

ST. LAWRENCE OF CANTERBURY R C CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE 20TH NOVEMBER 2022

(Psalter Week 2)

Entrance Antiphon: ***How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.***

Responsorial Psalm: I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.'

Communion Antiphon: ***The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.***

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.

Parish Prayer Group meet at 2:30pm on Mondays in the Upper room of the Hall.

The Big Picture Bible Course at 7pm on Thursdays in the Upper room of the Hall.

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.

TODAY IS NATIONAL YOUTH SUNDAY

The 2nd Collection taken today will go towards supporting the youth work in the diocese and beyond, especially the Southwark Catholic Youth Service.

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.

CONFIRMATION APPLICATION FORMS

The Confirmation Programme for children in Year 9 and above will be starting on the 7th January 2023. For an application form please see Fr. Allan after Mass. The deadline for returning the completed application forms is Sunday 11th December.

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.

THE BIG PICTURE BIBLE COURSE

The Big Picture Bible course led by Fr. Allan commenced last week and takes place on Thursdays 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 would like to join the course or have any questions please speak with Fr. Allan.

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.

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 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.
2. The Funeral service for William Henry McCarthy RIP will take place on Friday 25th November at 2:45pm at Eltham Crematorium.

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

ST. LAWRENCE CHARITABLE FUND ANNUAL APPEAL

We would like to thank the parishioners of St Lawrence's for your kind and generous response to this year's appeal. The total raised on behalf of SLCF is £2,358.

Your prayers and support are appreciated. Thank you. Teresa Haverty, Chair SLCF.

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.

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.

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.

FLAME 2023 - SATURDAY 4TH MARCH AT WEMBLEY ARENA

Flame is the largest Catholic youth event in England and Wales. 10,000 young people will fill Wembley Arena, for an inspiring day of prayer, adoration, catechesis, reflection, celebration and praise. The Theme for Flame 2023 is "Rise Up!" For further information and to book tickets visit <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/latest/flame2023?rq=flame%202023> or Contact Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis Email: aec@rcaos.org.uk or Tel: 020 8672 7684.

WORLD YOUTH DAY - 31ST JULY TO 7TH AUGUST 2023

The Archdiocese of Southwark is taking a group of pilgrims (aged 18-35) to World Youth Day in Lisbon from 31st July to 7th August 2023.

Bookings are now open, please visit <https://bit.ly/WYDSouthwark> the price is £1,295, which includes flights, 3* accommodation (shared room), transfers, WYD registration fee and meal vouchers. For further information about WYD please visit the link www.lisboa2023.org/en/.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 19th November **Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

6.30pm Bridget Monaghan RIP

Sunday 20th November **Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

8.30am Charmaine German RIP

10.00am The People of the Parish

11.30am Holy Souls

Monday 21st November **The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

9.30am Nora M Sanchez RIP

Tuesday 22nd November **Funeral Mass**

9.30am Funeral Mass of Mary Josephine McDonnell RIP

Wednesday 23rd November **Feria**

9.30am Robert Bartlett RIP

Thursday 24th November **Saint Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest and Companions, Martyrs**

9.30am Tim Aseervatham RIP

Friday 25th November **Feria**

9.30am Sean Cronin RIP

Saturday 26th November **The Blessed Virgin Mary**

9.30am Ben Manansala RIP

Collection	13th November	2nd Collection	Archbishop's Appeal
Cash	£445.01	Cash	£162.46
Gift Aid	£193.90	Gift Aid	£477.15
Total	£638.91	Total	£639.61
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.

***I am the Lord, your Holy One, the Creator of Israel, your King.
Isaiah 43:15***