

ST. LAWRENCE OF CANTERBURY R C CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 19th July 6.30pm	Sixteenth Sunday Year C Philip Gray RIP	
Sunday 20th July 8.30am	Sixteenth Sunday Year C Susan Ann Defries RIP	
10.00am	Patricia O'Callaghan RIP	
11.30am	Tessa Wallace RIP	
Monday 21st July 9.30am	Saint Lawrence of Brindisi Mauro Figueroa RIP	2.30pm Parish Prayer Group
Tuesday 22nd July 9.30am	Saint Mary Magdalene Father Michael Coleman RIP	Divine Mercy Devotion and Rosary after Mass
Wednesday 23rd July 9.30am	Saint Bridget Pauline Webb RIP	Coffee Morning
Thursday 24th July 9.30am	Feria Anton Jeyaseelen RIP	
Friday 25th July 9.30am	Saint James Apostle Dulip Jayamaha RIP	10am-12noon Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday 26th July 9.30am	Saints Joachim and Anne Peggy Oaks RIP	8.45am Morning Prayer

Collection	13th July 2025	Second Collection	
Cash	£455.43	This week	Next week
Gift Aid	£221	None	None
Total	£676.43		
Monthly Standing Order	£4217		

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 JULY

For formation in discernment.

Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

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: John Stone, Elizabeth Gray, John Mascarenhas, and those who are in poor health: Paul Callaghan, Ella Duncan, Joan Somerset.

INTERNATIONAL MASS & FAREWELL FOR FR. ALLAN

We will be celebrating our annual International Mass on Sunday 27th July at 11.30am. Parishioners are warmly encouraged to wear their national or traditional dress to mark this vibrant and joyful occasion.

After Mass, everyone is invited to a shared celebration in the church hall. Please feel free to bring a dish from your home country to contribute to the buffet—refreshments will be available.

During this gathering, we will also take the opportunity to give thanks for Fr. Allan's ministry as Assistant Priest at St. Lawrence's from 2022 to 2025. We are grateful for his time with us and send him with our prayers and best wishes as he begins his new appointment as Assistant Priest at St. Thomas More in Dulwich.

Farewell collection envelopes will be available at the back of the church for those who wish to contribute towards a farewell gift for Fr. Allan. All are welcome. Please place the envelopes in the collection basket or hand them in to the parish office.

AGENCY FOR EVANGELISATION AND CATECHESIS – ARCHDIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK

The Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis works to assist parishes across the Archdiocese of Southwark in the areas of evangelisation, faith formation, and catechesis. Its core purpose is to support the spiritual development of lay people, helping them grow in their faith and become more active within the Church. The Agency provides a range of resources, training sessions, courses, and events aimed at deepening understanding and encouraging greater involvement. Among the key programmes available are the Archbishop's Certificate, the Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS), and sessions from the Franciscan University Catechetical Institute. To find out more or to apply, please visit the Agency's website: <https://www.aec.rcaos.org.uk>.

PARISH FILM NIGHT - Friday 8th August All are welcome to join in our next film night. We meet from 7pm for social time and refreshments (provided by us), and the film starts at 7.30. Please see poster at the back of the church for details.

PARISH CAR PARK

Following a couple of disturbing incidents recently where Parish staff were threatened and intimidated by a group of young men using the Parish car park for illicit purposes, a report from the Met Police has recommended that we review security measures around the Church premises, including installation of CCTV cameras around the car park. The proposal has been accepted by the Parish Council and installation work will commence shortly and should not cause inconvenience to members of our Community. Please use extra care and patience during the installation phase which should not take more than a couple of days. The Parish Council has been asked to review usage of the car park, which is also used by tradesmen, parish visitors and users of the parish hall, but at this stage it is not considered likely that any changes will be necessary for use by members of the Parish- but please continue to use the car park responsibly and with consideration for others.

REFRESHMENTS AND REPOSITORY – ALL WELCOME

Join us every Sunday for refreshments in the hall after both the 8:30am and 10:00am Masses. The repository will also be open during this time. All are warmly welcome!

MARIST WAY

There will NOT be a meeting in June or July. Our next meeting will be on Saturday 2nd August after 9.30 Mass in the upper room of the church hall. Father Regis Rubaya has agreed to be our speaker. All are very welcome.

MESSAGE FROM FATHER BRYAN WELLS

Accommodation needed for a young man who will be starting Police Training at Marlborough House, Sidcup from the start of September, initially for 8 months. Joe (21) is Fr Bryan's grand-nephew and is looking for a room in the town. Can anyone help? If so, please ring Fr Bryan on 01689 670075 or 07821 616586

PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER TO VISIT FIRST FRIDAY PARISH LUNCH

We are pleased to announce that a local police constable will be joining us at one of our upcoming First Friday Parish Lunches, on either **5th September** or **3rd October**.

She will give a short talk on personal safety, with practical advice especially for our older parishioners, covering topics such as avoiding scams, staying safe when out and about, protecting personal belongings, and knowing where to seek help.

These lunches are a wonderful opportunity to come together as a parish community in a warm and welcoming setting. We will confirm the exact date and share further details in the August newsletter.