

ST. LAWRENCE OF CANTERBURY R C CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 30th November	First Sunday of Advent (C)	
6.30pm	Mauro Figueroa RIP	
Sunday 1st December	First Sunday of Advent (C)	
8.30am	The People of the Parish	
10.00am	Thomas Linnett RIP	Children's Liturgy
11.30am	Pauline and Bernard Chick RIP	
Monday 2nd December	Feria	
9.30am	Theresa Bonney RIP	
2.30pm	Parish Prayer Group	
Tuesday 3rd December	Saint Francis Xavier, Priest, Memorial	
9.30am	Peter Simmons RIP	Divine Mercy Devotion and Rosary after Mass
Wednesday 4th December	Feria	
9.30am	Joan O'Halloran RIP	Coffee Morning
Thursday 5th December	Feria	
9.30am	Mary Keane RIP	
Friday 6th December	Saint Nicholas, Bishop	
9.30am	Paul Timms RIP	
Saturday 7th December	Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church, Memorial	
9.30am	Family and Friends of Mary Healy - Both Living and Deceased	Saturday Morning Prayer at 8.45am
10.00 - 12.00noon	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	

Collection	24th November 2024	2nd Collection: Catholic Youth Services	
Cash	£423.52	Cash	£177.47
Gift Aid	£241.00	Gift Aid	£217.00
Total	£664.52	Total	£394.47
Monthly Standing Order	£4707		

The Sacrament of Penance - Saturday mornings 11am-12noon and before Mass on Saturday evening or by arrangement.

FAREWELL AND WELCOME

We are delighted to welcome our new parish secretary, Andreea Munty, who started on Tuesday, 26th November. At the same time, we are sad to say goodbye to Jeanette, who has served our parish with dedication for over the last three and half years. Jeanette would like to thank all parishioners for their kind words and support. We wish Jeanette every blessing for the future and warmly welcome Andreea to our parish team! We are taking a second collection this weekend as a token of appreciation for Jeanette's work in the parish. Thank you for your generosity.

THANK YOU

The Christmas Fair team would like to say a huge thank you to all those who came along last Saturday. It was a fantastic day, and so joyful to see so many joining in the festive fun. Thank you to the incredible team of volunteers who offered their time in preparing for the event and on the actual day. So much work goes into this event and can only be achieved by so many coming forward and offering help - THANK YOU. It is with great pleasure to let you know that £1920.81 profit was raised. Thank you again for your wonderful support and look forward to seeing you all next year.

CONFIRMATION APPLICATION FORMS - The Confirmation Programme for children in Year 9 and above will be starting on the 18th January 2025. For an application form please see Fr. Allan after Mass. The deadline for returning the completed forms is Wednesday 18th December 2024. There will be a Parents Meeting on Saturday 11th January 2025.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY - The Children's Liturgy dates for the Autumn term are as follows: December 1st, 8th, 15th. The Children's Liturgy Christmas Party will take place after the last session on December 15th from 11am to 12.30pm. Children are most welcome to come along in fancy dress! All are welcome.

ST. CATHERINE'S GARDEN - The flower bed to the left of the Church door is named St. Catherine's Garden, or 'The White Garden' in remembrance of still born babies and babies that died soon after birth and the names on the plaque have not been updated for quite some time. If any parishioner would like to have a name included on the list, would they please contact Deacon Peter Varnes with the names and they will be added on the plaque.

REPOSITORY - Christmas cards, calendars, diaries and small gifts will be on sale in the Repository, in the church hall, after the Sunday 8.30 Masses until 11.30 and during the Wednesday coffee mornings.

ADVENT CAROL SERVICE

The annual joint Advent Carol Service between St Lawrence's and Holy Trinity Lamorbey will take place on Sunday 1st December at Holy Trinity (corner of Hurst Road) at 6pm. Refreshments will be served after the service.

FIRST FRIDAY LUNCH - CHRISTMAS SPECIAL 6TH DECEMBER 12NOON TO 2PM IN THE HALL - All are welcome.

MARIST WAY - The next meeting of the Marist Way group will be on Saturday 7th December after the 9.30am Mass in the upper room of the hall. All are welcome.

MUSICAL CONCERT - WEDNESDAY 11TH DECEMBER 10.30AM - Woodlands Primary Care are holding a musical concert in the Hall. Parishioners are invited to join them for music, tea and biscuits. All are welcome.

PARISH FESTIVE FILM NIGHT - WEDNESDAY 11TH DECEMBER

Please come along and join us for our next film night with a Festive theme. From 7pm for social, film starts at 7.30pm. Festive refreshments will be provided by us including mulled wine, mince pies and other treats. We would love to see some new faces along with our lovely regulars. Please see poster at the back of the church for further information. Christmas jumpers welcome !!

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN SIDCUP EVENTS - The Civic Carol Service at St. John's, Church Road is on Sunday 15 December 4pm. The carol singing in the High St. outside Gym on Saturday 21 December 11am -12noon. All are welcome.

REFRESHMENTS AFTER THE MIDNIGHT MASS ON CHRISTMAS EVE

Please join us on Christmas Eve for the Service of Carols and Readings at 11.00pm followed by Midnight Mass. The Parish Spiritual and Social Events Team will be serving mulled wine, mince pies, tea and coffee and relevant items for children in the Parish Hall after the Midnight Mass. Everyone is welcome to join us in the Hall after the Mass.

MONTHLY FOODBANK DONATION - A very big thank you for the generosity shown by so many of our parishioners each week and for your continued contribution and support. More donations are required as the numbers seeking food continues to grow so in addition, we would be grateful if all parishioners, where possible, could provide one or two items of food for the Foodbank and bring along to mass on the last weekend of every month starting next weekend. We look forward to your donation and support for this very worthwhile cause. The bins will be in place as usual for your donations.

SAINT LAWRENCE CHARITABLE FUND

As in previous years Parishioners wishing to make a donation to St Lawrence Charitable Fund rather than sending Christmas cards can add their name to a list at the back of the church. Donations can be made via our **new website** www.stlcf.org.uk or in an envelope marked SLCF donation, handed into the Parish office. Thank you for your support.

SOUTHWARK ARCHDIOCESE ROSARY PRAYER PROJECT

Everyone is warmly invited to joint this Archdiocese-wide prayer initiative, praying a decade of the Rosary each day for priests and parishes in their deanery. (For details please see the poster on the notice board).