

ST. LAWRENCE OF CANTERBURY R C CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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23RD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR C - 4TH SEPTEMBER 2022

(Psalter Week 3)

Entrance Antiphon: ***You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.***

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

Communion Antiphon: ***Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.***

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.

We welcome Fr. Allan MacDonald who begins his first appointment as a priest in our community. Fr. Allan will be speaking at all Masses to introduce himself to you. We pray that God will bless his ministry.

Have a blessed week.

Fr. Paul.

YOUNG ADULTS PRAYER EVENING - WEDNESDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER AT 7PM

If you are 18-40 you are invited to join other young adults in the parish for our monthly Wednesday evening gathering. We will meet in the church (side door will be open) at 7pm for prayer followed by fraternity. Please come along – no advance booking necessary. Just turn up!

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. Everyone is encouraged to come and spend some time with our Lord.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE - 14TH SEPTEMBER 10AM

All parishes in the England and Wales have been invited to join in the day of prayer on Wednesday 14th September, the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross to pray for peace in Ukraine. We will be having Eucharistic Adoration after the 9:30am Mass to 12:00noon. Please sign your name for adoration on this day. Sign up sheet is at the back of the church.

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 can be accessed by visiting the link <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2022/06/synod-national-synthesis-england-wales.pdf>

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@rcaos.org.uk.

RELICS OF SAINT BERNADETTE OF LOURDES

In September and October this year, the Relics of St Bernadette will journey on pilgrimage to England, Scotland, and Wales.

The relics will be hosted in our Archdiocese as below:

1. St George's Cathedral, Westminster Bridge Rd, Southwark, London SE1 7HY.
Wednesday 19th October 9:45am – Friday 21st October 10:00am
2. Aylesford Priory, The Friars, Aylesford, Kent, ME20 7BX
Monday 24th October 7:00pm – Friday 28th October 1:00pm

Advance booking is required. Individuals and groups can register your attendance at your preferred location by visiting the link <https://www.stbernadette.org.uk/the-tour/>.

DEATH NOTICES

1. Funeral Mass for Christine Bradley RIP will take place on Thursday 8th September at 9:30am followed by burial at Grove Park Cemetery at Crematorium at 11:00am.
2. Memorial Mass for Ann Cone RIP will take place on Saturday 10th September at 12:00noon.
3. With sadness we announce the death of Joan Hollins and Rita Brady.

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

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 carmelurbanoviez@rcaos.org.uk. All Extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist and Lectors are encouraged to attend this formation day. Please see the poster on the notice board for full details of the programme for the day.

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 www.stlcf.co.uk
 - Please nominate SLCF for a grant via 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND RETREAT DAYS AT THE SISTERS OF ST. ANDREW

Saturday 24 September: Listen to the Voice of Creation.

Saturday 15 October: Extravagant love. 'Meeting God through poetry'.

Saturday 22 October: A Quiet Afternoon with the Icon of the Woman at the Well.

Friday 28-Sunday 30 October Stepping Stones into Silence - A silent retreat.

For further details visit the Sisters of St. Andrew at 99 Belmont Hill SE13 5DY or their website www.sisters-of-st-andrew.com or Email: welcome@sisters-of-st-andrew.com.

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 7BX. To book Tel: 01622 717272 / email retreat@thefriars.org.uk.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 3rd September

6.30pm

23rd Sunday of the Year C

Josephine Farrell RIP

Sunday 4th September

8.30am

23rd Sunday of the Year C

Jacob Pereira RIP

10.00am

The People of the Parish

11.30am

Ben Vaz RIP

Monday 5th September

9.30am

Feria

John Wilsdon RIP

Tuesday 6th September

9.45am

Feria

Maddy Kelly RIP

Wednesday 7th September

9.30am

Feria

Stanley Gooch RIP

Thursday 8th September

9.30am

Funeral Mass

Funeral Mass of Christine Bradley RIP

Friday 9th September

9.30am

Saint Peter Claver, Priest

Trudy Custy RIP

Saturday 10th September

9.30am

The Blessed Virgin Mary

Nicholas Fernandes RIP

12.00noon

Memorial Mass of Ann Cone RIP

Collection	14th Aug 2022	21st Aug 2022	28th Aug 2022
Cash	£166.51	£157.48	£373.02
Gift Aid	£269.00	£332.00	£264.45
Total	£435.51	£489.48	£637.47
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.

***Praise the Lord our God; worship before his throne. Holy is He.
Psalms 99:5***