

## ST. LAWRENCE OF CANTERBURY R C CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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### 33RD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR C - 13TH NOVEMBER 2022

*(Psalter Week 1)*

Entrance Antiphon: ***The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.***

*Responsorial Psalm: The Lord comes to rule the peoples with fairness.*

Communion Antiphon: ***To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the 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.

### **GRAVE BLESSING SERVICES IN THE BEXLEY DEANERY**

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

Sunday 13th November:

St. Paulinus Cemetery Crayford at 12noon. Sidcup Cemetery at 2pm.

Bexleyheath Cemetery at 2:30pm and Brook Street Cemetery Erith at 3pm.

Have a blessed week.

***Fr. Allan.***

Fr. Paul is currently away from the parish returning on the 25th November. Fr. Allan will be covering the parish during this time with Fr. Bryan and Fr. Barry assisting him.

## **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY MASS IS AT 10AM TODAY.**

### **ARCHBISHOP'S APPEAL SECOND COLLECTION TODAY**

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](http://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.



### **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](mailto:sidcup@rcaos.org.uk) or telephone Jill Martin on 07831 201933.

### **DEATH NOTICES**

1. 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 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 led by Fr. Allan and will commence on Thursday 17th November at 7pm in the Upper Room of the Hall during term time. Please use the hall entrance door which is on Hamilton Road. 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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. 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.

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

**CTS BOOKS/LEAFLETS STANDS** - The CTS stands at the back of the church have been re-stocked with a new range of pamphlets. Please put the money in the box at the back of the Church.

## **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 1904 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](mailto: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 on Saturday 4th February 2023 in the hall from 7:30pm to 10:30pm. This is 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.

**HANDMADE CANDLES SALE** - On Sunday 27th Nov, 4th, 11th & 18th Dec in the hall.

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**Saturday 12th November**

6.30pm

**33rd Sunday of the Year C**

Colleen Morley RIP

**Sunday 13th November**

8.30am

**33rd Sunday of the Year C**

Holy Souls

10.00am

Pauline and Bernard Chick RIP

11.30am

The People of the Parish

**Monday 14th November**

9.30am

**Feria**

For the Wellbeing of Pam Clarke

**Tuesday 15th November**

9.45am

**Saint Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

Joan Hollins RIP

**Wednesday 16th November**

9.30am

**Saint Gertrude, Virgin**

For the Intention of George Gibson

**Thursday 17th November**

9.30am

**Saint Elizabeth of Hungary**

For the Intention of Tom Ellsmore

**Friday 18th November**

9.30am

**The Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles**

Patricia Soliel RIP

**Saturday 19th November**

9.30am

**The Blessed Virgin Mary**

Luc Brou RIP

Collection	6th November
Cash	£385.45
Gift Aid	£352.00
Total	£737.45
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.

***So let us not become tired of doing good; for if we do not give up, the time will come when we will reap the harvest. Galatians 6:9***