

ST. LAWRENCE OF CANTERBURY R C CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 23rd November

6.30pm

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (B)

The People of the Parish

Sunday 24th November

8.30am

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Bernadette Smith RIP

10.00am

Intention of Helen Gibney

11.30am

Anthony Charles Beare RIP

Monday 25th November

9.30am

Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr

Kevin Davison RIP

Tuesday 26th November

9.30am

Feria

John Wilkinson RIP

Wednesday 27th November

9.30am

Feria

Holy Souls

Thursday 28th November

9.30am

Feria

Intentions of Gilly Startup

Friday 29th November

9.30am

Feria

Deceased members of the Blackheath and Chislehurst Catenians

7.00pm

Induction Mass of Father Regis Rubaya

Saturday 30th November

9.30am

Saint Andrew, Apostle, Patron of Scotland

Mary Boryczka RIP

Collection	17th November 2024
Cash	£379.21
Gift Aid	£368.50
Total	£747.71
Monthly Standing Order	£4707

The Sacrament of Penance - On Saturday mornings from 11am to 12noon and before Mass on Saturday evening and by prior arrangement. Parish Prayer Group - 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-12noon. Saturday morning prayer 8:45am.

WORLD YOUTH SUNDAY 2024 - Sunday (24 November) is World Youth Sunday. The second collection will support youth work in the Archdiocese and beyond, especially the work of the Southwark Catholic Youth Service, which provides a variety of activities for youth and young adults. For more information, visit www.tinyurl.com/scys1 or join the Southwark Catholic Youth network for regular updates at www.tinyurl.com/scysnetwork or via the QR code. Additional World Youth Sunday resources have been produced by the Catholic Youth Ministry Federation (CYMFed) at www.wys.cymfed.org.uk.

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.

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 will be on Thursday 28th November at 7:30 pm in the parish office.

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: November 24th; 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.

ST. PETER CHANEL SCHOOL PRAYER GARDEN - The School are looking for volunteers to help create a prayer garden in the playground for children to visit for quiet reflection. They need volunteers for Friday 29th November at 3.30pm and it would be helpful if you could bring your own cutting/gardening tools. See the poster on the notice board for details.

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.

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.

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.

EMAIL SCAM - The ICT department of the Archdiocese is drawing to our attention the concerning rise in scam email targeting our parishioners. These emails impersonate the parish priest, often using a similar email name and masking the real email address. They typically request the recipient to purchase Amazon or other gift cards as gifts for the priest. A number of parishioners have fallen victim to these scams, with some individuals losing up to £600 to the fraudsters. And so, as a matter of policy we will: never purchase gift cards as gifts for the parish priest based on an email request, unless we have verified the request directly in person or through trusted means. -double -check any suspicious email by directly contacting the parish office. -avoid sharing personal or financial information in response to unsolicited emails.

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).