

## ST. LAWRENCE OF CANTERBURY R C CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

<b>Saturday 22nd March</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Lent Year C</b>	
6.30pm	Agnes and John Gray RIP	
<b>Sunday 23rd March</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Lent Year C</b>	
8.30am	Well-being for Thomas Forde	
10.00am	Intentions of Angela Ejaife	Children's Liturgy
11.30am	Well-being for Gilbert and Linda Wates	
<b>Monday 24th March</b>	<b>Feria</b>	
9.30am	Intentions of James D'Silva	2.30 pm Parish Prayer Group
11.00am	Funeral Maureen Katrina Egan RIP	
<b>Tuesday 25th March</b>	<b>The Annunciation of the Lord</b>	
9.30am	Intentions of Mary Healy	Divine Mercy Devotion and Rosary after Mass
<b>Wednesday 26th March</b>	<b>Feria</b>	
9.30am	John Basley RIP	Coffee Morning
11.00am	Funeral Freda Mary Basley RIP	
<b>Thursday 27th March</b>	<b>Feria</b>	
9.30am	Wedding Anniversary of Deacon Peter and Heike Varnes	
<b>Friday 28th March</b>	<b>Feria</b>	10am-12noon Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
9.30am	Father Robin Duckworth RIP	
<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>	
<b>Saturday 29th March</b>	<b>Feria</b>	8.45am Morning Prayer
9.30am	Mary Stubbs RIP	

Collection	16th March 2025	2nd Collection	CAFOD
Cash	£407.52	Cash	£402.65
Gift Aid	£381	Gift Aid	£40
Total	£788.52	Total	£442.65
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](mailto:regisrubaya@rcaos.org.uk)

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** - Those who have died recently: George Gallagher, Karl Brickwood, Maureen Egan, Freda Basley, Ernest D'Cruz, Rose Mary Raney, and those who are in poor health: Martin Pender, Ella Duncan, Joan Somerset.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY 10am SUNDAY MASS** - The next Children's Liturgy date for the Spring term is March 30th. The Children's Liturgy dates for the Summer term are as follows: April 27th, May 4th, 11th, 18th, June 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th, July 6th, 13th. The Children's Liturgy Easter party will take place on Sunday 27th April from 11 am to 12.15 pm in the upper room. All are welcome and an Easter Egg hunt will take place too.

**CHILDREN'S CORNER** - We are establishing a permanent 'children's corner' in the Church, it is expected to be up and running from Sunday 27th April. If you have any toys or books of a religious theme you would like to donate then it would be truly appreciated. Please drop off items to the Office. Thank you, the Children's Liturgy team.

### CONGRATULATIONS

The Archbishop extends his warmest congratulations to Abbot Hugh Allan upon his appointment as Director of Mission for the Bishops' Conference. Abbot Hugh will remain Episcopal Vicar for Religious within the Archdiocese. Until recently, Abbot Hugh had been Apostolic Administrator for the Prefecture of the Falkland Islands.

### LENTEN INITIATIVE OF PRAYER AND RECONCILIATION - '24 HOURS FOR THE LORD'

The Lenten initiative of prayer and reconciliation, '24 Hours for the Lord' takes place on the eve of the Fourth Sunday of Lent, which this year is from Friday 28 March to Saturday 29 March. The theme is dedicated to Hope.

Information from the Dicastery for Evangelization may be found here: <http://www.evangelizatio.va/content/pcpne/en/attivita/24ore/24-ore-per-il-signore-2025.html>

The Pastoral Handbook download page, with links at bottom-right of the page, can be found here: <http://www.evangelizatio.va/content/pcpne/en/attivita/24ore/24-ore-per-il-signore-2025/sussidio.html>

### PRAYER FOR THE SANCTITY OF ALL HUMAN LIFE, SPECIALLY CONCERNING ASSISTED SUICIDE

Parishes and religious houses are invited to offer a Holy Hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament for the sanctity of all human life on either Passion Sunday (6 April), or the Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday of Holy Week (14, 15, 16 April).

On Maundy Thursday, parishes are also invited to add a specific intercession for the sanctity of all human life to the Universal Prayer at the Mass of the Lord's Supper. (Archbishop's Office)

### MASS IN CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE - July 12th, at St George's Cathedral

If you are celebrating your 1<sup>st</sup>/10<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup>/40<sup>th</sup>/50<sup>th</sup>/60<sup>th</sup> + wedding anniversary this year, please let us know as soon as possible, **and no later than the middle of May**, providing the following details: your names in the format John and Mary Smith, your home address, your parish, and the anniversary you are celebrating, so you can receive an invitation from the Archbishop for the renewal of vows during Mass. Spaces are limited. Contact us at [mflse@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mflse@rcaos.org.uk) As the title of your email, please write your parish location e.g. Clapham, Beckenham.

### 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>

**EASTER CARDS NOW ON SALE** - Get ready for Easter with our beautiful selection of Easter cards! Available for purchase in the Repository after the 8:30 AM and 10:00 AM Masses, as well as on Wednesdays after the Coffee Morning.

**CTIS LENT LUNCHESES** - Wednesdays during Lent from 12noon to 1.30pm at Christ Church. Come along on 2 April, when St. Lawrence will provide soup, rolls, etc. and Fr. Regis will deliver a short talk. All welcome. Donations to Christian Aid.

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

Baptism preparation course for parents will take place on the first Monday of every month at 7pm. Call to book a place.