

## ST. LAWRENCE OF CANTERBURY R C CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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### FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR B - 4TH FEBRUARY 2024

*(Psalter Week 1)*

Entrance Antiphon: ***O Come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.***

***Responsorial Psalm: Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.***

Communion Antiphon: ***Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.***

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.

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

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.

Children's Liturgy dates for Spring/Summer 2024: 4th February, 3rd March, 21st April, 12th May, 9th June and 7th July.

Have a blessed week.

***Fr. Paul.***

## **CHILDREN'S LITURGY - 4TH FEBRUARY**

St. Lawrence's Church has started a monthly Children's Liturgy group for pre-First Holy Communion children at the 10am Mass on Sundays (led by DBS-checked parish volunteers). These are the dates for Spring/Summer 2024: 4th February, 3rd March, 21st April, 12th May, 9th June and 7th July. For further details, please contact Catherine Culbert (07828003594).

## **PARISH STUDY COURSE ON THE CREED - FRIDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 3PM**

Fr. Allan will be leading a CaFE study course titled Believe: Reflections on the Creed. This is a six-part series exploring the treasures of our faith as expressed in the Nicene Creed. The meetings will take place on Fridays from 3pm to 4pm in the Upper Room of the Hall. The first meeting is on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> of February at 3pm. All are welcome to attend. Please use the entrance to the Hall on 1 Hamilton Road.

## **WEDNESDAY 14TH FEBRUARY IS ASH WEDNESDAY**

Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent and is a day of fasting and abstinence. There will be two Masses on this day at 9.30am and 7.30pm.

## **NET MINISTRIES RETREAT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE - SATURDAY 17TH FEBRUARY**

The NET Ministries Mission Team are having a Lenten retreat for those aged 13-17yrs on Saturday 17th February, 11am to 4pm at St George's Cathedral Primary School, 28 Lambeth Rd, London, SE1 7JB. Cost is £5. To book visit [www.tinyurl.com/scysretreat](http://www.tinyurl.com/scysretreat)

## **DIVINE MERCY AFTERNOON OF REFLECTION - SATURDAY 24TH FEBRUARY 1.30PM- 4.30PM**

During Lent we are having a Divine Mercy Afternoon of Reflection, led by the Marian Fathers from the Divine Mercy Apostolate on Saturday 24 February 2024, 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm at St. Lawrence Church, 1 Hamilton Road, Sidcup DA15 7HB. See Posters.

The Devotional Programme for the afternoon will be as follows:

1:30 pm Worship and Enthronement of the Image of Merciful Jesus

1:45 pm Talk on Divine Mercy

2:15 pm Stations of the Cross

3.00 pm Hour of Mercy Benediction & Chaplet

3:30 pm Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

4:15 pm Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus and Relic of St. Faustina

There will be confessions available during the afternoon. All are welcome to attend, please bring your family and friends to the Merciful Jesus.

## **MUSTARD SEED COMMUNITIES APPEAL 29TH/30TH JULY 2023**

Peter Mitchell would like to thank you all for being so generous with your donations to the Mustard Seed Communities. A total amount of £2904.18 was raised, which will enable Mustard Seed Communities to continue their work with children and adults with disabilities, children affected by HIV and mothers in Jamaica, Nicaragua, Dominican Republic, Zimbabwe and Malawi. For info please visit <https://www.mustardseed.com>.

## **DEATH NOTICE**

1. The Funeral Mass for Kelly Ann Hopkins RIP will take place on Thursday 8th February at 2.00pm followed by cremation at Kemnal Park Crematorium at 3.30pm.

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

## **SUBSCRIBE TO RECEIVE THE NEWSLETTER OR UPDATES BY EMAIL**

If you would like to receive the newsletter or updates by email please visit the parish website at <https://www.stlsidcup.org> and click on the Subscribe to our Newsletter button which is at the top of the homepage and complete the form.

