

ST. LAWRENCE OF CANTERBURY R C CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR B - 13TH OCTOBER 2024

(Psalter Week 4)

Entrance Antiphon: ***If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.***

Responsorial Psalm: ***Fill us with your love that we may rejoice.***

Communion Antiphon: ***The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.***

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.

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION

In today's Gospel, a generous, law-abiding man comes to Jesus because he wants to inherit eternal life. His external riches, his possessions have been holding him bound. Jesus asks him to free himself by giving up what he owns. We can dominate what we have or let it dominate us. It is not easy to give up what we think gives us security. May we hear God's message and allow it to become the true riches that hold our hearts. May the Lord bring us to inner freedom so that we can do what seems impossible otherwise.

TODAY IS PRISONERS' SUNDAY - 2ND COLLECTION IS FOR PACT

Nick Mann, Director of Communications at PACT (Prison Advice and Care Trust) the national catholic prison charity will be making an appeal at the end of all the Masses on Sunday. A second collection will be taken to support the work of PACT. There are some gift aid envelopes from PACT available at the back of the church. Prisoners Sunday is the Church's national day of prayer and action in support of prisoners and their families, and the work of PACT. Your donations will enable PACT to deliver services in courts, in prisons and in communities across England and Wales by supporting prisoners, people with convictions, and their children and families to live lives that bear good fruit. For further information visit the website <https://www.prisonadvice.org.uk>.

NO REFRESHMENTS IN THE HALL TODAY DUE TO THE AFTERNOON TEA EVENT TAKING PLACE AT 2PM

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/November. If you would like to help out in this ministry please email the parish office on sidcup@rcaos.org.uk.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The Children's Liturgy dates for the Autumn term are as follows: October 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 hall Upper room on Sunday 15th December after the last session. All are welcome.

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.

ST. LAWRENCE'S CHRISTMAS FAIR - SATURDAY 23RD NOVEMBER

The St. Lawrence's Christmas Fair will soon be descending upon us so we are now asking parishioners for any donations. Items include chocolates, bottles of alcohol, toys, children's books, cuddly toys and, general bric and brac. Any items donated will be truly appreciated. Donations may be left in the parish office.

We are looking for volunteers to help us with this year's Christmas Fair, for more information please contact Catherine Culbert 07828003594.

DEATH NOTICES

1. The Funeral Mass for Christine Agnes Kitchen RIP will take place on Thursday 17th October at 11.00am.
2. The Funeral Mass for Angela Ashenden RIP will take place on Tuesday 22nd October at 11.00am followed by Cremation at Kemnal Park Crematorium at 12.30pm.
3. The Funeral Mass for Mauro Sagmit Figueroa RIP will take place on Tuesday 29th October at 12.30pm followed by Cremation at Kemnal Park Crematorium at 2.00pm.

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

2ND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY IS FOR MISSIO

Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday. Missio is the Church's official organ for the support of foreign missions. The Collection taken on World Mission Sunday goes in its entirety to support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is new, young or poor. The Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to the special collection for Missio as it is vital for the growth of the Church and the spread of the Gospel in predominantly impoverished and remote areas overseas.

ANNUAL MASS COUNT - This is the last Sunday for the Mass Count. Volunteers are requested to please collect and return the tally counters to the Sacristy.

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 can contact Fiona on 07957592 081 to register your child for our voice and singing training taking place on Saturdays from 11am -12pm in the upstairs Hall. Parents please contact Fiona if you would like your child to attend. Details on the notice board.

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.

GIFT AID SCHEME

Thank you for your donations in the baskets each week. Just a reminder to all parishioners that are putting cash in the collection basket each week, that the parish would be able to claim back the tax on your weekly donations, at no extra expense to you, if you have signed a Gift Aid Declaration. Therefore a donation of £5 would increase to £6.25 ! If you would like to sign up, or have any questions regarding the scheme then please contact Nick Wells on sidcupgac@rcaos.org.uk M: 07986 348013.

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.

THE ARCHBISHOP'S CERTIFICATE

The Archbishop's Certificate (ArchCert) is a two-year online course incorporating three in person study days for all in Southwark who wish to understand their faith in a more profound way and be able to share it with both confidence and joy. The course will commence on **12 October 2024** with an introductory zoom session and the first in person session will take place on 19 October 2024 at St George's Cathedral. Further details can be found here: <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/archcert>. If you have any questions please email archcert@aec.rcaos.org.uk.

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 12th October	Twenty-Eighth Sunday of the Year B
6.30pm	Joaquim Pires RIP
Sunday 13th October	Twenty-Eighth Sunday of the Year B
8.30am	Intention of Fr. Paul Kyne
10.00am	Mauro Figueroa RIP
11.30am	The People of the Parish
Monday 14th October	Feria
9.30am	For Peace in the Middle East
Tuesday 15th October	Saint Teresa of Jesus (of Avila), Virgin and Doctor of the Church
9.30am	Patrick O'Callaghan RIP
Wednesday 16th October	Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin
9.30am	Mauro Figueroa RIP
Thursday 17th October	Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr
9.30am	Olinda Figueiredo RIP
11.00am	Funeral Mass for Christine Agnes Kitchen RIP
Friday 18th October	Saint Luke, Evangelist
9.30am	Chris Wells RIP and Deceased Family Members
Saturday 19th October	The Blessed Virgin Mary
9.30am	Holy Souls

Collection	6th October 2024	2nd Collection: CAFOD Harvest Fast	
Cash	£441.38	Cash	£489.09
Gift Aid	£204.50	Gift Aid	-
Total	£645.88	Total	£489.09
Monthly Standing Order	£4682		

Please pray for all the sick of our parish who are at home and in hospitals. Please also pray for the souls of the faithful departed that God may grant them eternal rest.

**On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul.
Psalms 138:3**