

## ST. LAWRENCE OF CANTERBURY R C CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

<b>Saturday 10th May</b> 6.30pm	<b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b> Thanksgiving Mass - Dominic Ejaiife-Gosine	
<b>Sunday 11th May</b> 8.30am	<b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b> Bryan Moran RIP	
10.00am	Brendan McAtamney RIP	Children's Liturgy
11.30am	Rita Benedict RIP	
<b>Monday 12th May</b> 9.30am 11.00am	<b>Feria</b> Robert Pereira RIP Funeral Eugene Joseph McGinn RIP	2.30 pm Parish Prayer Group
<b>Tuesday 13th May</b> 9.30am	<b>Our Lady of Fatima</b> Anne Maxted RIP	Divine Mercy Devotion and Rosary after Mass
<b>Wednesday 14th May</b> 9.30am	<b>Saint Matthias, Apostle</b> Frederick Turner RIP and Sheelagh Aughterlony RIP	Coffee Morning
<b>Thursday 15th May</b> 9.30am	<b>Saint John Stone, Priest and Martyr</b> Thanksgiving Mass for Pushpa Aseervatham	
<b>Friday 16th May</b> 9.30am	<b>Saint Simon Stock, Priest and Martyr</b> Gerry Burke RIP and Geraldine O'Donnell RIP	10am-12noon Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
<b>Saturday 17th May</b> 9.30am	<b>Feria</b> John Coelho RIP	8.45am Morning Prayer

Collection	5th May 2025	Second Collection	
Cash	£527.01	This week	Next week
Gift Aid	£239	Priest Training Fund	None
Total	£766.01		
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](mailto:regisrubaya@rcaos.org.uk)

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** - Those who have died recently: Martin Pender, Eugene Joseph McGinn, Eileen Gaff, Mary Margaret McMorrow, and those who are in poor health: Paul Callaghan, Ella Duncan, Joan Somerset.

### 100 CLUB WINNERS

MONTH	£75	£50	£25	£10
FEBRUARY	L. Sanders	S. Coles	C. Head-Rapson	S. DaCosta
MARCH	J. Brooker	A.Saffery	M.Wiles	S. Wall
APRIL	R. McMorrow	J. Njugana	M. Wells	M. Sharkey

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

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** - 26 children received First Holy Communion on the 3rd May.

We keep the children and their families in our prayers. We sincerely thank all our Catechists for their time and efforts in preparing the children to receive the Sacrament. The photos from the First Holy Communion services can be viewed and purchased in the church hall on Sunday 11th May from 10.30am to 12.30pm.

### 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](http://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



**PHOENIX CONCERT** - Saturday, 24th May at 8 p.m. Tickets on sale after Masses on Sunday or ring Jill Martin to reserve on 07831 201933 and will also be on sale on the door.

Born from the ashes of the Bexley Youth Choir – this is not to be missed. Back by popular demand.

### 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.

**JUBILEE CELEBRATION AT AYLESFORD** - The Parish has booked a coach to take parishioners to the Southwark Diocese Pilgrimage at Aylesford Priory on Saturday 7th June. The coach will depart from outside the Church at 9.00 am and return at approximately 6.00 pm. The cost is £20 per person.

If you haven't yet booked, please register your interest as soon as possible by emailing your name and number of seats required to: [sidcup@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:sidcup@rcaos.org.uk)

Last few spaces remaining – don't miss out!

If you have already booked a place, please make your payment to the parish office or email to request the bank details if you would prefer to pay by bank transfer.

**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.

**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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