

ST. LAWRENCE OF CANTERBURY R C CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A : READINGS FOR THE MASS ON SUNDAY ON PAGE 258

Saturday 18th April 6.30pm	Third Sunday of Easter Year A Catherine Baker RIP	
Sunday 19th April	Third Sunday of Easter Year A	
8.30am	Rose Metaxas RIP	Repository open after Mass
10.00am	Joao Lemos and Parents RIP	
11.30am	Wellbeing for Bridget Jordan	
Monday 20th April 9.30am	Feria Maurice Hearn and Family RIP	2.30 pm Parish Prayer Group
Tuesday 21st April 9.30am	Saint Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Beatrice Glynn RIP	Divine Mercy Devotion and Rosary after Mass
Wednesday 22nd April 9.30am	Feria Kathleen McGrath RIP	
Thursday 23rd April 9.30am	Saint George, Martyr, Patron of England Fr Peter Murray RIP	
Friday 24th April 9.30am	Feria Patrick Grant RIP	
Saturday 25th April 9.30am	Saint Mark, Evangelist Jack Murphy RIP	8.45am Morning Prayer
6.30pm	Fourth Sunday of Easter Year A Agnes and John Caheny RIP	
Sunday 26th April	Fourth Sunday of Easter Year A	
8.30am	Alan Armfield RIP	
10.00am	Dulip Jayamaha RIP	
11.30am	Phyllis Hickey RIP	

Collection	12th April 2026	Second Collection	
Not Gift aided	£448.69	This week	Next week
Gift Aided	£352	None	Priest Training Fund
Total	£800.69		
Monthly Standing Order	£4125		

The Sacrament of Penance - Saturday mornings 11am-12noon and before Mass on Saturday evening or by arrangement.

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL

For priests in crisis

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

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: Alan Armfield, David Dennis, Ella Duncan, Rosa Steel, Polly Morris and those who are in poor health: Ian Collins, Mary Lewis and Michael Loftus, Alfie Cappuccio and Teresa Seath.

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.

MARIST DAY AT WALSINGHAM will take place on Saturday, 4 July. If there is sufficient interest, a mini-bus will be hired, as in previous years. To give an idea of numbers, please phone 07719 338375. Cost will be in the region of £35-£40.

MISSIO VOLUNTEERS:

We are delighted to announce that Jamie Payne is our new Missio Local Secretary. Missio is the Pope's charity for World Mission. Through the Red Box, Missio ignites God's love by helping local missionaries to work alongside global communities that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief.

Jamie is responsible for collecting & administering Red Box donations and for distributing Mission Today magazine. If you already have a Red Box at home or would like one, please contact the Parish office. www.missio.org.uk

FROM THE KNIGHTS OF ST. COLUMBA

From the Knights of St. Columba, we, the Knights of St. Columba Welling Council 294, would like to thank Fr. Regis for allowing us to distribute the Holy Week posters and to have a donation basket. We would also like to thank all the parishioners at St. Lawrence Church for their generous and kind donations, which came to a total of £122.10. Thank you all once again.

PARISH FILM NIGHT - Friday 8th May. All are welcome to join in our next film night. We meet from 7pm for social time and refreshments (provided by us), and the film starts at 7.30. Please see poster at the back of the church for details.

Part Time Caretaker Wanted at St Mary of the Crays Church, Old Road, Crayford.

Any person interested in taking up this post should see the advert which is on the notice board at the back of the church.

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.

MASS IN CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE - July 11th, at St George's Cathedral

If you are celebrating your 1st/10th/25th/40th/50th/60th + wedding anniversary this year, please let us know as soon as possible, **and no later than the middle of May**, providing the following details: your names in the format John and Mary Smith, your home address, your parish, and the anniversary you are celebrating, so you can receive an invitation from the Archbishop for the renewal of vows during Mass. Spaces are limited. Contact us at mfise@rcaos.org.uk As the title of your email, please write your parish location e.g. Clapham, Beckenham.

Marriage and Family Life South East RC Archdiocese of Southwark

SIDCUP INNER WHEEL ANNUAL QUIZ NIGHT

Join the Sidcup Inner Wheel for their annual quiz night at Sidcup Sports Club on **Friday 8th May**, starting at **7:30pm**. Teams are welcome, with tables of **6–8 people** (maximum 8 per table).

Entry is **£10 per person**. To book a place or for more information, please contact **Chris Head-Rapson** at chrishheadrapson@gmail.com.

FIRST FRIDAY LUNCH The First Friday Lunch is on Friday 1st May from 12-2pm in the hall. All are welcome

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

We are delighted that 23 children will receive their First Holy Communion at the 11:00am Mass on Saturday 9th May. We keep the children, young people, and their families in our prayers as they prepare for this important step in their faith journey.

We also extend our sincere thanks to all our Catechists for their time, dedication, and hard work in preparing the children to receive the Sacraments.

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY – SUPPORT OUR FUTURE PRIESTS 2ND COLLECTION 25TH/26TH APRIL

The priesthood has always been at the heart of the Church. This Good Shepherd Sunday, we pray for vocations and support the Priest Training Fund, which forms men for service across our parishes, schools, hospitals, and communities. We currently have 9 seminarians, each costing around £30,000 per year over six years of formation. Your generosity helps make their calling possible.

Donate online: www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/PTF

Call: 020 7960 2504 (weekdays, 9am–5pm)

Or use the envelopes at the back of church

Leave a lasting legacy to the Church

Please consider remembering our church or the Priesthood in your Will. Find out more: www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/leave-a-legacy. Thank you for your prayers and support.

