

ST. LAWRENCE OF CANTERBURY R C CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: READINGS FOR THE MASS ON SUNDAY ARE ON PAGE 194

Saturday 1st November 6.30pm	Solemnity of All Saints - Holyday of Obligation Maureen & Sean Gaffrey RIP	
Sunday 2nd November 8.30am	Solemnity of All Saints - Holyday of Obligation Well-being Patrick Joseph	
10.00am	Holy Souls	
11.30am	Benedict Junior RIP	
Monday 3rd November 9.30am	The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed Antonina Kalinka RIP	2.30 pm Parish Prayer Group
Tuesday 4th November	Saint Charles Borromeo Intentions of Phoebe Simbule	Divine Mercy Devotion and Rosary after Mass
Wednesday 5th November 9.30am	Feria Elizabeth Mitchell RIP	Coffee Morning
Thursday 6th November 9.30am	Feria Anthony Driscoll RIP	
Friday 7th November 12.00 noon	Feria Deceased Clergy Mass	
Saturday 8th November 9.30am 6.30pm	Feria All Deceased Members of the Pinto Family Mary and Davie Power RIP	8.45am Morning Prayer
Sunday 9th November 8.30am	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica Colin Bradbury RIP	
10.00am	Darcie-Mae Hope Stephens RIP	Children's Liturgy
11.30am	John Daly RIP	

Collection	26th October 2025	Second Collection	
Cash	£480.50	This week	Next week
Gift Aid	£374	None	Archbishop's Appeal
Total	£854.50		
Monthly Standing Order	£4197		

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 NOVEMBER

For collaboration between different religious traditions.

Let us pray that those who are tempted to commit suicide might find the support, care and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

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:

Colin Bradbury, Antonina Maria Kalinka, Carmel Frances Sinnott, Christine Malone, and those who are in poor health: Paul Cookson.

HAIL HOLY QUEEN Hail, holy Queen, mother of mercy, hail, our life, our sweetness, and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then, O most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this exile show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray; Almighty and everlasting God, by the cooperation of the Holy Spirit you prepared the body and soul of Mary, glorious Virgin and Mother, to become the worthy habitation of your Son; grant that by her gracious intercession, in whose commemoration we rejoice, we may be delivered from present evils and from everlasting death. Through Christ our Lord.

JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FAIR!

Our annual **Christmas Fair** will take place on **Saturday 29th November from 10.30am at the parish**. We warmly invite you to join us for a day of festive fun, community spirit, and holiday cheer! We are looking for volunteers to help set up and run the stalls, and we would be very grateful for donations of bottles of drinks, chocolates, sweets, fancy goods, and any unwanted gifts that could be sold at the fair. We would also greatly appreciate donations of homemade cakes, jams, or any type of preserves for our popular Homemade Stall.

St Peter Chanel Catholic Primary - Open Mornings

Be part of an inclusive, thriving school community, where all are welcome; we have high expectations, outstanding personal development and a memorable, well-developed and exciting curriculum. Our Open Mornings continue on Wednesday 12th November and Friday 28th November from 9:30am – 11am. Please contact the school via 0208 302 6029 or via admin@st-peterchanel.bexley.sch.uk if you are unable to visit at these times and would like to book in a visit to see why St Peter Chanel would be the right school for your child. St Peter Chanel are hosting a special reopening event for our brand new Pre-School building, totally rebuilt over the summer holidays. The event is on Monday 3rd November at 10:30am and we would appreciate that if you are able to attend, click this link – <https://forms.gle/f8an2kbwfh3XmHr58> so we can confirm numbers for refreshments. We look forward to welcoming you to this very exciting event!

GRAVE BLESSING SERVICE:

Kemnal Park Cemetery - Sunday 9th November at 2pm.

Sidcup Cemetery - Sunday 16th November at 2pm.

PARISH FILM NIGHT - Friday 14th November. 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.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) Thinking about becoming Catholic? As an adult are you thinking about becoming Catholic or are you considering the Sacrament of Confirmation as an adult? If so please speak with Fr Regis about an application form.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS

Life in the Spirit Seminars are to be run for the Parish starting on Monday, 3rd November at 2:30 in the upper room of the parish community centre. These talks are for everyone who wants or feels the need to grow in their understanding of their faith and get closer to God in the persons of the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. Pope Francis is a firm supporter of this form of evangelisation to all Catholics. He made known his desire that every parish in the world should offer these seminars to all parishioners. He has seen the impact of these seminars on people at all levels—within the Church from himself down to the newest member of the Church. Our Archbishop is also a firm advocate of these seminars.

DEANERY MASS FOR THE DECEASED CLERGY OF BEXLEY

- The Deanery Mass for the deceased clergy of Bexley will be celebrated this year at St Lawrence at 12noon on Friday 7th November. We remember and pray for the deceased clergy, who served our communities. All are welcome.

FIRST FRIDAY LUNCH – Special Celebration!

Join us on Friday, 7th November as we celebrate the second anniversary of our First Friday Lunch! This special occasion will also be a time to welcome the Bexley Deanery for the Deceased Clergy Mass following the 12 noon service. The First Friday Lunch will take place from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm, featuring a buffet lunch for all. Everyone is warmly invited to join us in this gathering.

ARCHBISHOP'S APPEAL SECOND COLLECTION - 8TH/9TH NOVEMBER

The Archbishop's Appeal is a Diocesan second collection that funds key areas of ministry: Youth and Evangelisation, Our Faith in Action (Caritas) and Clergy Care and Formation. Your support will enable the Archdiocese of Southwark to support innovative projects taking place within Catholic parishes and Schools throughout South London and Kent that seek to invest Faith, Hope and Love into the communities they serve. Please be generous to the Archbishop's Appeal 2025. Every gift is welcome. For info, or to donate online: www.rcaos.org.uk/archbishops-appeal or: Telephone weekdays 9 am – 5 pm: 020 7960 2504. - Cash / Cheque – please use the Archbishop's Appeal envelopes available at the back of church. Thank you for your generosity.