

ST. LAWRENCE OF CANTERBURY R C CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 28th December	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (C)	
6.30pm	Holy Souls	
Sunday 29th December	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (C)	
8.30am	Parishioners	
10.00am	Birthday Intentions for Paula Akpafure	
11.30am	Jenny Maplesden RIP	
Monday 30th December	Sixth Day within the Octave of Christmas	
9.30am	Roy Kelly RIP	2.30 pm Parish Prayer Group
Tuesday 31st December	Seventh Day within the Octave of Christmas	
9.30am	Holy Souls	Divine Mercy Devotion and Rosary after Mass
8.00pm	Anne Maxted RIP	
Wednesday 1st January	Mary, The Holy Mother of God	
9.30am	Janina Basiaga RIP	Coffee Morning
Thursday 2nd January	Sts Basil & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops	
9.30am	Intentions of Phoebe Simbule	
Friday 3rd January	Feria of Christmas	10am-12noon Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
9.30	Chris Kitchen RIP	
Saturday 4th January	The Beatified Martyrs of the Diocese	8.45am Morning Prayer
9.30 am	Chris Kitchen RIP	9.00am Rosary

Collection	22nd December 2024
Cash	£393.25
Gift Aid	£286.50
Total	£679.75
Monthly Standing Order	£4707

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

DEATH NOTICES

1. The Funeral Mass of Veronica Mary Savage RIP will take place on Tuesday 7th January at 12:30am followed by cremation at Eltham Crematorium at 2:30pm.
 2. The Funeral Mass of Bryan Moran RIP will take place on Thursday 9th January at 11:00am followed by cremation at Eltham Crematorium at 1pm.
 3. The cremation of Andrew Witkowski will take place at Eltham Crematorium on Friday 17th January at 1.15pm.
- May their soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

100 CLUB WINNERS

MONTH	£75	£50	£25	£10
SEPTEMBER	G. Thrift	P. Simbule	N. Wells	E. Armfield
OCTOBER	M. Lodwig	Fr. Paul	S. Wall	J. Judge
NOVEMBER	C. Jagger	R. Spencer	J. Brooker	P. Maxted

MONTHLY FILM NIGHT

We hope you all had a very happy Christmas and we would like to take the opportunity to wish you a very happy New Year. Firstly, we would like to thank you all for making our Film Nights so successful and enjoyable. We have certainly had a lovely time meeting and chatting with you during the social time that takes place before the film starts. Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances we need to change our Film Night from the first Wednesday of the month to the second FRIDAY of the month. We do hope this does not cause any issues with those who have supported us over the past six months and we look forward to seeing you and hopefully more people in the coming months. Our first Film Night of the year will be on Friday 10 January and we will be showing a musical. As always there will be a poster at the back of the church advertising this.

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA – THANK YOU

The Knights of St Columba would like to thank all the parishioners of St. Lawrence for their generous donations. The total raised came to **£132.15**. Thank you for your continued support!

BARN DANCE

The Spiritual and Social Events team will be holding a BARN DANCE on the evening of Saturday 1 February. Tickets will be on sale in the new year.

CONFIRMATION APPLICATION FORMS

The Confirmation Programme for children in Year 9 and above will be starting on the 18th January 2025. Application forms can be collected from the Parish office. There will be a Parents Meeting on Saturday 11th January 2025.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY 10am SUNDAY MASS

The Children's Liturgy dates for the Spring term 2025 are as follows: January 12th, 19th, 26th; February 2nd, 9th; March 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th.

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.

VISITS TO ST PETER CHANEL

St Peter Chanel is open for 2025 Reception applications for children born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021. The deadline for Reception applications is 15th January 2025. We also have places in our outstanding Pre-School available, with an immediate start, for children from the age of two. If you would like to arrange a visit to our Pre-School or main school, please contact 0208 302 6029 or email admin@st-peterchanel.bexley.sch.uk

MONTHLY FOODBANK DONATION - This will take place over the weekend 28/29 December. The food bins will be placed outside church for your donations. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the wonderful support you have provided over the last year and to wish you all a very happy New Year.

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.