

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 155

Saturday 25th October 6.30pm	Thirtieth Sunday Year C People of the Parish	
Sunday 26th October 8.30am	Thirtieth Sunday Year C Deceased Members of Parkinson Family	
10.00am	Pepe German RIP	
11.30am	Well-being for Joseph Lafferty	
Monday 27th October 9.30am	Feria Joseph Kyne RIP	2.30 pm Parish Prayer Group
Tuesday 28th October	Saints Simon and Jude Well-being for James Paul Dick	Divine Mercy Devotion and Rosary after Mass
Wednesday 29th October 9.30am	Feria Intentions of Ann Gagebasia	Coffee Morning
Thursday 30th October 9.30am	Feria Sean O'Shea RIP – Birthday Remembrance	
Friday 31st October 9.30am	Feria Elder Jacob Obuh Ottah and Madam Jessy Kaly Obuh and Departed Members of the Family	10am-12noon Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday 1st November 9.30am 6.30pm	Feria Street Children of the World Maureen and Sean Gaffrey RIP	8.45am Morning Prayer
Sunday 2nd November	Solemnity of All Saints - Holyday of Obligation	
8.30am	Well-being for Patrick Joseph	
10.00am	Holy Souls	
11.30am	Benedict Junior RIP	

Collection	19th October 2025	Second Collection	
Cash	£463.90	This week	Next week
Gift Aid	£196.22	None	None
Total	£660.12		
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 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.

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: 1st November 2025.

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, 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.

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.

MARIST WAY

The next meeting will be on Saturday 1st November after 9.30 Mass. We will meet in the upper room of the church hall. All are very welcome.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY - The Children's Liturgy runs in term time every Sunday at 10am Mass (from 9th November to 14th December). All children are very welcome to attend with or without their parents.

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.

SIDCUP FOODBANK – NEW COMMUNITY CHURCH

There are three green foodbank bins at the back of the church for non-perishable items such as pasta, soup, beans, tea, coffee, sauces, tinned fish, squash, sugar, and canned vegetables. Please **do not** leave out-of-date, frozen, or fresh produce.

CAR PARK CLOSURE NOTICE - The Parish Car Park, including the spaces reserved for Blue Badge holders at the front of the Church, will be closed from Monday 27 October to Friday 31 October, and possibly until Monday 3 November, to allow for the replacement of the existing cobblestones with paving stones. The closure is unavoidable but will be kept as short as possible. There is parking available in the public car park a short walk away, opposite the Church on Main Road.

NEWSLETTER - Dear Parishioners if you are not taking the newsletter home would you kindly place it back into the mass book and return to the shelves at the back of the church. Thank you. Patricia Slonecki

ST PETER CHANEL PRE SCHOOL - 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, you would complete the form [here](https://forms.gle/f8an2kbwfh3XmHr58) (or 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!

FLYING OF FLAGS - You will have noticed coming to church this week that from last Sunday we are no longer flying the Union and Papal Flags at the front of the church. This follows a decision taken by the Parish Council following complaints from a number of parishioners that the flags had become dirty and a little unsightly. A decision has been taken only to fly the Union flag and then only on the approx 13 dates when flags are flown on public buildings in the UK. The Papal Flag will be flown on special occasions as advised by the diocese.

REPOSITORY CHRISTMAS CARDS - We're pleased to let you know that Christmas cards are now available to purchase from the Repository. We will be open after the 8:30 a.m. Mass and after the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sundays, as well as during the Wednesday coffee morning.

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.