

ST. LAWRENCE OF CANTERBURY R C CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME : READINGS FOR THE MASS ON SUNDAY ARE ON PAGE 125

Saturday 17th January 6.30pm	Second Sunday - Year A Intentions of Patsy Douglas	
Sunday 18th January 8.30am	Second Sunday - Year A People of the Parish	
10.00am	Colin and Lesley Bradbury RIP	Children's Liturgy
11.30am	Well-being for Mary Martin	
Monday 19th January 9.30am	Feria Edna Fendick RIP	2.30 pm Parish Prayer Group
Tuesday 20th January 9.30am	Feria Lesley Christie RIP	Divine Mercy Devotion and Rosary after Mass
Wednesday 21st January 9.30am	Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr Phyllis McGuiness RIP	
Thursday 22nd January 9.30am	Feria Lydia Mabel Jagger RIP	
Friday 23rd January 9.30am	Feria Well-being for John Curran	
Saturday 24th January 9.30am	Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop In remembrance of the birthday of Timothy Asservatham	8.45am Morning Prayer
6.30pm	Third Sunday - Year A Sandra Harris RIP	
Sunday 25th January 8.30am	Third Sunday - Year A Intentions of Donna Neil	Children's Liturgy
10.00am	Harona Casey RIP	
11.30am	People of the Parish	

Collection	11th January 2026	Second Collection	
Not Gift aided	£450.99	This week	Next week
Gift Aided	£ 273	White Flower	St George's Cathedral
Total	£723.99		
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 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: Barbara Smokey Hawkins, Angel Ilo, Lydia Ambigua, Jose Antonio, Sandra Harris and Peter C.O. 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.

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.

PARISH PRAYER GROUP

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

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME

The first session of the Confirmation Programme will begin the following week, on Saturday 24th January 2026.

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.

CTIS – UNITY SERVICE, SUNDAY, 18 JANUARY

Unity Service takes place at Sidcup Baptist Church, Main Road, on Sunday, 18th January at 4pm, followed by refreshments. All welcome.

ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL SECOND COLLECTION 25TH JANUARY

St George's Cathedral is entirely reliant upon the generosity of its parishioners, volunteers and the Archdiocese of Southwark to keep its doors open. It does not receive Vatican or government funding, nor has an endowment to rely on. Your support can enable the Cathedral to remain open daily to those seeking a place of peace, prayer and worship. Thank you!

Donate Online: www.rcaos.org.uk/Cathedral Or Scan QR Code using telephone camera (right) Telephone weekdays 9 am – 5 pm: **020 7960 2504**

Cash / Cheque – please use the St George's Cathedral envelopes at the back of church.

