# ST. LAWRENCE OF CANTERBURY R C CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT : READINGS FOR THE MASS ON SUNDAY ARE ON PAGE 151**

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| **Saturday 21st February**<br>6.30pm | **First Sunday of Lent - Year A**<br>Carole Norman RIP | |
| **Sunday 22nd February** | **First Sunday of Lent - Year A** | |
| 8.30am | People of the Parish | Repository open after Mass |
| 10.00am | Rosalind Pinto RIP | |
| 11.30am | Birthday Thanksgiving Mercy Young | |
| **Monday 23rd February**<br>9.30am | **Feria**<br>Ella Duncan RIP | 2.30 pm Parish Prayer Group |
| **Tuesday 24th February**<br>9.30am | **Feria**<br>Intentions of Maura Spaull | Divine Mercy Devotion and Rosary after Mass |
| **Wednesday 25th February**<br>9.30am<br>11.00am | **Feria**<br>Ella Duncan RIP<br>**Funeral Joan Patricia Rogers** | Coffee Morning and Repository |
| **Thursday 26th February**<br>9.30am | **Feria**<br>Patrick and Teresa McBride RIP | |
| **Friday 27th February**<br>9.30am<br>**7.00pm** | **Feria**<br>Kathleen Fitzpatrick RIP<br>**Stations of the Cross** | |
| **Saturday 28th February**<br>9.30am | **Feria**<br>Joan Munnelly RIP | 8.45am Morning Prayer |
| 6.30pm | **Second Sunday of Lent - Year A**<br>People of the Parish | |
| **Sunday 1st March** | **Second Sunday of Lent - Year A** | |
| 8.30am | Mary Boryczka RIP | |
| 10.00am | Mary and Isabel Mitchell RIP | |
| 11.30am | Deceased Members of McNicholas Family | |

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| Collection | 15th February 2026 | Second Collection | |
| Not Gift aided | £470.55 | This week | Next week |
| Gift Aided | £221.50 | None | CAFOD |
| Total | £692.05 | | |
| 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: David Dennis, Ella Duncan, Barbara Smokey Hawkins, 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.

**CAFOD LENT FAMILY FAST DAY**
Next weekend, we are delighted to welcome Sarah Cadwallader, who will be speaking at Mass for this year's CAFOD Lent Collection.
This Lent, live out the Gospel call to *love your neighbour*. By fasting and giving what you save, you join in Christ's compassion and help another family put food on the table. Your donation can help families around the world grow food in difficult conditions – such as on flood resistant floating gardens or using solar powered water pumps in times of drought.
Pick up a CAFOD envelope to bless others with your support
Donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope
Call 0303 303 3030
Or text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10

**CTIS LENT LUNCHES** take place at Christ Church, Main Road, each Wednesday during Lent (except Holy Week), 12 to 1.30pm. Donations to Christian Aid. All welcome.

**FOODBANK**
As we enter the period of Lent, we would like to encourage you once again to remember those who find themselves in need of the Foodbank.
A list of items required is at the back of the church. Thank you in advance for your generosity and continued support.

**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.

**THE SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN MARRIAGE AND FAMILY TEAM**.
The team will be presenting the Building a Better Marriage Day (BABM) on the following dates.

| 2026 BABM dates | DEANERY |
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| March 7 | Tunbridge Wells |
| May 23 | Sutton |
| June 13 | Dover |
| October 3 | Lambeth |
| November 7 | Wandsworth |

Please contact the Southwark Marriage and Family life Team to register for any of the above dates using this number: 07983 524 727 or the email address: mflkent@rcaos.org.uk.

**REFRESHMENTS AND REPOSITORY – ALL WELCOME**
Join us every Sunday for refreshments in the hall after both the 8:30am and 10:00am Masses. The repository will also be open during this time.
We are pleased to let you know that we now have **St Patrick and Easter cards** available for purchase.
All are warmly welcome!

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

**100 CLUB WINNERS**
D. Butters, L. Saunders, J. Brooker.
**The winners of the 100 Club are asked to please come to the parish office to collect their cheque.**