

ST. LAWRENCE OF CANTERBURY R C CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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TWENTY– EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: READINGS FOR THE MASS ON SUNDAY ARE ON PAGE 149

Saturday 11th October 6.30pm	Twenty-Eighth Sunday Year C People of the Parish	
Sunday 12th October 8.30am	Twenty-Eighth Sunday Year C Anne Maxted RIP	
10.00am	Gerry Goss RIP	Children's Liturgy
11.30am	John Caheny RIP	
Monday 13th October 9.30am	Saint Edward the Confessor Elizabeth Gray RIP	2.30 pm Parish Prayer Group
Tuesday 14th October	Feria Well-being for John Curran	Divine Mercy Devotion and Rosary after Mass
Wednesday 15th October 9.30am	Saint Teresa of Jesus Intentions of Chris & Bill Head-Rapson	Coffee Morning
Thursday 16th October 9.30am	Feria Rosemary Puntan RIP	
Friday 17th October 9.30am	Saint Ignatius of Antioch Olinda Figueiredo RIP	10am-12noon Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday 18th October 9.30am	Saint Luke Chris Wells RIP and Deceased Family Members	8.45am Morning Prayer

Collection	5th October 2025	Second Collection	
Cash	£420.76	This week	Next week
Gift Aid	£291.86	PACT	
Total	£712.62		
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 OCTOBER **For collaboration between different religious traditions.**

Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice and human fraternity.

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: Antonina Maria Kalinka, Carmel Frances Sinnott, Christine Malone, John Stone, Elizabeth Gray, and those who are in poor health: Colin Bradbury, 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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The Children's Liturgy will 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, 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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION PROGRAMMES

We are excited to announce the start of our parish faith programmes:

First Holy Communion (Year 3+)

Confirmation (Year 9+)

Enrolment/application forms for both programmes are available at the back of the church or from the Parish Office. Deadline for applications: 1st November 2025.

These programmes are a key step in the journey of faith – we warmly encourage families to join.

CONFIRMATION PHOTOS

The photos from this year's **Confirmation** can be viewed in the church hall on **Sunday, 26th October from 11:00 AM until 12.30pm**.

CTIS Prayer Meeting - The CTIS Prayer Meeting will be held at **SLCC** on **Saturday, 18th October at 9:00 AM**. Everyone is warmly welcome to join us in prayer.

ST LAWRENCE CHARITABLE FUND – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the St Lawrence Charitable Fund will be held on **Monday, 27th October 2025 at 8.00pm** in the Upper Room at SLCC. This notice replaces individual member mailings. If you would like to receive a copy of the Agenda in advance, please contact the Secretary: **Sheila Treacy** – treacysheila239@gmail.com

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.

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.

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.

SIDCUP FOODBANK AT NEW COMMUNITY CHURCH

A big thank you to parishioners for the donations over the past few months. Just a reminder that there are three green foodbank bins at the back of the church. If you are able to provide any non-perishable essentials for a weekly shop such as pasta, soup, beans, tea, coffee, sauces, tinned fish, squash, sugar, canned vegetables etc., please do put them in the bins. **Please do not put out-of-date, frozen, or fresh produce in the food bins.** If you wanted any further info then just contact me. Thanks Nick Wells 07986 348013.

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 grateful for donations of drinks, bottles of drinks, chocolates, sweets, fancy goods, and any unwanted gifts that could be sold at the fair. Donations can be brought to the parish office.

TODAY IS PRISONERS' SUNDAY - 2ND COLLECTION IS FOR PACT

- A second collection will be taken to support the work of PACT. Prisoners Sunday is the Church's national day of prayer and action in support of prisoners and their families, and the work of PACT. Your donations will enable PACT to deliver services in courts, in prisons and in communities across England and Wales by supporting prisoners, people with convictions, and their children and families to live lives that bear good fruit. For further information visit the website <https://www.prisonadvice.org.uk>.