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31ST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR C - 30TH OCTOBER 2022

(Psalter Week 3)

Entrance Antiphon: Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!

Responsorial Psalm: I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.

Communion Antiphon: You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

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.

1st November is All Saints Day and is a holyday of obligation - Mass will be at 9:45am and at 7:30pm. 2nd November is All Souls Day - Mass will be at 9:30am and at 7:30pm.

In the month of November we pray for the faithful departed. The dates and times for the grave blessing services at the various cemeteries are in the newsletter. Mass Envelopes for the Holy Souls are available at the back of the church.

Have a blessed week.

Fr. Paul.

TUESDAY 1ST NOVEMBER IS A HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION

NOVEMBER - MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

The Holy Souls mass envelopes are available at the back of the Church. Please include the names of your deceased family members and friends along with your offerings in the envelope. The envelopes will be placed in a basket at the front of the altar. The offerings will be used to celebrate Masses for Holy Souls in November and throughout the year.

GRAVE BLESSING SERVICES IN THE BEXLEY DEANERY

The grave blessing services in the Bexley Deanery will take place as below:

Kemnal Park Cemetery - Saturday 5th November at 1:30pm.

Hill View Cemetery Welling - Saturday 12th November at 1pm.

St. Paulinus Cemetery Crayford - Sunday 13th November at 12noon.

Sidcup Cemetery - Sunday 13th November at 2pm.

Bexleyheath Cemetery - Sunday 13th November at 2:30pm.

Brook Street Cemetery Erith - Sunday 13th November at 3pm.

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

We will be commencing our RCIA course on <u>Wednesday 7th December at 7.30pm</u> 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.

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION AFTER WEDNESDAY MORNING MASS

The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed after Mass on Wednesday mornings. Please feel free to join in. 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.

SUNDAY MASS READERS

If you would like to volunteer to become a reader at Mass on Saturday evening or Sundays please send an email with your name and telephone number to the parish office at sidcup@rcaos.org.uk or telephone Jill Martin on 07831 201933.

MARIST WAY

The next meeting of the Marist Way group will be on Saturday 5th November after the 9:30am Mass in the upper room of the hall. The speaker will be Dr. Desmond Miller. He will be speaking on the 1945 apparitions of Our Lady in Amsterdam. Come along all are welcome to attend.

REPOSITORY - Advent calendars, calendars, Christmas cards, diaries and small gifts are now on sale in the Repository, which is open during the coffee mornings.

DEATH NOTICES

 The Funeral Mass of Margaret Marie Elizabeth Abrey RIP will take place on Tuesday 8th November at 9:30am followed by burial at 11:00am at Chislehurst Cemetery.

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

THE BIG PICTURE BIBLE COURSE

The Big Picture Bible course will be held on Thursdays at 7pm in the Upper Room of the Hall during term time. The course will be starting on Thursday 17th November and will be led by Fr. Allan. Please come along all are welcome to attend. If you have any questions please speak with Fr. Allan.

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.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN SIDCUP

The Churches together in Sidcup currently don't have a representative from St. Lawrence's parish. If anyone would be willing to take on this role, which would involve attending no more than 4 meetings a year, please send an email with your name and contact number to the parish office at sidcup@rcaos.org.uk.

SOCIAL EVENT FOR THE PARISH

A Barn Dance will take place in early 2023. Date to be confirmed. The first of many social events. Profits for this event will be donated to the St. Lawrence's Charitable Fund.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council is concerned with all areas of parish activity that enriches the quality of parish life and enables parishioners to live out the life of faith in their everyday lives. It has been part of St Lawrence since October 2004 and members meet 6 times per year. It is a vibrant meeting place of ideas and support for the Parish Priest where key items of parish growth are discussed. We are looking for new members to join and in the first instance are seeking expression of interests, if you wish to volunteer please send an email to the parish office at sidcup@rcaos.org.uk.

SLCF ANNUAL APPEAL

The St. Lawrence Charitable Fund will be having their annual appeal on behalf of the charity next weekend the 5th/6th November.

SIDCUP FOODBANK AT NEW COMMUNITY CHURCH SIDCUP

A big thank you to parishioners for the increased donations over the past few months. 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 do put them in the bins. **Please do not put out of date, frozen, or fresh produce in the food bins.** If you wanted any further info then just contact me on 07986 348013. Thanks Nick Wells.

MASS FOR THE DECEASED CLERGY OF BEXLEY

The Mass for the deceased clergy of Bexley will be celebrated at St Mary of the Crays Church, 111 Old Road, Crayford, DA1 4DN at 11am on Tuesday 15th November to remember and pray for our past clergy, who served our communities. All are welcome.

KNITTING SALE

There will be a sale of soft knitted toys and some x-mas gifts in the hall on Sunday 11th December after the 8:30am and 10am Masses. Profits from this event will be donated to the Macmillan Cancer Unit at King's College Hospital.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 29th October 31st Sunday of the Year C

6.30pm Winifred McGlown RIP

Sunday 30th October 31st Sunday of the Year C

8.30am Pepe German RIP

10.00am Geraldine Maher RIP

11.30am The People of the Parish

Monday 31st October Feria

9.30am Evangelina and Daniel Farfan RIP

Tuesday 1st November Solemnity of All Saints - Holyday of Obligation

9.45am Street Children of the World

7.30pm The People of the Parish

Wednesday 2nd November All Souls Day

9.30am Holy Souls

7.30pm Holy Souls

Thursday 3rd November Feria

9.30am All the deceased members of the Pinto Family

Friday 4th November Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop

9.30am Terry Hegarty RIP

Saturday 5th November The Blessed Virgin Mary

9.30am Elizabeth Mitchell RIP

Collection	23rd October	2nd Collection	Missio
Cash	£449.21	Cash	£358.09
Gift Aid	£253.50	Gift Aid	-
Total	£702.71	Total	£358.09
Monthly Standing Order	£4691		

Please pray for all the sick of our parish who are at home and in hospitals. In this month of November we remember and pray for the souls of the faithful departed that God may grant them eternal rest.

For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from him. Psalms 62:5