

ST. LAWRENCE OF CANTERBURY R C CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A : READINGS FOR THE MASS ON SUNDAY ON PAGE 262

Saturday 25th April 6.30pm	Fourth Sunday of Easter Year A Agnes and John Grey RIP	
Sunday 26th April	Fourth Sunday of Easter Year A	
8.30am	Alan Armfield RIP	Repository open after Mass
10.00am	Dulip Jayamaha RIP	Children's Liturgy
11.30am	Phyllis Hickey RIP	
Monday 27th April 9.30am	Feria Alan Armfield RIP	2.30 pm Parish Prayer Group
Tuesday 28th April 9.30am	Saint Peter Chanel Patrick Grant RIP	Divine Mercy Devotion and Rosary after Mass
Wednesday 29th April 9.30am 2.00pm	Saint Catherine de Siena Michael Halse RIP Funeral Alan Frederick Armfield	
Thursday 30th April 9.30am	Feria Fr John Collier RIP	
Friday 1st May 9.30am	Feria Alan Armfield RIP	
Saturday 2nd May 9.30am	Saint Athanasius Emanuel Rivera RIP	8.45am Morning Prayer
6.30pm	Fifth Sunday of Easter Year A Bobby Gray RIP	
Sunday 3rd May	Fifth Sunday of Easter Year A	
8.30am	People of the Parish	
10.00am	Margaret Flahive RIP	Children's Liturgy
11.30am	Martin Pender on the First Anniversary of his death, RIP	

Collection	26th April 2026	Second Collection	
Not Gift aided	£493.76	This week	Next week
Gift Aided	£273.10	Priest Training Fund	None
Total	£766.86		
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, 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, with Bishop Tom Burns, sm, the main celebrant. If there is sufficient interest, a mini-bus will be hired, as in previous years. Current total stands at 16. Cost will be in the region of £35-£40. All enquiries to Tom, 07719 338375.

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

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.

MARIST WAY

The next meeting will be on Saturday 2nd May, at 10.00 after 9.30 MASS. We will meet in the upper room of the church hall. Sister Kura a missionary sister of the Society of Mary, will be joining us again. All are very welcome.

Greenwich Concert Band Spring Spectacular, Music Director Amy Hagerty, will take place on Saturday 9 May at 7.30pm at Holy Trinity Church, 59 South End Crescent, Eltham SE9 2SD. Tickets £12/£8 available at www.ticketsource.co.uk/gcb. In aid of ending homelessness in South East London.

ST LAWRENCE'S WALKING GROUP

If you would be interested in joining us for a variety of walks around the local area and in London, please contact Debbie on 07973 989730 for more details. All are welcome.

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. Holy Communion and Confirmation cards are now available.

ROSARY FOR LIFE

Archbishop John Wilson is calling on all of us to join him in praying the Rosary for Life this May (Month of Mary). Together, we will pray through the Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious and Luminous Mysteries, each one offered for the most vulnerable facing growing threats to life: unborn children at risk of abortion, victims of war and persecution, people with disabilities, and the elderly and vulnerable. For video, audio and written versions of the Rosary for Life, visit rcaos.org.uk/rosaryforlife. Pray the Rosary. Encounter Christ. Defend life.

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 19 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

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