

ST. LAWRENCE OF CANTERBURY R C CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 9th November

6.30pm

Thirty-Second Sunday of the Year B

Mauro Figueroa RIP

Sunday 10th November

8.30am

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The People of the Parish

10.00am

For the Repose of the Souls of those lost in conflict

11.30am

Anthony Daley RIP

Monday 11th November

9.30am

Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop, Memorial

Jennie Healy RIP

Tuesday 12th November

9.30am

Saint Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr, Memorial

Health and Healing for Charlotte Jones

Wednesday 13th November

9.30am

Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Religious

Robert Bartlett RIP

Thursday 14th November

9.30am

Feria

Patrick and Agnes Monye RIP

Friday 15th November

9.30am

Saint Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Joseph Peter O'Connor RIP

Saturday 16th November

9.30am

Saint Gertrude, Virgin

Baby Robyn Nash-Flanagan RIP

Collection	3rd November 2024
Cash	£437.76
Gift Aid	£220.20
Total	£657.96
Monthly Standing Order	£4707

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.

NOVEMBER - MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

The Holy Souls mass envelopes are available at the back of the Church. Please include the names of your deceased family members and friends along with your Mass offerings in the envelope. The envelopes will be placed in a basket at the front of the altar. Mass offerings will be used to celebrate Masses for Holy Souls during the year.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY MASS IS AT 10AM TODAY.

GRAVE BLESSING SERVICES IN THE BEXLEY DEANERY

Sidcup Cemetery - Sunday 10th November at 1pm.
Bexleyheath Cemetery - Sunday 10th November at 2:30pm.
Brook Street Cemetery Erith - Sunday 10th November at 3pm.

DEANERY MASS FOR THE DECEASED CLERGY OF BEXLEY - The Deanery Mass for the deceased clergy of Bexley will be celebrated at Our Lady of Rosary Church, 330a Burnt Oak Lane, Blackfen DA15 8LW at 12noon on Tuesday 26th November. We remember and pray for the deceased clergy, who served our communities. All are welcome.

INDUCTION OF THE PARISH PRIEST

Fr Regis' induction as parish priest of this parish will take place on Friday 29th November. The Mass will be celebrated at 7.00pm by Canon Victor Darlington, Episcopal Vicar for South East. Refreshments will be served in the hall after Mass.

HOLY HOUR WEDNESDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 5.30PM - 6.30PM

The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill will have its Second Reading on 29th November 2024, and the Archbishop has asked that we, as an archdiocese, come together in prayer and action to uphold the dignity of human life. The Bishops of England and Wales are holding their Plenary Assembly next week. We will be holding a Holy Hour with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesday 13th November from 5.30pm-6.30pm, the same time the Bishops will be observing their holy hour and praying for the dignity of Human life.

Please write to your MP to ask them to oppose this dangerous threat to the dignity and value of human life. The following link will provide you with the details of your local MP <https://righttolife.org.uk/AStreat>.

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 application forms is Wednesday 18th December 2024. There will be a Parents Meeting on Saturday 11th January 2025.

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.

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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The Children's Liturgy dates for the Autumn term are as follows: 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.

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.

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 or M: 07986 348013.

ST. VINCENT'S CHARITY SHOP SIDCUP HIGH STREET - Are gratefully accepting winter clothes donations. Volunteers are also needed, any amount of time would be greatly appreciated. The shop is open 7 days a week. See staff for details.

ARCHBISHOP'S APPEAL SECOND COLLECTION TODAY

The Archbishop's Appeal is a Diocesan second collection that funds key areas of ministry: Youth and Evangelisation, Our Faith in Action (Caritas) and Clergy Care and Formation. Your support will enable the Archdiocese of Southwark to support innovative projects taking place within Catholic parishes and Schools throughout South London and Kent that seek to invest Faith, Hope and Love into the communities they serve. Please be generous to the Archbishop's Appeal 2024. Every gift is welcome. For info, or to donate online: www.rcaos.org.uk/archbishops-appeal or: - Scan QR Code using telephone camera (right)
- Telephone weekdays 9 am – 5 pm: 020 7960 2504. - Cash / Cheque – please use the Archbishop's Appeal envelopes available at the back of church. Thank you for your generosity.

