

ST. LAWRENCE OF CANTERBURY R C CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY - YEAR A: READINGS FOR THE MASS ON SUNDAY ARE ON PAGE 111

Saturday 3rd January 6.30pm	Second Sunday after the Nativity James Noel Murphy and son David Martin Murphy RIP	
Sunday 4th January 8.30am	Second Sunday after the Nativity Intentions of Geraldine Bracken	
10.00am	Gerry Goss RIP	
11.30am	Kathleen and Francis Ryan RIP	
Monday 5th January 9.30am	Feria of Christmas Time Intentions of Angela Ejaife	2.30 pm Parish Prayer Group
Tuesday 6th January 9.30am 8.00pm	The Solemnity of The Epiphany of the Lord Joan Somerset RIP People of the Parish	Divine Mercy Devotion and Rosary after Mass
Wednesday 7th January 9.30am	Feria of Christmas Time Orazio Provenza RIP	
Thursday 8th January 9.30am	Feria of Christmas Time Intentions of Mary Kelly	
Friday 9th January 9.30am	Feria of Christmas Time Elizabeth Perez RIP	
Saturday 10th January 9.30am 6.30pm	The Baptism of the Lord Anniversary - Mr and Mrs Thomas McLaughlin RIP Intentions of Christie and Richard Spencer	8.45am Morning Prayer
Sunday 11th January 8.30am	The Baptism of the Lord Mary Boryczka RIP	Children's Liturgy
10.00am	People of the Parish	
11.30am	Anthony Beare RIP	

Collection	28th December 2025	Second Collection	
Not Gift aided	£ 477.42	This week	Next week
Gift Aided	£259	None	White Flower
Total	£736.42		
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 JANUARY **For prayer with the Word of God**

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

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:
Jose Antonio, Angel Illo, Sandra Harris and Peter Onoh.

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.

THANK YOU

Our Christmas celebrations went very well. Attendance at all the masses was very good. Our children participated as well. All these liturgies took time to prepare. And so I would like to say a big thank you to all the people who gave their time and talent to prepare for the Christmas celebrations. Our church and hall were very clean and well decorated. It takes much time to clean and decorate the church and the hall. To those who gave their time to do this work, we say; thank you. Indeed, ***'The word became flesh and He dwells among us.'*** And finally I would like to thank all the members of our parish for the many Christmas cards and gifts I received. I am also deeply grateful for the generous Christmas Offerings you have given me. I cannot sing loud enough the song of the Angels; ***"Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased"***

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.

PARISH PRAYER GROUP

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

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.

SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2026

Join our pilgrimage to Lourdes, travelling overnight by luxury coach from 9–14 February 2026. This is always a beautiful and deeply spiritual journey, sharing in the Spirit of Jesus as we honour Our Blessed Mother. Departing Slough and Ealing Broadway on 9 February, we leave Lourdes on 13 February and travel to Paris for a visit to the Shrine of the Miraculous Medal, Rue du Bac, on the morning of 14 February, arriving back in London later that day. Includes travel, full board, and a rich devotional programme: Blessed Sacrament Procession of the Sick, Candlelight Marian Rosary, International Mass on the Feast Day, Stations of the Cross, Confessions, Adoration and Hour of Mercy. Cost: £590. For more information, call Millie on 07957 594646.

MARIST WAY - the next meeting will be on 3rd January in the upper room of the hall. We will meet after 9.30 Mass.

FIRST FRIDAY LUNCH

Please note that the next First Friday Lunch will be held on Friday, 9th January, from 12:00–2:00 pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

PARISH FILM NIGHT - Friday 16th January. 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.