

ST. LAWRENCE OF CANTERBURY R C CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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TWELFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR B - 23RD JUNE 2024

(Psalter Week 4)

Entrance Antiphon: ***The Lord is the strength of his people, a saving refuge for the one he has anointed. Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage, and govern them for ever.***

Responsorial Psalm: ***O give thanks to the Lord, for his love endures for ever.***

Communion Antiphon: ***The eyes of all look to you, Lord, and you give them their food in due season.***

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.

Next Children's Liturgy: **7th July.**

Have a blessed week.

Fr. Paul.

INTERNATIONAL MASS AND FAREWELL FOR FR. PAUL

Our annual International Mass will take place on Sunday 28th July at the 11.30am Mass. Everyone is invited to wear their traditional dress for this wonderful celebration. A reception will be held afterwards in the church hall where parishioners are invited to bring a dish from your country of origin to share with others and refreshments will be served. A celebration of Fr. Paul's appointment as Parish Priest of St. Lawrence's Church from 2021 to 2024 will take place at the same time. Everyone is most welcome to attend. More details to follow nearer the time.

FR. PAUL'S LEAVING COLLECTION

A second collection for Fr. Paul will take place at all the Sunday Masses on the weekend of the 6th/7th July. There are envelopes available at the back of the Church. Alternatively you can give your donation through the card reader terminals in Church. If you are on the parish gift aid scheme please include your name/gift aid number.

HEADTEACHER ST. PETER CHANEL SCHOOL

Mrs. Gower will be leaving St Peter Chanel at the end of this term after eleven years of outstanding service. She is taking up a position with the Diocesan School Commission. The Governors have successfully appointed Mr. Alex Davies, who will take over as Headteacher in September. Mr. Davies is currently working at St. Thomas More School in Bexleyheath. This is an exciting time of change for the school and would ask for your support as we welcome him to our Catholic community of St. Lawrence's Sidcup.

Patricia Slonecki - Chair of Governors.

NEW LECTIONARY

The Lectionary, which is the book that contains the Scripture readings for Mass and the Sacraments, is changing as part of the continuing process of revising liturgical translations. The process began with the Roman Missal in 2011 and has continued with all the other liturgical texts. The new Lectionary will use the English Standard Version – Catholic Edition of the Bible and the Abbey Psalter. The changes are intended to make the biblical translations more faithful to the original languages, biblical scholarship, and to provide a text for use in liturgical setting that is more proclaimable and, where appropriate, more inclusive. We have already placed our order with the publisher for the new lectionary volumes which is intended to be used from 1st Sunday of Advent 2024 in all dioceses in England and Wales.

TUESDAY MORNING MASS TIME

From August 2024 the Tuesday morning Mass will start at 9.30am.

2ND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY - PETER'S PENCE - These offerings enable the Holy Father and the Apostolic See to support the needs of the Universal Church.

DEATH NOTICES

1. The Funeral Service for Philip Damien Jude Sargent RIP will take place on Tuesday 9th July at 11am at Kemnal Park Crematorium.
2. The Funeral Mass for John Patrick Kelleher RIP will take place on Thursday 18th July at 11am followed by burial at Sidcup Cemetery at 12.30pm.

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

FILM NIGHT

Thank you to all who attended our film night on Wednesday evening. Once again it was a great success. Our next Film Night is on Wednesday 3 July at 7.00 pm. Arrive at 7.00 pm 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 nearer the time for further details. All are welcome to attend and we look forward to seeing you.

QUIZ NIGHT

The Spiritual and Social Events Team are organising St Lawrence's annual Quiz night that will take place on Saturday 13th July 2024 in the church hall from 7.30pm. More details to follow.

100 CLUB

Just a reminder for 100 Club members to pay their monthly subscriptions. There are a few 100 Club numbers available at £5/month. These are displayed at the back of the church. If you would like to join the club please email your contact details to the parish office at sidcup@rcaos.org.uk.

ADOREMUS - SUNDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER

The 2024 National Eucharistic Congress will take place at St. Mary's Seminary Oscott. Adoremus is an ongoing program that aims to place the Eucharistic Lord at the heart of all we do. Parishes are invited to have a period of Exposition this weekend to unite the faithful of the country in focusing on the Eucharist in preparation for the Jubilee Year.

CALLED TO HOLINESS - A DAY FOR READERS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

There are two formation days coming up for readers and extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist of the SE area of our Archdiocese.

1. On Saturday 19th October at St Stephen's Church, Welling, 26 Deepdene Road, DA16 3QL. For the Deaneries of Bexley, Bromley, and Greenwich. And
 2. On Saturday 26th October, at Bishop Thomas Grant School, Belltrees Grove, Streatham, SW16 2HY for the Deaneries of Camberwell, Lewisham, and Lambeth.
- Each of the days will begin with tea and coffee at 9:30am, there will be three presentations and the day will end with Mass at 3pm. The theme for this year is "Called to Holiness", in preparation for the Jubilee year and to help us all live a good Christian life amidst the daily challenges of life. Please send an email to the parish office at sidcup@rcaos.org.uk to confirm the day you will be attending.

GENERAL ELECTION 2024

The General Election 2024 web resources from the Bishops' Conference is available online at <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/election24/>. See the poster on the notice board at the back of the church on which there is a QR code which will take you to the election resource page.

ORGAN CONCERT SUNDAY 23RD JUNE 7PM

Organ Concert at St Mary's Catholic Church, Chislehurst (corner of Crown Lane/Hawkwood Lane) on Sunday 23rd June at 7pm. Come and hear organists from local churches (including St Lawrence's) playing a variety of music and watch the hand and foot action on a screen. Tickets, including refreshments are £15 and can be bought at the door or via Eventbrite. Proceeds in aid of Mustard Seed Communities and St. Mary's Redecoration Fund. Details from Peter Mitchell, 07770 931477. See Poster.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 22nd June	Twelfth Sunday of the Year B
6.30pm	Lily and Joe Farrell RIP
Sunday 23rd June	Twelfth Sunday of the Year B
8.30am	For Chinazo Ilo for God's blessings on her business
10.00am	The People of the Parish
11.30am	Victoria Kai Fumey-Nassah RIP
Monday 24th June	The Solemnity of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist
9.30am	Gerry Earl RIP
Tuesday 25th June	Feria
9.45am	In Thanksgiving for completion of PhD - Dr. Elizabeth Ejaife-Middleton
Wednesday 26th June	Feria
9.30am	John and Lola RIP
Thursday 27th June	Saint Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
9.30am	Margarita and Joseph Edward Kane RIP
Friday 28th June	Saint Irenaeus, Bishop, Martyr and Doctor of the Church
9.30am	Michael McGrath RIP
Saturday 29th June	The Blessed Virgin Mary
9.30am	Holy Souls

Collection	16th June 2024	2nd Collection: Day for Life	
Cash	£376.73	Cash	£415.95
Gift Aid	£276.50	Gift Aid	£215.00
Total	£653.23	Total	£630.95
Monthly Standing Order	£4696		

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.

In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, always give thanks for everything to God the Father.

Ephesians 5:20