

ST. LAWRENCE OF CANTERBURY R C CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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29TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR C - 16TH OCTOBER 2022

(Psalter Week 1)

Entrance Antiphon: ***To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.***

Responsorial Psalm: ***Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.***

Communion Antiphon: ***Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.***

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.

Divine Mercy Devotion after Mass on Wednesdays.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays 10am to 12noon.

Saturday morning prayer starts at 8:45am followed by the rosary and then Mass.

Have a blessed week.

Fr. Paul.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION APPLICATION FORMS

The First Holy Communion programme for children in Year 3 and above will be starting in November. Both parent and child will need to be regular Sunday Mass attendees in this parish in order to join the course. For an application form please see Fr. Allan after Mass. The deadline for returning completed application forms is Sunday 23rd October.

THINKING OF BECOMING CATHOLIC OR HAVE NEVER RECEIVED THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION?

We will be commencing our RCIA course on **Wednesday 7th December at 7.30pm** at 1 Hamilton Road, DA15 7HB. Should you wish to join the course please complete the form headed RCIA Course that is available at the back of the church and hand it in to the office. I will then be in contact with you in advance of the course starting to answer any queries you may have and let you know more about the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation as an adult. Fr Paul.

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. 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. Please write your name on the clipboard at the back of the church and hand your donation in an envelope with your name to the office. **There are 14 seats left on the coach. Please bring a packed lunch on the day.**

For details of the Relics of St Bernadette <https://www.stbernadette.org.uk/the-tour/>.

COMBONI MISSIONARIES APPEAL THIS SUNDAY

The Mission appeal from the Comboni Missionaries (Verona Fathers) takes place this weekend. Fr. Martin Devenish will give a short talk on their missionary work. A collection will be taken at all the Masses for their mission work.

NEXT SUNDAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Missio is the Church's official charity for the support of foreign missions. The Collection taken on World Mission Sunday goes in its entirety to support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is new, young or poor. The Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to the special collection for Missio.

PARISH PRAYER GROUP

Please note that the Parish Prayer Group Meeting on Mondays has changed their start time to 2:30pm. The prayer meeting takes place in the upstairs room of the hall (SLCC) and followed by tea. Everyone is 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. 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 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@rcaos.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. Repository will be open during these times.

A DAY WITH MARY

Saturday 22nd October - 9:30am to 5:00pm at Our Lady of the Rosary 330A Burnt Oak Ln, Sidcup, DA15 8LW. See the notice board or visit www.adaywithmary.org.

BUILDING A BETTER MARRIAGE

Marriage and Family Life South East Team are holding an **online** 'Building a Better Marriage' from **9am - 1pm** on **Saturday Oct 22nd 2022**. There will be no group sharing and no probing questions; only stories from experiences and helpful questionnaires that can be used in private. Couples seeking to renew the joy and energy in their marriage are encouraged to attend this friendly and thoughtful session.

FEAST OF ST. JUDE, THE APOSTLE PATRON OF LOST CAUSES

The feast is the highpoint of the calendar at the shrine church of St Jude in Faversham. Friday 28th October (Feast Day) 10.00 a.m. and 5.30 p.m. St Jude Mass.

Saturday 29th October 10.00 a.m. and 2.00 p.m. St Jude Mass.

Sunday 30th October 12.30 p.m. and 3.00 p.m. St. Jude Mass.

The shrine of St Jude is at 34 Tanners Street, Faversham, Kent ME13 7JW.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 15th October

6.30pm

29th Sunday of the Year C

Intention of Angela Molloghan

Sunday 16th October

8.30am

29th Sunday of the Year C

Matthew Forde RIP

10.00am

Kathleen Conway RIP

11.30am

The People of the Parish

Monday 17th October

9.30am

Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr

Ann Cone RIP

Tuesday 18th October

9.45am

Saint Luke, Evangelist

Chris Wells RIP and deceased family members

Wednesday 19th October

9.30am

Feria

George Byrne RIP

Thursday 20th October

9.30am

Feria

John Rayer RIP

Friday 21st October

9.30am

Feria

Thomas Cooney RIP

Saturday 22nd October

9.30am

Saint John Paul II, Pope

Kathleen Conway RIP

Collection	9th October	2nd Collection	CAFOD Family Fast
Cash	£368.81	Cash	£497.18
Gift Aid	£304.83	Gift Aid	£ 35.00
Total	£673.64	Total	£532.18
Monthly Standing Order	£4691		

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.

Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; let your face shine on us , that we may be saved. Psalms 80:19