

ST. LAWRENCE OF CANTERBURY R C CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT : READINGS FOR THE MASS ON SUNDAY ARE ON PAGE 170

Saturday 21st March 6.30pm	Fifth Sunday of Lent - Year A Intentions of Caroline Degerholm	
Sunday 22nd March 8.30am	Fifth Sunday of Lent - Year A Barry Ashton RIP	Repository open after Mass
10.00am	Charlotte Elizabeth Scally RIP	Children's Liturgy
11.30am	People of the Parish	
Monday 23rd March 9.30am	Feria Well –being for Alfie Cappuccio	2.30 pm Parish Prayer Group
Tuesday 24th March 9.30am	Feria Intentions of James D'Silva	Divine Mercy Devotion and Rosary after Mass
Wednesday 25th March 9.30am	The Annunciation of The Lord Special Intentions of Mary Healy	Coffee Morning and Repository
Thursday 26th March 9.30am	Feria Fr Laurence Patten RIP	
Friday 27th March 9.30am 12.30pm 7.00pm	Feria Jude Benedict RIP Funeral John Flynn Stations of the Cross	
Saturday 28th March 9.30am	Feria Sandra Burke RIP	8.45am Morning Prayer
6.30pm	Palm Sunday of the Passion of The Lord Marie McMorrow RIP	
Sunday 29th March 8.30am	Palm Sunday of the Passion of The Lord Mary Stubbs RIP	
10.00am	Eileen Maxted RIP	Children's Liturgy
11.30am	People of the Parish	

Collection	15h March 2026	Second Collection	
Not Gift aided	£456.08	This week	Next week
Gift Aided	£365	Poor Parishes	None
Total	£821.08		
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: 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 LUNCHESES 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.

PARISH PRAYER GROUP

The Parish Prayer Group Monday at 2.30 pm in the Upper Hall. All are 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

ST PETER CHANEL CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL – Easter Reflection

Parents, carers and parishioners are warmly invited to attend our Year 3 and 4 Easter reflection service on **Tuesday 24th March at 11am** at St Lawrence's Church. In this Lenten season, this is an opportunity to gather together as a school and parish community and reflect on Jesus' journey to the cross – God's ultimate sacrifice for us. We would love for you to join us.

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 let 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
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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.

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 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

FIRST FRIDAY LUNCH – DATE CHANGE

Please note that the First Friday Lunch will **not** take place on Good Friday, **3rd April**. Instead, it will be held on **Friday, 10th April**, from **12:00 to 2:00 p.m.**

Everyone is warmly welcome to join us!

PARISH FILM NIGHT

Thank you to everyone who came to our Parish Film Night. Your generosity is very much appreciated, and we are pleased to share that £65 was raised towards the Mustard Seed Communities UK. We look forward to seeing you again next month!