

ST. LAWRENCE OF CANTERBURY R C CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR B - 14TH APRIL 2024

(Psalter Week 3)

Entrance Antiphon: ***Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.***

Responsorial Psalm: Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

Communion Antiphon: ***The disciples recognised the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.***

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: 21st April, 12th May, 9th June and 7th July.

Have a blessed week.

Fr. Paul.

SINCERE THANK YOU FROM YOUR PRIESTS

A huge thanks to all volunteers for your continued work and leadership at our Parish. We had a tremendous celebration of Holy Week and Easter. The Holy Week ceremonies were truly prayerful and reverent and the Easter Liturgies were joyous. None of the solemnity, beauty and glory of Holy Week and Easter is possible without the hard work of our wonderful parishioners. We thank all who worked to ensure that the most sacred time of our Church year was possible and wonderful. As St. Augustine said so long ago, "We are an Easter People and Alleluia is our song!"

EASTER DONATIONS TO YOUR PRIESTS

Thank you for your generosity over Easter, not only through the collection which is very much appreciated as this is our main source of income, but also through the kind cards, gifts and words of appreciation expressed during this time.

PILGRIMAGE TO SPAIN & FATIMA - COACH HIRE

A coach has been booked to take those going on the Spain & Fatima pilgrimage to and from Gatwick Airport. The coach will depart from the church at 7.00am on Monday 20th May. On the return trip on Sunday 26th May, the coach is expected to leave Gatwick Airport at around 8.40pm. The cost to cover the travel is £65 per person. Please hand in your money in an envelope with your name to the parish office or post it through letter box.

NEXT SUNDAY 21ST APRIL IS WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

PRIEST TRAINING FUND SECOND COLLECTION - 21ST APRIL

The priesthood has always been essential to the life of the Church, from the time of Jesus until today. Good Shepherd Sunday is the day we pray for vocations, for our priests, and take up the Priest Training Fund second collection. This fund pays for the formation of men to become priests in our Archdiocese.

After their ordination, our priests dedicate their lives to serving Christ and His people in our parishes, hospitals, schools, chaplaincies, prisons and in service to the needy, throughout South London, Kent and Surrey. We are blessed to have 5 men in formation to the Priesthood for our Archdiocese. However, it costs £30,000 a year to sponsor each seminarian. They study for 6 years before being ordained a Catholic priest. We therefore rely on your generous support and prayers. Please support our priests of the future with a gift today.

Thank you!

- Donate Online: www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/PTF
- Or Scan QR Code using telephone camera (right)
- Telephone weekdays 9 am – 5 pm: **020 7960 2504**
- Cash / Cheque – please use the Priest Training Fund envelopes available at the back of church.



THE CONVERSATION - WEDNESDAY 17TH APRIL 7.30PM

Thinking more about vocation? Love hearing individual stories talking about mission and discipleship? Join the National Office for Vocations for a Virtual Webinar on Zoom entitled 'The Conversation', where a panel of guests will discuss how they live out their vocation and the work they carry out in the Church. See how each person is called to follow Christ in their own discipleship journey and live out their mission.

The 'Conversation' takes place on Zoom, to book your places (free) please visit the website <https://www.ukvocation.org/event-details-registration/the-conversation-2>

Come with your questions to ask the panel on things about vocation and discipleship. All questions will be submitted through the chat function in the Zoom call. If you want to submit questions beforehand please email us at vocation.enquiries@cbcew.org.uk. For further details of the webinar please visit <https://www.ukvocation.org/>.

SOUTHWARK CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICES UPCOMING EVENTS

1. Youth Training Seminar - Saturday 27th April 10am to 4.30pm at Amigo Hall St. George's Cathedral. London SE1 6HR. Sign up (free) at www.tinyurl.com/scystraining. See the poster on the notice board for the details of the programme for the day.

2. Monthly Young Adult Masses - On the first Sunday of each month the Southwark Catholic Youth Service runs a Young Adult Mass at St George's Cathedral, followed by a social at Amigo Hall. The next Mass is on Sunday 5th May at 6.00pm.

WEDNESDAY COFFEE MORNINGS AND REPOSITORY

The Wednesday coffee morning recommences on the 17th April. The repository will be open during the coffee mornings.

BEST OF CHORAL BACH MAGNIFICAT BWV 243 - SUNDAY 28TH APRIL 6PM

The Bromley Adult Choir with orchestra and soloists are performing at All Saints Church, 44 Bark Hart Road Orpington BR6 0QD. Come and enjoy an evening of some of the most beautiful music Bach ever composed, choruses from Cantatas. See the poster on the notice board or visit www.bymt.co.uk/events.

ST. LAWRENCE'S FILM NIGHT - WEDNESDAY 8TH MAY 7PM

The next St Lawrence's film night will be on Wednesday 8th May at 7.00pm in the Parish Hall. The film night will take place on the 1st Wednesday of each month thereafter. All are welcome to attend.

INNER WHEEL OF SIDCUP QUIZ NIGHT - 17TH MAY 7.30PM

Please join us for the Quiz Night at the Sidcup Sports Club. £10 per person. Bring your own nibbles but use the bar at the Club. Proceeds for Demelza children's charity. To book please contact chrisheadrapson@gmail.com.

MARIST WAY PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM - SATURDAY 6TH JULY

See the poster on the notice board for details of the programme for the day. If interested in taking a coach, please telephone Tom Baker on 07719 338375 to book.

BEXLEY CRISIS CAFÉ

The Bexley Crisis Café is a safe and friendly place for anyone 18yrs and over where you can come to, if you need support and advice in a crisis or if you are experiencing severe emotional and psychological distress. At the café you can access mental health support and advice from mental health and wellbeing workers. The café is open from 6pm to 10pm everyday at Mind in Bexley 2a Devonshire Road, Bexleyheath DA6 8DS.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 13th April

6.30pm

Third Sunday of Easter Year B

The People of the Parish

Sunday 14th April

8.30am

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Sean Martin Carr RIP

10.00am

Intention of Patsy Douglas

11.30am

In Thanksgiving for all the Blessings received - Mercy Young

Monday 15th April

9.30am

Feria

Rosa Kindell RIP

Tuesday 16th April

9.45am

Feria

Adrian Charles Healy RIP

Wednesday 17th April

9.30am

Feria

Shirley Patricia Porter RIP

Thursday 18th April

9.30am

Feria

Margaret Pestel RIP

Friday 19th April

9.30am

Feria

For the Intentions of Brenda and Paul Feighan

Saturday 20th April

9.30am

Feria

Maurice Hearn RIP and deceased family members

Easter: Collection	31st March 2024	Good Friday:	Collection
Cash	£1950.67	Cash	£307.44
Gift Aid	£2396.00	Gift Aid	£ 5.00
Total	£4346.67	Total	£312.44

Collection	7th April 2024	Easter:	Collection
Cash	£440.36	Cash	£ 75.00
Gift Aid	£271.00	Gift Aid	£145.00
Total	£711.36	Total	£220.00
Monthly Standing Order	£4655		