMENT**

The National Synthesis Document reflecting the responses from each diocese in England and Wales for next year's Synod in Rome has now been published. You can access the document by visiting the link <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2022/06/synod-national-synthesis-england-wales.pdf>

The document has taken into account the views expressed by parishes, schools, groups and various other contributors. As you will see many of the themes and issues which emerged from our parish consultation are included in the final document. Many thanks to everyone who participated in this process.

Pat & Tony Slonecki.

## **APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT PRIEST - FR. ALLAN MACDONALD**

I am delighted to announce that Archbishop John Wilson has appointed Fr. Allan MacDonald as assistant priest at St Lawrence's, Sidcup. Fr. Allan was ordained to the sacred priesthood on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2022 at St. George's Cathedral. Fr. Allan will take up his appointment in early September 2022. We are most fortunate and very grateful that we are to receive an assistant priest who will begin his priestly ministry in our community. I know you will make him very welcome.

## **WELCOMING MINISTRY**

Thank you to those parishioners who have already volunteered to be part of this ministry. At present we do not have enough people to get this up and running. It was a very clear message from the parish consultation for the Synod from both the stewards and parishioners generally, that this role was valued and appreciated. Many relationships have continued to grow since. A friendly face and a kind word of welcome means so much and truly reflects what we want to be as a welcoming church. Please consider joining us so that this work can continue. Email [sidcup@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:sidcup@rcaos.org.uk) and state your preferred Mass. Thank you. Pat Slonecki.

## **UKRAINE APPEALS**

The Bexley Music Concert that took place at St. Lawrence's on the 30th April raised a total of £5000 for the Ukraine Crisis. The £5000 was channelled through the 52 Rotary Clubs in Ukrainian cities and also used to support Ukrainian refugees. The parish also raised an additional £3302.10 through a 2nd collection, parish coffee morning, candle sale and an evening of music and poems. The cheque for £3302.10 was sent to CAFOD for their Disaster Emergency Committee work in Ukraine. Thank you to everyone who organised the events and to all the parishioners for supporting the appeals and for your generosity.

## **MARIST WAY**

The next meeting of the Marist Way group will be on Saturday 6th August after the 9:30am Mass in the upper room of the hall. Come along all are welcome to attend.

## **DEATH NOTICES**

1. Funeral Mass for the late Robert Peter Bartlett will take place on Thursday 4th August at 9:30am followed by cremation at Eltham Crematorium at 11:00am. Robert will be brought into the Church at 4:30pm on Wednesday 3rd August.

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

## **VOLUNTEER NEEDED FOR PARISH COMMUNICATIONS ROLE**

We are looking for a volunteer to assist us with communications within the parish. The role will involve reviewing how we communicate both with paper and through online media and implementing these initiatives. If you wish to volunteer for this role please send an email the parish office at [sidcup@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:sidcup@rcaos.org.uk).

## **PARISH BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY**

We would like to set up a Bereavement Support Group in the Parish and need four or more volunteers to run the Support Group. A one day intensive training course will give volunteers a good foundation to help in this ministry. Volunteers will need to be DBS checked. If you wish to volunteer for this ministry please email your contact details to [sidcup@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:sidcup@rcaos.org.uk) and write 'Parish Bereavement Ministry' in the subject line.

## **SINGLE MOTHERS IN DIFFICULTY CHARITY ALBUM**

Long distance former parishioner Hugh Duncan has created an album with his band Old Age Saints, called Mary Magdalene and is selling it to raise money for single mothers in difficulty: Alma Mater Fund <https://www.spuc.org.uk/Get-Involved/Education/Alma-Mater-Fund> and Les Maisons Bethleem <http://www.udv-asso.fr/maisons-bethleem/>. You can listen to one song if you wish 'Talking to Mary' on Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yCjAZyrlEal>. His CD will be on sale after Mass during the weekend 6th/7th August, £10 cash or cheque and as a CD or mp3 (USB key or SD card needed). Visit <https://radiomariaengland.uk/special-programme-mary-magdalene/>. See poster for details or contact Hugh: [hughduncan39@gmail.com](mailto:hughduncan39@gmail.com) or phone 0208 300 7077 (first half of August). Thank you for your support. Hugh Duncan.

## **ST LAWRENCE CHARITABLE FUND**

As a registered charity SLCF has provided help to those in need, mostly in the form of household goods. We are grateful for the support of parishioners and others within the local community over the past 34 years. Unfortunately requests for help, especially over the past two years have increased, sadly our funds are depleted by half, not matched by incoming donations.

- Could you help by fundraising on our behalf, as an individual or group?
- Consider starting, or increasing a standing order, see website [www.slcfc.co.uk](http://www.slcfc.co.uk)
- Please nominate SLCF for a grant via [www.movementforgood.com](http://www.movementforgood.com) and enter our charity number 800344 in the 'nominate a charity' box. It only takes a few minutes.

Please pray for us that we may have the resources to continue in our work, and may God bless you for your continued generosity. Thank you, Teresa Haverty, Chair SLCF.

## **ARCHDIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK JOB VACANCY**

The Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis is looking for a Departmental Administrator on a part-time, 1-year fixed-term (initially) contract. The successful candidate will support *Some Definite Service*, the diocesan approach for parish growth in evangelisation, catechesis, and formation supported through local people, plans, and prayer. Closing date is 5 August 2022. For more information, please visit: <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/latest/job-vacancy>.

## **THE FRIARS AYLESFORD, RETREAT GRIEF IN LOSS, HOPE IN CHRIST**

This retreat is for anyone who is mourning the loss of a loved one. It is a space for you to grieve, remember, hope and give thanks for your loved one in the light of the Resurrection of Jesus. The retreat will take place from 7th-9th October at Aylesford Priory, The Friars ME20 7BY. To book Tel: 01622 717272 / email [retreat@thefriars.org.uk](mailto:retreat@thefriars.org.uk).

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**Saturday 30th July**

6.30pm

**18th Sunday of the Year C**

Bill Stacey RIP

**Sunday 31st July**

8.30am

**18th Sunday of the Year C**

The People of the Parish

10.00am

John Wilsdon RIP

11.30am

Margaret Whelan RIP

**Monday 1st August**

9.30am

**Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

Maurice Madden RIP

**Tuesday 2nd August**

9.45am

**Saint Peter Julian Eymard, Priest**

Joao and Monica Vas RIP

**Wednesday 3rd August**

9.30am

**Feria**

Charles and Josephine Fernandes RIP

**Thursday 4th August**

9.30am

**Funeral Mass**

Funeral Mass of Robert Peter Bartlett RIP

**Friday 5th August**

9.30am

**The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major**

Norah Turner RIP

**Saturday 6th August**

9.30am

**The Transfiguration of the Lord**

Intentions of Sean and Karen

Collection	24th July 2022
Cash	£262.27
Gift Aid	£343.72
Total	£605.99
Monthly Standing Order	£4666

Please pray for all 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.

***You, Lord, are all I have, and you give me all I need; my future is in your hands. How wonderful are your gifts to me; how good they are! Psalms 16:5-6***