

ST. LAWRENCE OF CANTERBURY R C CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 1st March	Eighth Sunday of the Year C	
6.30pm	Mary and Isabell Mitchell RIP	
Sunday 2nd March	Eighth Sunday of the Year C	
8.30am	Veronica Doyle RIP	
10.00am	People of the Parish	Children's Liturgy
11.30am	In Thanksgiving - Mercy Young	
Monday 3rd March	Feria	
9.30am	Stephen Raven RIP	2.30 pm Parish Prayer Group
Tuesday 4th March	Saint Casimir	
9.30am	Father James Norton RIP	Divine Mercy Devotion and Rosary after Mass
Wednesday 5th March	Ash Wednesday - Day of Fasting and Abstinence	
9.30am	Vilma and Francisco Pinto RIP	Coffee Morning
8.00pm	Cornelia Tadyanemhandu RIP	
Thursday 6th March	Feria	
9.30am	Derek Flint RIP	
Friday 7th March	Woman's World Day of Prayer	10am-12noon Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
9.30am	Stella Pereira Jennings RIP	
Saturday 8th March	Feria	8.45am Morning Prayer
9.30am	Mary Margaret Brennan RIP	

Collection	23rd February 2025	2nd Collection	Clergy Support Fund
Cash	£485.20	Cash	£469.67
Gift Aid	£344	Gift Aid	£245
Total	£829.20	Total	£714.67
Monthly Standing Order	£4707		

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 MARCH

For families in crisis.

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

PRAYER REQUESTS - If you would like to 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 - Those who have died recently: Freda Basley, Ernest D'Cruz, Rose Mary Raney, Fred Baker, Cornelia Tadyanemhandu, and those who are in poor health: Ella Duncan and Peter Monaghan.

FIRST FRIDAY LUNCH - 12NOON TO 2PM

The First Friday Lunch is on Friday 7th March from 12-2pm in the hall. All are welcome.

PARISH FILM NIGHT

Our next parish film night is on Friday 14th March. Arrive from 7pm for social/refreshments, film starts at 7.30. Look forward to seeing you, all are welcome.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY 10am SUNDAY MASS

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

USED CAR FOR OUR PARISH PRIEST

Our Parish Priest is looking for a used car but with a very small budget. If you know of anyone selling a car or have connections with a reputable car dealers please contact the Parish office.

BUILDING A BETTER MARRIAGE (BAM) – Jubilee 2025 Pilgrims of Hope

To celebrate Jubilee 2025 one day Building a Better Marriage events will be held during 2025. The day starts at 9.30am and finishes at 4.30pm and is free to attend.

To join one of these days please contact Carole on 07983 524 727 or email: mflkent@rcaos.org.uk:

15 March - Our Lady Queen of Peace, East Sheen

12 April – St Mary Church, Croydon West

28 June – St Raphael Church, Kingston Upon Thames

5 July - St Thomas More, Dulwich

13 September – Southwark Cathedral, London

4 October – Holy Cross, Catford

1 November – St James the Great, Petts Wood

ST LAWRENCE'S CHURCH GIFT AID SCHEME - Envelopes/Donations

For those of you already on the scheme thank you for your continued support. The weekly donor boxes of envelopes for the next tax year will be distributed after all masses over the next two weekends, as well as the smaller packs of envelopes for second collections for all parishioners that currently donate by way of a Standing Order. Perhaps if you are a weekly envelope donor, you might consider starting up a monthly standing order instead, to help the parish as it's also easier to process. If you are a Standing Order donor, it could be that you have paid the same amount for many years, might you consider a small increase of which you can do yourself online or at your bank?

Just to remind you that you must be a UK tax payer to use this scheme. If you no longer pay tax, please let us know as soon as possible. Please do check that we have your correct address, and if you have changed telephone number or email, please provide your best contact details. For those of you unfamiliar with the scheme, if you are a UK Tax Payer we are able to reclaim tax paid on all your donations, at no cost to you. We simply need your name and address and a record of your donations by either using a monthly standing order, or by placing your cash/cheque donations in a pre-printed envelope each week. If you would like more information, please see one of the representatives outside Mass over the next two weekends, or contact me directly. Many Thanks. Nick Wells, sidcupgac@rcaos.org.uk, 07986 348013.

YOUTH FESTIVAL MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE 2025. 4th-11th August 2025 led by Fr. Innocent Ezeonyeasi. The full cost of the pilgrimage is £770 including flights from Gatwick, half board accommodation coach transfers with a local guide. A deposit of £150 needs to be paid immediately to secure your place. Please feel free to share this information with friends & family, who may benefit from this. Please contact Noeleen for payment on 0203 808 5156 or contact the group leader Adamma Oguh (07957 211056 or adanmaoguh@gmail.com) for more information or book online using this link <https://marian-uk.com/onlineBooking1.asp?id=Medjugorje&tour=7028>

CTS BOOKLETS - RESTOCKED! - We're pleased to inform you that our CTS booklets display racks at the back of the church have been fully restocked! There are many new titles available, including special booklets to help you prepare for Lent. If you'd like to take one, please put the money in the allocated box at the back of the church.

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!

SOUTHWARK ARCHDIOCESE ROSARY PRAYER PROJECT - Everyone is warmly invited to join this Archdiocese-wide prayer initiative, praying a decade of the Rosary each day for priests and parishes in their deanery.