

ST. LAWRENCE OF CANTERBURY R C CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Day	Time	Intention	Other
Saturday 25th January		Third Sunday of the Year C	
	6.30pm	Ann Reilly RIP	
Sunday 26th January		Third Sunday of the Year C	
	8.30am	People of the Parish	
	10.00am	Intentions of Ann Gajebasia	Children's Liturgy
	11.30am	Mary Beryezka RIP	
Monday 27th January		Saint Angela Merici, Virgin	
	9.30am	Edward Przydrozny RIP	2.30 pm Parish Prayer Group
Tuesday 28th January		Saint Thomas Aquinas	
	9.30am	Stella Pereira Jennings RIP	Divine Mercy Devotion and Rosary after Mass
Wednesday 29th January		Feria	
	9.30am	Well-being for Jamina James	Coffee Morning
Thursday 30th January		Feria	
	9.30am	Annette Porter RIP	
Friday 31st January		Saint John Bosco, Priest, Memorial	10am-12noon Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	9.30	In Thanksgiving for God's mercy Petina Obah Family	
Saturday 1st February		Feria	8.45am Morning Prayer
	9.30 am	Marie Ruby RIP	9.00am Rosary

Collection	19th January 2024	2nd Collection	Pax Christie
Cash	£446.56	Cash	£325.52
Gift Aid	£342		
Total	£788.56	This week	White Flower
Monthly Standing Order	£4677		

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

Baptism preparation course for parents will now take place on the first Monday of every month at 7pm.

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY

For the right to an education

Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

PRAYER REQUESTS

If you request for yourself or an immediate family member to be listed in the Parish newsletter, please send an email to: regisrubaya@rcaos.org.uk

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Please pray for those who have died recently: Maria Isabel Sayell, Carmel Ann Armstrong.

RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY 2025

As we journey through the Jubilee Year 2025, themed "Pilgrims of Hope", we are invited to walk together in faith and solidarity, seeking justice, dignity, and peace for all. In this spirit, the Racial and Cultural Inclusion Commission, under the leadership of Canon Victor Darlington, warmly extends this invitation to you and your parish community to join us for **Racial Justice Sunday, on 16th February 2025**, as we reflect on the theme: "**Pilgrims of Hope: Our Journey Together Towards Racial Justice**". This special celebration will be led by our Archbishop John Wilson, who will preside over the 10:00AM Mass at **St George's Cathedral, Southwark**. To mark this occasion in a spirit of unity and cultural diversity, we encourage attendees to wear traditional attire and, where possible, bring a flag representing their country of origin. This will be a beautiful expression of the universal nature of our Church and our shared commitment to justice and inclusion.

SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN

This weekend the second collection will be taken for the White Flower appeal. Their mission is to protect unborn human lives at the local, national and international level to build a world free from abortion and euthanasia, promoting a culture of life and dignity for all. They work with schools, universities, and policymakers to ensure every life is valued and respected. <https://spuc.org.uk>

THE ROMERO ROSARY - Praying the Mysteries of Faith with Our Lady & St Oscar Romero by Archbishop John Wilson

This beautiful and creative new book contains reflections on the traditional mysteries of the rosary (Joy, Light, Sorrow & Glory) and the NEW Romero mysteries (Charity, Compassion and Mercy, & Justice and Peace) - all illumined for reflection and prayer by St Oscar's own words. St Oscar Romero is a saint for our time, faithful to Christ and to the Church, and committed to the defence of human life and dignity. He calls us to love the Lord Jesus and Mary, his Mother, and to put our faith into practice. The rosary is a beautiful way to pray with him, united in spiritual friendship, asking for strength to live out our discipleship today. Published by Pauline Books - ISBN: 9781904785866. Books for sale on the evening, also available at www.PaulineUK.org

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 and it would be helpful if you could bring your own cutting/gardening tools. See the poster on the notice board for details.

MARIST WAY

The next meeting will be on Saturday 1st February, after 9.30 Mass and our Speaker will be Deacon Peter Varnes. We will meet in the upper room of the hall and all are very welcome.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

Parents wishing to have their children baptised can request an application form from our parish office. The first Baptism preparation session for parents will take place on **3rd February at 6.30pm**. To attend, please confirm your attendance by emailing sidcup@rcaos.org.uk.

CALL FOR CATECHISTS

We are looking for a new catechist to help with our Confirmation program next year. If you are interested, please contact the parish office for more information and an application form. Thank you!

SOCIAL EVENT FOR THE PARISH - BARN DANCE

It is with regret that the Spiritual and Social Events team have had to postpone this event but hopefully not for too long. Further details to follow soon.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY 10am SUNDAY MASS

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

REPOSITORY - The Repository is open after the Sunday 8.30am Mass until 11.30am and during the Wednesday coffee mornings.

MONTHLY FOODBANK DONATION

Our next monthly foodbank donation will take place this weekend and we would encourage you to support this by providing one item for the local foodbank. A list of requirements is provided at the back of the church. For the rest of the month the bins will be in their usual place and we thank all those who generously donate every week.

SAINT LAWRENCE CHARITABLE FUND

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.