

ST. LAWRENCE OF CANTERBURY R C CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE: READINGS FOR THE MASS ON SUNDAY ARE ON PAGE 167

Saturday 22nd November 6.30pm	Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Thanksgiving and blessings for the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Bill and Chris Head-Rapson	
Sunday 23rd November	Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	
8.30am	Jim Phillips RIP	
10.00am	Mary Boryczka RIP	Children's Liturgy
11.30am	Birthday Thanksgiving for Horace Young	
Monday 24th November 9.30am	Saints Andrew Dung-Lac Lesley and Colin Bradbury RIP	2.30 pm Parish Prayer Group
Tuesday 25th November 9.30am	Feria Kevin Davison RIP	Divine Mercy Devotion and Rosary after Mass
Wednesday 26th November 9.30am	Feria Holy Souls	Coffee Morning
Thursday 27th November 9.30am	Feria Prenash, Drane Keshtenja and Marie, Petriti Stenaj RIP	
Friday 28th November 9.30am 11.30am	Feria Marie Naboe RIP Funeral Ehizogie Angela Ikhatalor	
Saturday 29th November 9.30am 6.30pm	Feria Peter Hart RIP Holy Souls	8.45am Morning Prayer
Sunday 30th November	First Sunday of Advent Year A	
8.30am	People of the Parish	
10.00am	Pauline and Bernard Chick RIP	Children's Liturgy
11.30am	All the deceased members of Benedict and Aseervatham Family	
Collection	16th November 2025	Second Collection
Cash	£432.87	This week
Gift Aid	£343.50	St Lawrence Charitable Fund
Total	£ 776.37	Catholic Youth Services
Monthly Standing Order	£4157	

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 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: Colin Bradbury, Joan Somerset, Ehizogie Angela Ikhatolor, Ivan Randolph Gregory, Demalza Gnahorc.

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.

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. Please call Debbie on 07973 989730.

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 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.

REPOSITORY - Christmas cards, calendars, diaries and small gifts will be on sale in the Repository, in the church hall, after the Sunday 8.30am and 10am Masses and during the Wednesday coffee mornings.

ST LAWRENCE CHARITABLE FUND

Annual Appeal www.slcf.org.uk

The SLCF annual appeal is on the weekend of **22nd/23rd November**. Donations can be made following all Masses. You may want to consider gift aid, regular donation or volunteering. Please speak to the trustees after Mass or email stlawrencecf@gmail.com. Thank you in advance for your continued support and prayers.

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.

ADVENT CAROL SERVICE The annual joint Advent Carol Service between St Lawrence's and Holy Trinity Lamorbey will take place on Sunday 30th November at Holy Trinity (corner of Hurst Road) at 6pm. Refreshments will be served after the service.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS

Join us weekly on Mondays at 2:30 PM in the upper room of the parish community centre. These seminars help deepen your faith and grow closer to God—endorsed by Pope Francis and our Archbishop as a powerful form of evangelisation for all parishioners.

OPERATION ELF – GOES LIVE!

See the Elf's helpers and give a child a present this Christmas. Outside church after all Masses from this weekend.

CALLED TO BEAR FRUIT CONSULTATION RESPONSE PUBLISHED

Thank you to the thousands of people who took part in the Called to Bear Fruit consultation. We are grateful to you all for sharing so openly your hopes for the life of the Church in our Archdiocese. The consultation response, which includes 15 actions points for renewal, is available at rcaos.org.uk/calledtobearfruit and hardcopies will be sent to every parish. The consultation revealed a burning desire within our parishes to be missionary and evangelising disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ, who work together to help people encounter His love. So, as we move forward on the next steps together, let's build up the Body of Christ in Southwark with faith and confidence, becoming ever more a community of missionary disciples filled with joy and hope for the future. As an Archdiocese, we will continue to discern the process of renewal, and further updates will be provided in due course.

CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICES 2025

Weekend 29th/30th November - The second collection will support youth work in the Archdiocese and beyond, especially the work of the Southwark Catholic Youth Service, which provides a variety of activities for youth and young adults. For more information, visit www.tinyurl.com/scys1 or join the Southwark Catholic Youth network for regular updates at www.tinyurl.com/scysnetwork. Additional World Youth Sunday resources have been produced by the Catholic Youth Ministry Federation (CYMFed) at www.wys.cymfed.org.uk.

Month	£75 Winner	£50 Winner	£25 Winner	£10 Winner
August	L. Fernandez	L. De Silva	L. Provenza	P. Slonecki
September	M. Atkinson	M. Cabral	L. Saunders	G. Thrift
October	J. Chick	J. Brooker	M. Healy	E. Armfield

The winners of the 100 Club are asked to please come to the parish office to collect their cheque.