

ST. LAWRENCE OF CANTERBURY R C CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME : READINGS FOR THE MASS ON SUNDAY ARE ON PAGE 130

Saturday 31st January 6.30pm	Fourth Sunday - Year A Intentions of Friends and Family of Mary Wells	
Sunday 1st February 8.30am	Fourth Sunday - Year A Well-Being for Chris Parkinson	
10.00am	Intentions of Marie Farrell	Children's Liturgy
11.30am	People of the Parish	
Monday 2nd February 9.30am 10.30am	The Presentation of the Lord Intentions of Mary Healy Funeral Dennis Charles Hickling	2.30 pm Parish Prayer Group
Tuesday 3rd February 9.30am	Saint Laurence of Canterbury, Bishop, Memorial Charley Keely RIP	Divine Mercy Devotion and Rosary after Mass
Wednesday 4th February 9.30am	Feria Mary McGrath-Fitzgibbon RIP	
Thursday 5th February 9.30am	Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr Sean Carr RIP	
Friday 6th February 9.30am	Saints Paul Miki and Companions Intentions of Maura Spaull	
Saturday 7th February 9.30am	Feria Intentions of Anne Fidelia Zahini	8.45am Morning Prayer
6.30pm	Fifth Sunday - Year A People of the Parish	
Sunday 8th February 8.30am	Fifth Sunday - Year A Mary Boryczka RIP	
10.00am	Intentions of Helen Ansell	Children's Liturgy
11.30am	Linda Charker RIP	

Collection	25th January 2026	Second Collection	
Not Gift aided	£420.60	This week	Next week
Gift Aided	£340.50	Racial Justice Sunday	None
Total	£ 761.10		
Monthly Standing Order	£4157		

The Sacrament of Penance - Saturday mornings 11am-12noon and before Mass on Saturday evening or by arrangement.

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY

For children with incurable diseases

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

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:

Dennis Hickling, Barbara Smokey Hawkins, Lydia Ambigua, Jose Antonio, Sandra Harris and those who are in poor health: Mary Lewis and Michael Loftus

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.

PARISH HISTORY

The Parish Council is considering the possibility of producing a history of St Lawrence of Canterbury Church and would be pleased to hear from any parishioner who might be interested in playing a role in the project. Please send details to the Chairman of the Parish Council (frankjsavage@icloud.com) or to Denise Baldwin (alananddenisebaldwin@sky.com) if you would like more details.

RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY – SUNDAY 1ST FEBRUARY 2026

Racial Justice Sunday offers the Church an important opportunity to reflect, pray, and recommit ourselves to building a society rooted in dignity, respect, and equality for all. On this day, we celebrate the richness of our diversity as we walk together as one family in Christ. This year, Racial Justice Sunday will be marked with a special Mass at **10.00am on Sunday 1st February 2026** at **St George's Cathedral, Southwark**. **Archbishop John Wilson** will be the Principal Celebrant. Parishioners and families are warmly invited to attend, and attendees are encouraged to wear their native or traditional dress. After Mass, everyone is invited to gather in the **Amigo Hall** for refreshments. Please see the poster on the notice board for further details. All are most welcome to attend.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY - The Children's Liturgy runs in term time every Sunday at 10am Mass (from 11th January to 7th February). All children are very welcome to attend with or without their parents.

FIRST FRIDAY LUNCH - 12NOON TO 2PM The First Friday Lunch is on Friday 6th February from 12-2pm in the hall.

PARISH FILM NIGHT - Friday 13th February. 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.

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.

100 CLUB WINNERS

Prize	November	December	January
£75	P. Simbule	P. Slonecki	S. Treacy
£50	J. DaCosta	M. Healy	F. Lovett
£25	P. Maxted	R. Spencer	D. Butlers
£10	E. Armfield	A. Maxted	R. Waddell

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

ROTARY QUIZ - in aid of Marys Meals: Friday 6th February. Tickets £10 per person with tables of up to 8. If you want to come please let me know either as a team or as individual as there are other members of the parish already coming. Venue is Sidcup Sports Club, Sydney Rd, Sidcup. Time: 7pm for a 7.30pm prompt start. Bring your own nibbles but drinks must be bought at the bar as the venue are not charging . Arthur Maxted 07754 782926.

SIDCUP ROTARY CLUB

Sidcup Rotary Club wish to thank Fr. Regis and the parishioners of St. Lawrence for the use of the Community Centre for the successful launch on 17th January (and continued monthly operation) of the 'Repair Cafe, Sidcup' on the 3rd Saturday of each month. The next session will take place from 2pm-5pm on 21st February. See poster in the hall.

MARIST WAY - Our next meeting will be on Saturday 7th February after 9.30 Mass in the upper room or the church hall. Our speaker will be Sr. Kura, a Missionary Sister of the Society of Mary. All are very welcome.

PARISH PRAYER GROUP

The Parish Prayer Group will recommence on 12th January at 2.30 pm in the Upper Hall. All are welcome.