ST. LAWRENCE OF CANTERBURY R C CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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19TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR C - 7TH AUGUST 2022

(Psalter Week 3)

Entrance Antiphon: Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

Responsorial Psalm: Happy the people the Lord has chosen as his own.

Communion Antiphon: O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

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 <u>https://www.cbcew.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2022/06/synod-national-synthesis-england-wales.pdf</u>

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.

MARCH FOR LIFE - SATURDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER 2022 - This year marks the sad milestone of 10 million abortions in the UK since the 1967 Abortion Act. It is more important than ever that all people of goodwill, and especially Catholics, give public witness to the infinite dignity of human life. You can do so at the annual March for Life held on **Saturday, 3rd September**. Bishop John Sherrington will celebrate Mass at 11.00am at St. George's Cathedral, Southwark. The March starts at the Emmanuel Centre, Marsham Street, SW1P 3DW at 2.00pm, proceeding to Parliament Square, where there will be testimony and speeches, with the day concluding at 4.30 pm. For details see the poster on the notice board or visit <u>https://www.marchforlife.co.uk/</u>.

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 <u>sidcup@rcaos.org.uk</u> 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.

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 <u>https://www.spuc.org.uk/Get-Involved/Education/</u> <u>Alma-Mater-Fund</u> and Les Maisons Bethleem <u>http://www.udv-asso.fr/maisons-</u> <u>bethleem/</u>. You can listen to one song if you wish 'Talking to Mary' on Youtube: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yCjAZyrIEal</u>. His CD will be on sale after Mass during theis weekend, £10 cash or cheque and as a CD or mp3 (USB key or SD card needed). Visit <u>https://radiomariaengland.uk/special-programme-mary-magdalene/</u>. See poster for details or contact Hugh: <u>hughduncan39@gmail.com</u> or phone 0208 300 7077 (first half of August). Thank you for your support. Hugh Duncan.

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 <u>sidcup@rcaos.org.uk</u>.

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 <u>sidcup@rcaos.org.uk</u> and write 'Parish Bereavement Ministry' in the subject line.

SIDCUP FOODBANK AT NEW COMMUNITY CHURCH SIDCUP

Just a reminder that there are two foodbank bins at the back of the church. If you are able to provide any non-perishable essentials for a weekly shop such as pasta, soup, beans, tea, coffee, sauces, tinned fish, squash, sugar, canned vegetables etc. Please put them in the bins. Anything you may be able to give would be gratefully accepted. For info please contact me. Thanks Nick Wells 07986 348013.

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 <u>www.slcf.co.uk</u>
- Please nominate SLCF for a grant via <u>www.movementforgood.com</u> 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.

A DAY WITH MARY

Saturday 27th August - 10:00am to 5:30pm at St. George's Cathedral, Lambeth Road SE1 6HR. See the notice board or visit <u>www.adaywithmary.org</u>.

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 <u>retreat@thefriars.org.uk</u>.

APPRENTICESHIP AT THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK

The Archdiocese of Southwark are seeking an apprentice to work within the Fundraising & Gift Aid team in their central offices (located Lambeth North). If you, would like to earn a level 3 Business Administrator Standard while supporting the work of the Catholic Church visit <u>https://www.rcaos.org.uk/fundraising/apprenticeship</u>.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 6th August	19th Sunday of the Year C
6.30pm	Christine Llanes and Ted Mejillano RIP
Sunday 7th August	19th Sunday of the Year C
8.30am	John Jo Flood RIP
10.00am	The People of the Parish
11.30am	Intention of Giselle Cesar
Monday 8th August	Saint Dominic, Priest
9.30am	John Wilsdon RIP
Tuesday 9th August	Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein), Virgin and Martyr, Patron of Europe
9.45am	John Wilsdon RIP
Wednesday 10th August	Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr
9.30am	Joaquim and Avelina Fernandes RIP
Thursday 11th August	Saint Clare, Virgin
9.30am	Margaret Padmore RIP
Friday 12th August	Feria
9.30am	Robert Pereira RIP
Saturday 13th August	The Blessed Virgin Mary
9.30am	Barbara Cabral RIP

Collection	31st July 2022
Cash	£297.00
Gift Aid	£224.21
Total	£521.21
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.

On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul. Psalms 138:3