# ST. LAWRENCE OF CANTERBURY R C CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT : READINGS FOR THE MASS ON SUNDAY ARE ON PAGE 158**

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| **Saturday 7th March**<br>6.30pm | **Third Sunday of Lent - Year A**<br>Angela Nadavagah RIP | |
| **Sunday 8th March** | **Third Sunday of Lent - Year A** | |
| 8.30am | Mary Margaret Brennan | Repository open after Mass |
| 10.00am | Intentions of Peggy Murphy | Children's Liturgy |
| 11.30am | People of the Parish | |
| **Monday 9th March**<br>9.30am<br>2.00pm | **Feria**<br>Elizabeth Perez RIP<br>**Funeral Ella Duncan** | 2.30 pm Parish Prayer Group |
| **Tuesday 10th March**<br>9.30am | **Feria**<br>Ella Duncan RIP | Divine Mercy Devotion and Rosary after Mass |
| **Wednesday 11th March**<br>9.30am | **Feria**<br>David Dennis RIP | Coffee Morning and Repository |
| **Thursday 12th March**<br>9.30am | **Feria**<br>Mary Alice Howes and George Martin RIP | |
| **Friday 13th March**<br>9.30am<br>**7.00pm** | **Feria**<br>Pany Anastasis RIP<br>**Stations of the Cross** | |
| **Saturday 14th March**<br>9.30am | **Feria**<br>Well-being for Narindra Mistery and Family | 8.45am Morning Prayer |
| 6.30pm | **Fourth Sunday of Lent - Year A**<br>Kathleen O'Dwyer RIP | |
| **Sunday 15th March** | **Fourth Sunday of Lent - Year A** | |
| 8.30am | Intentions of Louth Family | |
| 10.00am | Michael Murphy RIP | Children's Liturgy |
| 11.30am | People of the Parish | |

| Collection | 1st March 2026 | Second Collection | |
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| Not Gift aided | £375 | This week | Next week |
| Gift Aided | £324 | None | Poor Parishes |
| Total | £699 | | |
| 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 MARCH**
**For disarmament and peace**
Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

**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, Polly Morris 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.**

**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.

**50 YEARS OF ST PETER CHANEL CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL**
Our Parish school, St Peter Chanel is celebrating its 50th year. To mark this very special golden anniversary, we have lots of exciting celebrations planned - stay tuned to our Instagram (@stpeterchanelps) and newsletter for more details very soon! Initially, we would like to begin a collection of photos from SPC over the last 50 years which we would like to exhibit; if you have photos you are willing to share and be displayed, please email them to office@st-peterchanel.bexley.sch.uk. Thanks,
Mr Davies and all at St Peter Chanel

**HAPPY 70TH BIRTHDAY, FATHER REGIS!**
Fr Regis will be celebrating his 70th birthday on Thursday, 5th March. We are planning a celebration on **Sunday, 8th March 2026**, after the 11.30 a.m. Mass. Everyone is welcome!
We look forward to seeing you so we can raise a glass of wine — or a cup of tea or coffee — in celebration of Fr Regis.

**CALLED TO BEAR FRUIT CONSULTATION**
Members of the Parish Council are reflecting on the report of this consultation. At their next meeting they will come up with recommendations on how the parish can implement some of the conclusions given in the report.

**PARISH FILM NIGHT – FRIDAY, 13TH MARCH!**
Come and join us for our Parish Film Night! The film will start promptly at 8:00 pm, immediately following the Stations of the Cross.
Refreshments will be available, so please help yourself before the film begins.
We look forward to enjoying a lovely evening together!
A poster will be at the back of the church along with a synopsis of the film. As our next film night is in Lent, the donations are being given to the Mustard Seed charity.

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

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY – MARCH DATES**
We are delighted to invite children to our Children's Liturgy, which takes place during Sunday Mass at 10 a.m. This term, we will meet on the following dates: 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th March (Palm Sunday – marking the start of Holy Week).
All children are warmly welcome.