

ST. LAWRENCE OF CANTERBURY R C CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 3rd May 6.30pm	Third Sunday of Easter James Noel and David Murphy RIP	
Sunday 4th May 8.30am	Third Sunday of Easter Violet Thompson RIP	
10.00am	Anne Maxted RIP	Children's Liturgy
11.30am	Well-being for Annette and David Barker	
Monday 5th May 9.30am	Feria Mary and Thomas O'Connell RIP	2.30 pm Parish Prayer Group
Tuesday 6th May 9.30am	Feria Winifred and John Mullany RIP	Divine Mercy Devotion and Rosary after Mass
Wednesday 7th May 9.30am	Feria David Grace RIP	Coffee Morning
Thursday 8th May 9.30am	Feria Intentions of Benny and Family	
Friday 9th May 9.30am 1.00pm	Feria Menino and Paul Pinto RIP Funeral Mary Margaret McMorroo RIP	10am-12noon Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday 10th May 9.30am	Feria Janet Elise Griffith RIP	8.45am Morning Prayer

Collection	27th April 2025	Second Collection	
Cash	£459.31	This week	Next week
Gift Aid	£263.90	None	Priest Training Fund
Total	£723.21		
Monthly Standing Order	£4322		

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.

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY

For working conditions.

Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfilment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized.

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: Eugene Joseph McGinn, Eileen Gaff, Mary Margaret McMorrow, George Gallagher, and those who are in poor health: Martin Pender, Ella Duncan, Joan Somerset.

PARISH FILM NIGHT - Our next film night will take place on Friday 9th May. We will be going back to our usual time, so arrive from 7pm for social and refreshments and the film will start at 7.30. Please see poster for details. All are welcome.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY 10am SUNDAY MASS - The Children's Liturgy dates for the Summer term are as follows: May 4th, 11th, 18th, June 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th, July 6th, 13th.

PRIEST TRAINING FUND SECOND COLLECTION - 10th & 11th MAY

The priesthood has always been essential to the life of the Church, from the time of Jesus until today. Good Shepherd Sunday is the day we pray for vocations, for our priests, and take up the Priest Training Fund second collection. This fund pays for the formation of men to become priests in our Archdiocese. After their ordination, our priests dedicate their lives to serving Christ and His people in our parishes, hospitals, schools, chaplaincies, prisons and in service to the needy, throughout South London, Kent and Surrey. We are blessed to have 5 men in formation to the Priesthood for our Archdiocese. However, it costs £30,000 a year to sponsor each seminarian. They study for 6 years before being ordained a Catholic priest. We therefore rely on your generous support and prayers. Please support our priests of the future with a gift today. Thank you!

Donate Online: www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/PTF

Or Scan QR Code using telephone camera (right)

Telephone weekdays 9 am – 5 pm: **020 7960 2504**

Cash / Cheque – please use the Priest Training Fund envelopes available at the back of church.



CONCERT IN AID OF COMMUNITY HOSPICE

A date for your diary, 17th May at 2.30 pm, St. Lawrence's will host a concert in aid of the **Community Hospice** in the presence of the Mayor, our local MP and the Chairman of the hospice trustees. Please see poster for details. Performed by the talented young orchestral and band musicians of Bexley, tickets are £10 each or £25 for a family ticket with up to 3 children. PLEASE support the initiative.

BEXLEY DEANERY PILGRIMAGE - Walk (or Bus) to St. John Vianney Church, Bexleyheath from St. Lawrence's on Saturday, 5 July. For further details, see poster at back of Church or phone Tom: 07719 338375.

MARIST DAY AT WALSINGHAM - Saturday, 5 July. A 22-seater mini-bus has now been hired at a cost of £35 per person. Two seats available. If interested, please phone 07719 338375. See poster at back of Church for more details.

URGENT – PLEASE REGISTER INTEREST - JUBILEE CELEBRATION AT AYLESFORD

The Parish is looking into the viability of hiring a mini-bus/coach to take parishioners to Aylesford Priory for the Southwark Diocese Pilgrimage on Saturday 7 June. The coach will depart from outside the Church at 9.00 am and return at approximately 6pm. Timings will be confirmed closer to the date. The cost per person will be dependent on how many St Lawrence pilgrims need transport, but varying between £15 and £25 per seat according to numbers. Please send an email with your details/seat requirements to the parish office at sidcup@rcaos.org.uk as soon as possible.

JOIN OUR 100 CLUB! - If you'd like to join our parish club, available numbers can be found at the back of the church. We are currently conducting an audit of our members, so if you are already a member, please let us know your name, club number, contact number, and payment method. You can do this by speaking to Sarah Washer, Colin Bradbury, or handing your details in to the parish office.

REPOSITORY - First Holy Communion cards and small gifts are available for sale in the repository in the Church Hall. You can visit us on Sundays until 11:30 a.m. or on Wednesdays after the coffee morning.

ST LAWRENCE'S CHARITABLE FUND (SLCF) - Our charity is looking for an accountant to audit our yearly accounts. Our accounts are prepared yearly to the end of March, but we need a qualified accountant to audit them. If you or anyone you know might be able to help once a year then do please get in contact. Thanks. Nick Wells - Treasurer 07986 348013
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INNER WHEEL QUIZ NIGHT - 16th May, 7:30 PM at Sidcup Sports Centre.

Tickets £10 – email chrisheadrapson@gmail.com to book.