

ST. LAWRENCE OF CANTERBURY R C CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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TWENTY– FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: READINGS FOR THE MASS ON SUNDAY ARE ON PAGE 140

Saturday 20th September 6.30pm	Twenty-Fifth Sunday Year C Angela Carouchu RIP	
Sunday 21st September 8.30am	Twenty-Fifth Sunday Year C Mary Boryczka RIP	
10.00am	Anthony Clifford Mascarenhas RIP	
11.30am	People of the Parish	
Monday 22nd September 9.30am	Feria Intentions for the Lambert Family	2.30 pm Parish Prayer Group
Tuesday 23rd September	Saint Pius of Pietrelcina Laurence Nathaniel RIP and Roqueshino Fernandes RIP	Divine Mercy Devotion and Rosary after Mass
Wednesday 24th September 9.30am	Our Lady of Walsingham Mauro Figueroa RIP	Coffee Morning
Thursday 25th September 9.30am	Feria Agnes and Martin Gurhy RIP	
Friday 26th September 9.30am	Feria Arthur Maxted Senior RIP	10am-12noon Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday 27th September 9.30am	Saint Vincent de Paul Juaquin Mariano Pires RIP	8.45am Morning Prayer

Collection	14th September 2025	Second Collection	
Cash	£438.99	This week	Next week
Gift Aid	£249.47	Catholic Agency for the Support of Evangelization	None
Total	£688.46		
Monthly Standing Order	£4177		

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 SEPTEMBER

For our relationship with all of creation.

Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

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

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!

CHILDREN'S LITURGY UPDATE

Unfortunately, due to a shortage of volunteers, there will be **no Children's Liturgy at the 10am Mass on Sunday, 21st September**. The Children's Liturgy will resume on **Sunday, 28th September**, and continue weekly until **Sunday, 12th October**, when we will pause for the half-term break. It usually runs every Sunday at the 10am Mass during term time. All children are very welcome to attend, either with or without their parents.

We are always looking for new volunteers to help with the Children's Liturgy. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office or Edyta on 07920 422465.

NOTICE TO PARISHIONERS

Recently, after Mass, a purse went missing, so we'd like to remind everyone to keep personal belongings with you at all times, especially when coming forward for Holy Communion. With a little extra attentiveness, we can all continue to enjoy our church as a safe and welcoming place of prayer and fellowship.

2ND COLLECTION THIS SUNDAY - CATHOLIC AGENCY FOR THE SUPPORT OF EVANGELISATION (HOME MISSION)

The Home Mission Sunday collection provides the Bishops of England and Wales with resources to support Home Mission, the spread of the gospel in our own country. The money collected enables a breadth of work to be done in support of parish evangelization.

DAY OF RETREAT FOR LECTORS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST - There are two formation days coming up for readers and extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist of the SE area of our Archdiocese. 1. On Saturday 18th October at St Stephen's Church, Welling, 26 Deepdene Road, DA16 3QL. For the Deaneries of Bexley, Bromley, and Greenwich. And 2. On Saturday 25th October, at Bishop Thomas Grant School, Belltrees Grove, Streatham, SW16 2HY for the Deaneries of Camberwell, Lewisham, and Lambeth. Each of the days will begin with tea and coffee at 9:30am, there will be three presentations and the day will end with Mass at 3pm. Please send an email to the parish office at sidcup@rcaos.org.uk to confirm the day you will be attending.

YEAR 6 PARENTS – SECONDARY TRANSFER OPEN EVENTS

Both of our local Catholic secondary schools are celebrating outstanding GCSE results! Parents of Year 6 children are warmly invited to explore what these fantastic schools have to offer:

St Catherine's School (for girls) – Open Evening: **Thursday, 2nd October, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

St Columba's School (for boys) – Open Morning: **Saturday, 4th October, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.** Come and see the excellent facilities, meet the dedicated staff, and discover the opportunities that could shape your child's future.

WELCOMERS - We need you!

Please consider being a welcomer. This is a simple service to the Parish community but does make a big difference. The only requirement is to arrive 30 minutes before the mass starts, hand out the newsletter and missals with a smile and a kind word. We only have one welcomer for the 11.30am mass so this is a real priority, at the other masses we have more but additional people would be great. If interested please contact me via the parish office.

SERVICE FOR HOPE AND HEALING - Wednesday 24th September 2025

The Archdiocese welcomes everyone to attend our annual Service of Healing & Hope, for those harmed by abuse and for those supporting the people who have been harmed. The service will be led by Archbishop John Wilson at 6.30pm, at St George's Cathedral. For more information, please search: Southwark Hope and Healing.

PARISH PRAYER GROUP

Starting again on Monday, 22nd September at 2.30pm. All are warmly welcomed.

PARISH FILM NIGHT - Friday 10th October. 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.