

## ST. LAWRENCE OF CANTERBURY R C CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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### FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT : READINGS FOR THE MASS ON SUNDAY ARE ON PAGE 164

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| <b>Saturday 14th March</b><br>6.30pm         | <b>Fourth Sunday of Lent - Year A</b><br>Kathleen O'Dwyer RIP            |   |
| <b>Sunday 15th March</b>                     | <b>Fourth Sunday of Lent - Year A</b>                                    |   |
| 8.30am                                       | Intentions of Louth Family   | Repository open after Mass                  |
| 10.00am                                      | Michael Murphy RIP   | Children's Liturgy                          |
| 11.30am                                      | People of the Parish   |   |
| <b>Monday 16th March</b><br>9.30am           | <b>Feria</b><br>Jane Patricia O'Connor RIP                               | 2.30 pm Parish Prayer Group                 |
| <b>Tuesday 17th March</b><br>9.30am          | <b>Saint Patrick, Bishop</b><br>Margaret Boyle RIP                       | Divine Mercy Devotion and Rosary after Mass |
| <b>Wednesday 18th March</b><br>9.30am        | <b>Feria</b><br>Moreen Rearden RIP                                       | Coffee Morning and Repository               |
| <b>Thursday 19th March</b><br>9.30am         | <b>Saint Joseph</b><br>Clara D'Sa  |   |
| <b>Friday 20th March</b><br>9.30am<br>7.00pm | <b>Feria</b><br>Sue McHugh RIP<br><b>Stations of the Cross</b>           |   |
| <b>Saturday 21st March</b><br>9.30am         | <b>Feria</b><br>Michael White RIP  | 8.45am Morning Prayer                       |
| 6.30pm                                       | <b>Fifth Sunday of Lent - Year A</b><br>Intentions of Caroline Degerholm |   |
| <b>Sunday 22nd March</b>                     | <b>Fifth Sunday of Lent - Year A</b>                                     |   |
| 8.30am                                       | Barry Ashton RIP   |   |
| 10.00am                                      | Charlotte Elizabeth Scally RIP   | Children's Liturgy                          |
| 11.30am                                      | People of the Parish   |   |

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|------------------------|----------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Collection             | 8th March 2026 | Second Collection |               |
| Not Gift aided         | £507.45        | This week         | Next week     |
| Gift Aided             | £247.16        | None              | Poor Parishes |
| Total                  | £754.61        |                   |               |
| 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](mailto:regisrubaya@rcaos.org.uk)

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** - Those who have died recently:

Rose Metaxas, David Dennis, Ella Duncan, Rosa Steel, Polly Morris and those who are in poor health: Mary Lewis and Michael Loftus and Alfie Cappuccio.

**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.

### 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!

### 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](mailto:office@st-peterchanel.bexley.sch.uk). Thanks,

Mr Davies and all at St Peter Chanel



## ST LAWRENCE'S CHURCH GIFT AID SCHEME -

Envelopes/Donations

For those of you already on the scheme, thank you for your continued support. The weekly donor boxes of envelopes for the next tax year will be distributed after all masses over the next 2 weekends, as well as the smaller packs of envelopes for second collections for all parishioners that currently donate by way of a Standing Order. Perhaps if you are a weekly envelope donor, you might consider starting up a monthly standing order instead, to help the parish as it's easier to process and budget. If you are a Standing Order Donor, it could be that you have paid the same amount for many years, might you consider a small increase of which you can do yourself online or at your bank? Just to remind you that you must be a UK tax payer to use this scheme. If you no longer pay tax, please us know as soon as possible. Please do check that we have your correct address, and if you have changed telephone number or email, please provide your best contact details. For those of you unfamiliar with the scheme, if you are a UK Tax Payer we are able to reclaim tax paid on all your donations, at no cost to you. We simply need your name, address and a record of your donations by either using a monthly standing order, or by placing your cash/cheque donations in a pre-printed envelope each week. If you would like more information, please see one of the representatives after Mass over the next two weekends, or contact me direct. Many Thanks Nick Wells [sidcupgac@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:sidcupgac@rcaos.org.uk) 07986 348013.

### 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.

### Finance Committee – Volunteers Needed

Our parish is looking for new members to join the Finance Committee. This committee helps support the parish by advising on financial matters and assisting with good stewardship of parish resources.

If you would be interested in joining, or would simply like to find out more about what is involved, please speak to **Father Regis**.

**YOUR LEGACY OF FAITH** - We all desire to leave a legacy....to make a mark, to make a difference in the lives of our families and friends, and within our communities. A gift in your will to the Church, no matter how big or small, is a wonderful way to support your Catholic community. You could choose to remember our parish of St. Teresa's, sick and retired clergy, the training of future priests or the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Southwark. Further information can be found on the diocesan website [www.rcsouthwark.co.uk](http://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk) or to speak to someone in regards to your legacy, contact the Diocesan Legacy team on 020 7960 2504 or email: [legacy@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:legacy@rcaos.org.uk)

### A BIG THANK YOU TO EVERYONE

Last Sunday we had a wonderful celebration of my 70<sup>th</sup> birthday. I would like to thank you all for the gifts, the cards, the smiles and the good wishes I received on my birthday. As I have two birthdays, it means we are going to repeat all this on my second birthday, 24<sup>th</sup> of March. Our catering team were at their best. May God bless our wonderful community.