

ST. LAWRENCE OF CANTERBURY R C CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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32ND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR C - 6TH NOVEMBER 2022

(Psalter Week 4)

Entrance Antiphon: ***Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.***

Responsorial Psalm: ***I shall be filled, when I awake, with the sight of your glory, O Lord.***

Communion Antiphon: ***The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.***

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.

GRAVE BLESSING SERVICES IN THE BEXLEY DEANERY

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.

Have a blessed week.

Fr. Paul.

Fr. Paul will be away from the parish from the 7th to the 24th November. Fr. Allan will be covering the parish during this time with Fr. Bryan and Fr. Barry assisting him.

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 are 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.

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 contact details to the parish office at sidcup@rcaos.org.uk or telephone Jill Martin on 07831 201933.

DEATH NOTICES

1. 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.
2. The Funeral Mass of Mary Josephine McDonnell RIP will take place on Tuesday 22nd November at 9:30am followed by burial at 12:30pm at North Sheen Cemetery, Richmond.

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

ARCHBISHOP'S APPEAL SECOND COLLECTION - 13TH NOVEMBER

The Archbishop's Appeal seeks to invest faith, hope, love, and charity into three key areas of mission and ministry in the Archdiocese of Southwark.

Youth and Evangelisation

To strengthen the formation of young people in the faith within our schools and parishes, enhance the faith life of parishioners, support the work of parish catechists, enhance the faith journeys of new Catholics; and for Southwark to become an evangelising and missionary Archdiocese.

Our Faith in Action

To show compassionate and active service in the world around us through love for all people: the protection of human dignity, respect for the inter-connectedness of our world and common home, hearing the cry of the poor and the cry of the Earth. Supporting social outreach projects in parishes and schools.

Clergy Care and Formation

To care for sick and retired priests in their old age and ill health. Supporting the ongoing formation of our priests and deacons. Providing on-going formation of clergy in active ministry. Supporting the work of the vocations team and formation of seminarians and deacons.

Your support can have significant impact in our faith community. A portion of the monies raised will be granted to parishes and Catholic schools to support local projects.

Please support the Archbishop's Appeal today, every gift is welcome.

Donate Online: rcaos.org.uk/archbishops-appeal

Or Scan QR Code using telephone camera (right)

Telephone weekdays 9 am – 5 pm: **020 7960 2504**

Cash / Cheque – please use the Archbishop's Appeal envelopes which are available at the back of church.



SLCF ANNUAL APPEAL THIS SUNDAY

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY MASS IS AT 10AM NEXT SUNDAY, 13TH NOVEMBER.

THE BIG PICTURE BIBLE COURSE

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

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.

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION AFTER WEDNESDAY MORNING MASS

The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed after Mass on Wednesday morning. Please feel free to join in. Divine Mercy Prayer Leaflets are available at the back of the church.

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

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.

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.

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.

KNITTING SALE - 11TH DECEMBER

There will be a sale of knitted items: hats, scarfs, children's wear, soft 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 Guy's Hospital.

CHRIST THE KING SIXTH FORM COLLEGE - GOVERNANCE OPPORTUNITIES

CTK are currently seeking applications from practising Catholics to join their governing body. This is a voluntary role. If you are interested in applying or require further information please email Linda Harrison at governance@ctksfc.ac.uk.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 5th November 32nd Sunday of the Year C

6.30pm The People of the Parish

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8.30am Tony Driscoll RIP

10.00am Deceased members of the Conway and
Cordingley Families

11.30am Holy Souls

**Monday 7th November The Dedication of the Cathedral Church of
Saint George**

9.30am For the recovery of Eduardo Viraj

Tuesday 8th November Funeral Mass

9.30am Funeral Mass of Margaret Elizabeth Abrey RIP

Wednesday 9th November The Dedication of The Lateran Basilica

9.30am Intention of Mary Healy

**Thursday 10th November Saint Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the
Church**

9.30am Robert Bartlett RIP

Friday 11th November Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop

9.30am Jennie Healy RIP

Saturday 12th November Saint Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr

9.30am Oliver and Lourdes D'Souza - 50th Wedding
Anniversary

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| Collection | 30th October |
| Cash | £451.55 |
| Gift Aid | £276.00 |
| Total | £727.55 |
| Monthly Standing Order | £4716 |

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.

You shall be holy to me; for I the Lord am holy, and I have separated you from the other peoples to be mine. Leviticus 20:26