## **PARISH PRAYER INTENTIONS BOOK**

Parishioners are invited to write any prayer intentions in the Parish Prayer Intentions book which has been placed at the back of the church. Please do take some time to read the intentions and include them in your prayers. The Parish Prayer group will pray for the intentions in the book when they meet on Mondays at 2:30pm in the Upper Room of the Hall. All are welcome to join the Parish Prayer group.

## **PARISH MEN'S GROUP**

The Parish Men's Group will meet on Tuesday 13th February at 7pm in the parish hall. The book reading is 'Theology of the Body - Chapter 1'. If you are interested in joining the group please speak with Fr Paul after one of the Masses.

## **COFFEE MORNINGS AND REPOSITORY**

Come and join fellow parishioners in the Church Hall after the 9:30am Mass on Wednesdays and after the 8:30am and 10am Masses on Sunday for tea/coffee, biscuits and cake. The repository is open on Wednesdays and on Sundays during the coffee mornings. The 2024 Catholic Directories are available in the Repository.

## **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - FRIDAY 1ST MARCH 11AM**

The World Day of Prayer will be held on Friday 1st March 2024, 11am at Sidcup Baptist Church 167 Main Road, Sidcup DA14 6PA. Refreshments will be served after the service, everyone is welcome to attend.

## **CARITAS SOUTHWARK ANNIVERSARY**

This March is the first anniversary of Caritas Southwark. To mark the occasion, Archbishop John Wilson will celebrate Mass at St. George's Cathedral on Saturday 16th March at 12.30pm. There will be an event in Amigo Hall afterwards, highlighting some of the wonderful projects taking place in various parishes across the archdiocese. All are welcome.

## **BUILDING A BETTER MARRIAGE COURSE**

As part of the preparation for the 2025 Jubilee year, the Southwark Marriage and Family Team will be running a Building a Better Marriage Course throughout the Archdiocese on the following dates between 9.45 am - 4.30 pm:

March 16th: Gravesend Parish, April 13th: Whitstable Parish and June 29th: Sittingbourne Parish. The one-day course is for married couples (whether married for one year, 60 years or anywhere in between). It seeks to help husbands and wives to make their marriage better and to improve their communication skills. There is no group sharing and private information remains private to each couple. Couples who have attended previously have found it enjoyable, informative and uplifting. For more information contact the Marriage and Family Life team through the website link <https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/mission/marriage-and-family-life>.

## **SAVE THE DATE - ST. LAWRENCE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FAIR 23RD NOVEMBER**

The St. Lawrence's Annual Christmas Fair will be held on Saturday 23rd November 2024 in the church hall. Further details will be given nearer the time.

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**Saturday 3rd February**

6.30pm

**Fifth Sunday of the Year B**

Ian Duncan RIP

**Sunday 4th February**

8.30am

**Fifth Sunday of the Year B**

Deceased Members of the Lynch Family

10.00am

The People of the Parish

11.30am

Linda Charker RIP

**Monday 5th February**

9.30am

**Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr**

Fr. Terry O'Farrell MHM RIP - 25th Anniversary

**Tuesday 6th February**

9.45am

**Saints Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs**

Holy Souls

**Wednesday 7th February**

9.30am

**Feria**

Jade Guvener RIP

**Thursday 8th February**

9.30am

**Saint Josephine Bakhita, Virgin**

Intention of Julie and Ken Pimby

2.00pm

Funeral Mass for Kelly Ann Hopkins RIP

**Friday 9th February**

9.30am

**Feria**

Monica Linnett RIP

**Saturday 10th February**

9.30am

**Saint Scholastica, Virgin**

Jade Guvener RIP

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| Collection             | 28th January 2024 | 2nd Collection: Catholic Association for Racial Justice |         |
| Cash                   | £468.40           | Cash  | £352.37 |
| Gift Aid               | £346.29           | Gift Aid  | £ 29.00 |
| Total                  | £814.69           | Total   | £381.37 |
| Monthly Standing Order | £4800             |   |         |

Please pray for all the sick of our parish who are at home and in hospitals. Please also pray for the souls of all 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***