

ST. LAWRENCE OF CANTERBURY R C CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR B - 29TH SEPTEMBER 2024

(Psalter Week 2)

Entrance Antiphon: ***All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.***

Responsorial Psalm: The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart.

Communion Antiphon: ***Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.***

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: At the 10am Mass every Sunday during term time.

OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY - The practice of the rosary is an effective prayer to be prayed individually, as a family and as a community. Praying through the intercession of Our Blessed Mother, the Mother of our Church leads us to her Son as St Louis de Montfort said 'To Jesus through Mary'. Please feel free to join in on Wednesdays and Fridays after Mass and on Saturdays before Mass.

God bless you all.
Fr. Allan.

Fr. Regis Rubaya will take up his appointment as Parish Priest from the 1st October.

SPIRITAN FATHERS MISSION APPEAL TODAY - 28TH/29TH SEPTEMBER

Fr. Ugo Ikwuka from the Spiritan Fathers will be making a Mission Appeal this Sunday. A second collection will be taken at all the Masses for their Mission work.

CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY - 4TH OCTOBER

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

We are looking for volunteers who would be willing to write the Sunday Prayers of the faithful (bidding prayers). We currently have only 3 parishioners in this ministry. A training session will be held in October. If you would like to help out in this ministry please email the parish office on sidcup@rcaos.org.uk.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION APPLICATION FORMS

The First Holy Communion programme for children in Year 3 and above will be starting in November. Both parent and child will need to be regular Sunday Mass attendees in this parish to join the course. For an application form please see Fr. Allan after Mass. Closing date for submitting completed application forms is 27th October. Parents meeting is on Thursday 7th November at 7 pm in the Hall. Enrolment Mass is on Sunday 10th November at 10 am, both parent and child will need to attend the Mass.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The Children's Liturgy dates for the Autumn term are as follows: September 29th; October 6th, 13th, 20th; November 10th, 17th, 24th; December 1st, 8th, 15th.

No sessions on the 27th October and 3rd November.

The Children's Liturgy will be having a Christmas Party in the Upper room on Sunday 15th December after the last session. All are welcome.

ST. LAWRENCE'S CHRISTMAS FAIR - Save The Date for the St Lawrence's Christmas Fair on Saturday 23rd November. More details to follow.

FIRST FRIDAY LUNCH 4TH OCTOBER 12NOON TO 2PM IN THE HALL

There will be an exciting addition to the well established menu! All are welcome.

PARISH FILM NIGHT - WEDNESDAY 9TH OCTOBER

Thank you to everyone who supported our last film night, a great evening was had by all. Please join us for our next film evening on 9th October. Arrive from 7pm for social time/refreshments, film starts at 7.30pm. See the posters for details. All are welcome.

AFTERNOON TEA - SUNDAY 13TH OCTOBER 2 - 5 PM

The afternoon tea event as well as being a fundraiser will be an opportunity to officially welcome Fr. Regis to St Lawrence's. Aiden Kent (singing Cabbie) will be performing a wide range of songs from the 50's/60's. Afternoon tea tickets will be on sale after all the masses on the weekend. Tickets £15. We look forward to seeing you. Please give donations of coffee pots, teapots, sugar bowls, milk jugs and cake stands to the office.

DEATH NOTICE

1. The Funeral Mass for Christine Agnes Kitchen RIP will take place on Thursday 17th October at 11.00am followed by Cremation at Eltham Crematorium at 12.30pm.

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

ANNUAL MASS COUNT - This will continue for the next three Sundays. Volunteers are requested to please collect and return the tally counters to the Sacristy.

MARIST WAY - The next meeting of the Marist Way group will be on Saturday 5th October after the 9.30am Mass in the upper room of the hall. All are welcome.

NEWSLETTER - Information and notices for the newsletter should be emailed to the parish office on sidcup@rcaos.org.uk by Wednesday 1pm.

ST. LAWRENCE YOUNG PEOPLE'S CHOIR - SINGING LESSONS

Do you have a child aged 7-18 who loves singing and would like to learn how to use their voice well and perhaps join the St. Lawrence young people's Choir? Then you are invited to contact Fiona on 07957592 081 to register your child for our 6 week voice and singing training starting on Saturday 5th October from 11am -12pm in the upstairs Hall. Places are limited, so parents please contact Fiona to register your children for the classes. See posters at the back of the church.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

Thinking about becoming Catholic? As an adult are you thinking about becoming Catholic or are you considering the sacrament of Confirmation as an adult? If so please speak with Fr Allan about an application form. The first meeting for RCIA candidates will be on Thursday 28th November at 7:30 pm in the parish office.

100 CLUB WINNERS

MONTH	£75	£50	£25	£10
JUNE	C. Tragheim	P. Munroe	R. McMorrow	M. Wells
JULY	C. Bradbury	B. Collins	L. Provenza	C. Carr
AUGUST	P. Slonecki	M. Lodwig	R. Waddell	G. Grant

ST. PETER CHANEL PRIMARY SCHOOL - OPEN MORNINGS

Our local Catholic Primary School, St Peter Chanel, are hosting open mornings for prospective parents on the following dates: Friday 11th October, Tuesday 22nd October, Friday 22nd November. These mornings run from 9:30am - 11am and are a wonderful opportunity for you to see our school in action! There is a pre-school onsite which can take children from 2 years old. Please speak to the school office if you are interested in a place at Pre-School or please feel free to attend one of the open mornings if your child is due to start school in September 2025.

SECONDARY SCHOOLS OPEN EVENTS - ST. CATHERINE AND ST. COLUMBA'S

Both of our local Catholic secondary schools are celebrating fantastic sets of results at GCSE in 2024. Parents of girls in Year 6 are invited to visit St Catherine's on Thursday October 3rd at 5pm whilst St Columba's for boys holds it's Open Morning on Saturday October 5th. Please visit the respective school websites for more information.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 28th September	Twenty-Sixth Sunday of the Year B
6.30pm	The People of the Parish
Sunday 29th September	Twenty-Sixth Sunday of the Year B
8.30am	John Kelleher RIP
10.00am	Kit and Stan Littlefield RIP
11.30am	Intentions of Bernadette Smith
Monday 30th September	Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church
9.30am	Mauro Figueroa RIP
Tuesday 1st October	Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
9.30am	Dan McBride RIP
Wednesday 2nd October	The Holy Guardian Angels
9.30am	Janina Basiaga RIP
Thursday 3rd October	Feria
9.30am	Marie Tooher RIP
Friday 4th October	Saint Francis of Assisi
9.30am	Roy Da Cunha RIP - 1st Anniversary
Saturday 5th October	Saint Faustina Kowalska, Virgin
9.30am	Harry and Cecilia Carr RIP

Collection	22nd September 2024
Cash	£359.00
Gift Aid	£291.30
Total	£650.30
Monthly Standing Order	£4766

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.

And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek you. Psalms 9:10