

ST. LAWRENCE OF CANTERBURY R C CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 15th March	Second Sunday of Lent Year C	
6.30pm	Deceased members of the Ludmila Przybylek Family	
Sunday 16th March	Second Sunday of Lent Year C	
8.30am	Anne Maxted RIP	
10.00am	Intentions of Moreen Hegarty	Children's Liturgy
11.30am	Intentions of Borg Family	
Monday 17th March	Saint Patrick, Bishop, Patron of Ireland	
9.30am	Intentions of Theo, Marie and Frances Pinto	2.30 pm Parish Prayer Group
Tuesday 18th March	Feria	
9.30am	Father John Collier RIP Funeral Terrence Gibbs RIP	Divine Mercy Devotion and Rosary after Mass
11.30am	Funeral Rose Mary Raney RIP	
Wednesday 19th March	Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
9.30am	Anne Maxted RIP	Coffee Morning
Thursday 20th March	Feria	
9.30am	Adrian Charles Healy RIP	
Friday 21st March	Feria	10am-12noon Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
9.30am	Michael White RIP	
7.30pm	Stations of the Cross	
Saturday 22nd March	Feria	8.45am Morning Prayer
9.30am	Wesley Gates RIP	

Collection	9th March 2025	2nd Collection	
Cash	£511.96	This week	CAFOD
Gift Aid	£285		
Total	£796.96		
Monthly Standing Order	£4407		

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: Karl Brickwood, Maureen Egan, Freda Basley, Ernest D'Cruz, Rose Mary Raney, and those who are in poor health: Ella Duncan, Joan Somerset and Peter Monaghan.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY 10am SUNDAY MASS

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

OUR JOURNEY THROUGH LENT

We have started the Holy Season of Lent. It is a time when we come back to the Lord to receive his mercy. The God who has called us, gives us an opportunity to begin afresh with Christ his Son. We use the three pillars of Lent prayer, fasting, and giving, to bring about our repentance. We do not do anything to attract the admiration of people. We seek to please God alone. And God notices even the smallest of the efforts we make to become people who are pleasing to Him. As we give back to God the gifts we have received, we are also reminded that our giving is not restricted to material things only. We can give our time, to listen to others and to serve the community.

Many people within our parish give their time to serve the community in different ways. Sometimes we take these people for granted and we never say thank you to them. During this Holy Season, let us pause and become aware of these different ministries. Let us appreciate the work our people are doing and let us pray for each one of them. Nobody should ever be made to feel that their contribution is not noticed or appreciated. Together we build up the kingdom of God.

CALLED TO BEAR FRUIT CONSULTATION

The deadline for giving responses to the Archbishop's consultation is fast approaching. We were given until 6th April to submit our responses. The Archbishop wants to hear our thoughts on how together we can build the parish and the Diocese we want.

CAFOD LENT APPEAL - FAMILY FAST DAY - 14TH MARCH

CAFOD Family Fast Day is on Friday 14th March, a day when we eat simply and give generously to support parents around the world with expert training in farming and advice on nutrition and health care so parents can help their children grow big and strong. Your small act of love this Lent will make a big difference to many communities affected by extreme hunger and children suffering from malnutrition. You can donate in church using a CAFOD envelope or scan the QR code on the poster or by visiting the CAFOD website <https://cafod.org.uk/Give/Donate-to-CAFOD/Lent-Appeal>

Go to <https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Family-Fast-Day> to find out more about how the money you donate can help our sisters and brothers around the world fight poverty and hunger.

SOUTHWARK JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE 2025

"Everyone knows what it is to hope. In the heart of each person, hope dwells as the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite our not knowing what the future may bring... For all of us, may the Jubilee be an opportunity to be renewed in hope. God's word helps us find reasons for that hope... Pilgrimage is of course a fundamental element of every Jubilee event. Setting out on a journey is traditionally associated with our human quest for meaning in life."

Archbishop John and the jubilee planning group are delighted to invite you and your parish to join the **Southwark Archdiocese Jubilee 2025 celebrations**. This special year offers an opportunity for spiritual renewal and unity as we journey together towards Pentecost.

What's Happening?

Archdiocesan Jubilee Celebration at The Friars, Aylesford: On the **day before Pentecost, 7 June 2025**, we will gather as an Archdiocese at The Friars, Aylesford for a day of prayer, reflection, and celebration. This will be the centre-piece event of the 2025 Jubilee in the Archdiocese of Southwark. There will also be a walking pilgrimage from St George's Cathedral to The Friars (2-6 June 2025), with more details here: <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/pilgrimage2025>

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.

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.