ST. LAWRENCE OF CANTERBURY R C CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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27TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR C - 2ND OCTOBER 2022

(Psalter Week 3)

Entrance Antiphon: Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

Responsorial Psalm: O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

Communion Antiphon: The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

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 .

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.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays 10am to 12noon. The Saturday morning prayer starts at 8:45am followed by the rosary and then Mass.

Have a blessed week.

Fr. Paul.

Fr. Paul will be away on a Vocations Director Conference from Monday 3rd to Friday 7th October. Please pray for an increase in Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life in the Archdiocese of Southwark.

REINTRODUCTION OF COLLECTION BASKETS AT THE WEEKEND MASSES

Please will a team of volunteers take up the collection after the prayers of the faithful. Four people per Mass and place all the baskets directly in the sacristy for safe keeping.

OCTOBER THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY

The practice of the rosary is an effective prayer to be prayed individually, as a family and as a community. Praying through the intercession of Our Blessed Mother, the Mother of our Church leads us to her Son as St Louis de Montfort said 'To Jesus through Mary'. Please feel free to join in on Fridays after Mass and on Saturdays before Mass.

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION AFTER WEDNESDAY MORNING MASS

Parishioners have expressed a desire to form a group who will pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet after Mass on Wednesday mornings. Please feel free to join this group. Devotional prayer such as Divine Mercy can be a very effective form of prayer both for the individual, the group and the wider parish community. This will commence on the 5th October the Memorial day of the canonisation of St. Faustina Kowalska. Divine Mercy Prayer Leaflets are available at the back of the church.

RELICS OF SAINT BERNADETTE OF LOURDES

A coach has been booked for Tuesday 25th October so we can go as a parish group on pilgrimage to Aylesford to visit the relics of St Bernadette Soubirous of Lourdes. The coach will depart from the church at 10.30am on Tuesday 25th October and leave Aylesford at 3.00pm. Costs to cover the travel will be by voluntary donation however we suggest £15 per person. If you wish to travel as part of a parish group please write your name on the clipboard at the back of the church and place your donation in an envelope with your name on it and hand it in to the office. There are 25 seats left on the coach. Please bring a packed lunch on the day.

For further details of the Relics of St Bernadette pilgrimage please visit the link <u>https://www.stbernadette.org.uk/the-tour/</u>.

DEATH NOTICES

- 1. Funeral Mass for Patricia Mary Soleil RIP will take place on Tuesday 11th October at 11:30am followed by cremation at Kemnal Park Crematorium at 12:45pm.
- The Funeral service for John Somerset RIP will take place at St. John's Sidcup DA14 6BX on Thursday 6th October at 2pm followed by burial at 3pm at Kemnal Park Cemetery.

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

ANNUAL MASS COUNT 2022

The diocesan annual mass count will continue today and over next Sunday. Volunteers please collect and return the tally counters from the sacristy before and after the Mass.

PARISH PRAYER GROUP

The Parish Prayer Group will recommence its meetings on Monday 3rd of October 2022. The time of the meetings will be at the new time of 3.00 - 4.00pm in the upstairs room of the hall (SLCC) and followed by tea. Everyone is welcome.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY - WORLD FOOD CRISIS APPEAL - 7TH OCTOBER

Millions of families are facing a food crisis that could be the worst in living memory. As each day goes by, the situation worsens. As people of faith we must act. Your donations can help CAFOD's local experts to provide emergency food supplies to families in the worst affected countries in East Africa and support communities around the world working hard to put food on the table. Please use the CAFOD envelopes available at the back of the church or visit <u>cafod.org.uk/fastday</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. 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.

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 to the parish office at sidcup@caos.org.uk.

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. The Repository will be open during the coffee mornings.

FORMATION DAY FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST AND LECTORS - SATURDAY 8TH OCTOBER 10AM TO 4PM

The formation day will take place at St. Stephen's Church Welling, 26 Deepdene Road, Welling DA16 3QL. The theme for the formation day is 'Understanding and celebrating the Eucharist: Post Pandemic'. To register please send an email to Carmel on <u>carmelurbanoviez@rcaos.org.uk</u>. For details see the poster on the notice board.

ALL NIGHT VIGIL - FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

On Friday 7th October 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. The church is open all night and has good parking facilities. All are welcome. See notice board for details.

DAY WITH MARY - **Saturday 15th October** - 9:30am to 5:30pm at Westminster Cathedral, 42 Francis Street, London SW1P 1QW. Visit <u>www.adaywithmary.org</u>.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 1st October	27th Sunday of the Year C
6.30pm	The People of the Parish
Sunday 2nd October	27th Sunday of the Year C
8.30am	Intention of Antonina Kalinka on 98th Birthday
10.00am	Deceased staff and students of St. Mary's
11.30am	Grammar School Dan McBride RIP
Monday 3rd October	Feria
9.30am	Marie Tooher RIP
Tuesday 4th October	Saint Francis of Assisi
9.45am	Intention of Phoebe Simbule
Wednesday 5th October	Saint Faustina Kowalska, Virgin
9.30am	Intention of Louise Burke
Thursday 6th October	Feria
9.30am	Philomena Chubb RIP
Friday 7th October	Our Lady of the Rosary
9.30am	Denis Clifford RIP
Saturday 8th October	The Blessed Virgin Mary
9.30am	Intentions of the Waddell Family

Collection	25th September
Cash	£216.73
Gift Aid	£269.00
Total	£485.73
Monthly Standing Order	£4731

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.

Christ existed before all things, and in union with him all things have their proper place. Colossians 1:17