

## ST. LAWRENCE OF CANTERBURY R C CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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### THE MOST HOLY TRINITY YEAR B - 26TH MAY 2024

*(Psalter Week 4)*

Entrance Antiphon: ***Blest be God the Father, and the Only Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit, for he has shown us his merciful love.***

*Responsorial Psalm: Happy the people the Lord has chosen as his own.*

Communion Antiphon: ***Since you are children of God, God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son, the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.***

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: 9th June and 7th July.

May God bless you all.

**Fr. Allan.**

## **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.

## **APPEAL FOR WELCOMERS AT SUNDAY MASS**

Our welcomers have been in place for a couple of years and gradually our team has grown. However, there is a distinct lack of volunteers at the 11.30am mass. If you attend this mass and would be prepared to put yourself forward this would be so appreciated. Please contact Jeanette in the parish office or send an email to [sidcup@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:sidcup@rcaos.org.uk) giving your name and contact details and our Welcomers co-ordinator Pat Slonecki will be in touch with you. Thank you.

## **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.

## **MARIST WAY MEETING**

The next meeting of the Marist Way group will be on Saturday 1st June at 10am in the upper room of the hall and the speaker will be Fr Allan MacDonald, All are welcome.

## **FILM NIGHT - WEDNESDAY 5TH JUNE AT 6.45PM**

Arrive at 6.45pm for social time and refreshments in the hall provided by us (bring your own if preferred ) before the start of the film. Please see poster at the back of the church for further details. Film nights take place on the first Wednesday of the month. All are welcome to attend.

## **FIRST FRIDAY LUNCH - 12NOON TO 2PM**

The First Friday Lunch is on Friday 7th June from 12-2 in the hall. All are welcome.

## **MARIST WAY PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM - SATURDAY 6TH JULY**

A 35-seater coach has been booked for departure from St. Lawrence's at 8am sharp on Saturday, 6 July. Two seats are available at £30 each. If interested, please phone Tom Baker on 07719 338375.

## **DEATH NOTICES**

1. The Funeral Service for Anthony Kerr RIP will take place on Thursday 30th May at 12.30pm at Kemnal Park Crematorium.
2. The Funeral Mass for Michael Booker RIP will take place on Monday 10th June at 12noon followed by burial at Sidcup Cemetery at 1.30pm.

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

## **100 CLUB**

There are a few 100 Club numbers available at £5/month, displayed at the back of the church. If you would like to join the club please send an email to [sidcup@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:sidcup@rcaos.org.uk).

## **SIDCUP FOODBANK AT NEW COMMUNITY CHURCH SIDCUP**

Just a reminder that there are two foodbank bins at the back of the church. If you are able to provide any non-perishable essentials for a weekly shop such as pasta, soup, beans, tea, coffee, sauces, tinned fish, squash, sugar, canned vegetables etc. please put them in the bins. **Please do not put out of date, frozen, or fresh produce in the food bins.** For further info contact me on 07986 348013. Thanks Nick Wells.

## **SOUTHWARK CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICE**

The Southwark Catholic Youth Service has several activities in 2024 for youth and young adults. See brochures available at the back of the church. For regular updates on forthcoming events, sign up to its network at [www.tinyurl.com/scysnetwork](http://www.tinyurl.com/scysnetwork). For queries on youth activities you can email [youth@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:youth@rcaos.org.uk).

## **FIRST SATURDAY DAY OF RECOLLECTION - 1ST JUNE 2024 11AM TO 4.30PM**

The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a Divine Mercy Recollection Day at the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham. The day will include teachings on the Message of Mercy, Holy Mass, Stations of the Cross, Hour of Mercy with Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All are welcome to attend.

## **BUILDING A BETTER MARRIAGE COURSE**

As part of the preparation for the 2025 Jubilee year, the Southwark Marriage and Family Team are running a Building a Better Marriage Course on June 29th in Sittingbourne Parish and on September 28 at Worcester Park Parish. The one-day course is for married couples. It seeks to help husbands and wives to make their marriage better and to improve their communication skills. For more information visit the website link <https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/mission/marriage-and-family-life>.

## **MASS IN CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE - 13TH JULY**

The Mass in Celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage will take place on Saturday 13th July at St George's Cathedral. If you are celebrating your 1<sup>st</sup>/10<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup>/40<sup>th</sup>/50<sup>th</sup>/60<sup>th</sup>+ wedding anniversary this year, **please let us know as soon as possible, and no later than May 31**, providing the following details: your names, address, the anniversary you are celebrating and your parish. Email us at [mflse@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mflse@rcaos.org.uk).

## **PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES LED BY ARCHBISHOP JOHN - 23 - 30 AUGUST**

Join Archbishop John and Bishop Paul on a pilgrimage to Lourdes from 23 - 30 August. For details of the pilgrimage, including volunteering and accommodation options visit <https://rcaos.org.uk/news-events/news/archbishop-john-to-lead-pilgrimage-to-lourdes/>. Experience the unique spirituality of Lourdes, along with people from parishes around the Archdiocese.

## **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 25th May**

**The Most Holy Trinity Year B**

6.30pm

Margaret Pestel RIP & for the Intention of Brian Pestel

**Sunday 26th May**

**The Most Holy Trinity Year B**

8.30am

In Thanksgiving Alan and Denise Baldwin - 50th Wedding Anniversary

10.00am

The People of the Parish

11.30am

Mary McGeown RIP

**Monday 27th May**

**Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop, Apostle of England**

9.30am

Intention of Rosemary Waddell

**Tuesday 28th May**

**Feria**

9.45am

Nora Beadle RIP

**Wednesday 29th May**

**Feria**

9.30am

Friends and relatives of the Maxted family both living and deceased

**Thursday 30th May**

**Feria**

9.30am

Bobby Gray RIP

**Friday 31st May**

**The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

9.30am

In Thanksgiving - For the Intentions of the Confirmation Catechists

**Saturday 1st June**

**Saint Justin, Martyr**

9.30am

Mary Jinetta Cabrelli RIP

Collection	19th May 2024
Cash	£590.05
Gift Aid	£318.50
Total	£908.55
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.

***Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.***

***1 Timothy 6:12***