

## ST. LAWRENCE OF CANTERBURY R C CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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### FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR B - 21ST APRIL 2024

*(Psalter Week 4)*

Entrance Antiphon: ***The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.***

Responsorial Psalm: ***The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.***

Communion Antiphon: ***The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, 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.

May God bless you all.

**Fr. Allan.**

## **TODAY IS WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

### **PRIEST TRAINING FUND SECOND COLLECTION - TODAY**

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](http://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.



### **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.

### **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 Sundays for tea/coffee, biscuits and cake. The Repository will also be open at these times.

### **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.

### **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.

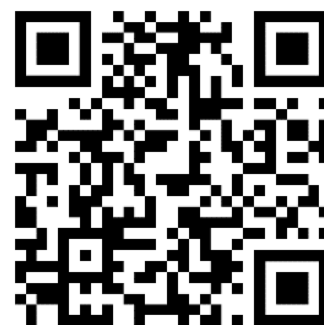
## **ST. GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL SECOND COLLECTION - SUNDAY 28TH APRIL**

For over half a century, St George's Cathedral has been the Mother Church of the Archdiocese of Southwark, home to 175 parishes and over 50,000 Roman Catholics. For many Catholics living and working across London and the South East of England, St George's has been a beacon of light.

Today, St George's Cathedral continues to attract thousands of worshippers and visitors each year, as well as serving a lively local parish community which proudly reflects the rich cultural and ethnic diversity of South London. The Cathedral frequently hosts important Diocesan and national celebrations, as well as concerts and events for various Catholic charities. There is a rich musical tradition, maintaining a choir of boys and men, as well as a girls' choir, both of which sing at Sunday Masses and on major feasts. In many respects, St George's Cathedral serves as a spiritual home and 'beehive' for Catholic evangelisation and mission across the Archdiocese of Southwark.

St George's Cathedral is entirely reliant upon the generosity of its parishioners, volunteers and the Archdiocese of Southwark to keep its doors open. It does not receive Vatican or government funding, nor has an endowment to rely on. Your support can enable the Cathedral to remain open daily to those seeking a place of peace, prayer and worship. Thank you!

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## **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](http://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.

## **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](http://www.bymt.co.uk/events).

## **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](mailto:chrisheadrapson@gmail.com).

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**Saturday 20th April**

6.30pm

**Fourth Sunday of Easter Year B**

Catherine Baker RIP

**Sunday 21st April**

8.30am

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The People of the Parish

10.00am

Beatrice Glynn RIP

11.30am

Richard Lane RIP

**Monday 22nd April**

9.30am

**Feria**

Kathleen McGrath RIP

**Tuesday 23rd April**

9.45am

**Saint George, Martyr, Patron of England**

Intentions of David and family

**Wednesday 24th April**

9.30am

**Feria**

Michael White RIP

**Thursday 25th April**

9.30am

**Saint Mark, Evangelist**

Caroline Uwagwu RIP

**Friday 26th April**

9.30am

**Feria**

Caroline Uwagwu RIP

**Saturday 27th April**

9.30am

**Feria**

Mary and Thomas O'Connell RIP

Collection	14th April 2024
Cash	£543.67
Gift Aid	£286.40
Total	£830.07
Monthly Standing Order	£4655

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.

***How precious is your steadfast love, O God! The children of men take refuge in the shadow of your wings.***

***Psalms 36:7***