

ST. LAWRENCE OF CANTERBURY R C CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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PENTECOST SUNDAY YEAR A : READINGS FOR THE MASS ON SUNDAY ON PAGE 288

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| Saturday 23rd May 6.30pm | Pentecost Sunday Year A Walter Perry RIP | |
| Sunday 24th May 8.30am | Pentecost Sunday Year A Darrell D'Silva RIP | Repository open after Mass |
| 10.00am | Stanley Gooch RIP | Children's Liturgy |
| 11.30am | Michael Caheny RIP | |
| Monday 25th May 9.30am | Mary, Mother of the Church Memorial Alan Armfield RIP For Nathan Njoku — for success in his examination | 2.30 pm Parish Prayer Group |
| Tuesday 26th May 9.30am | Saint Philip Neri, Priest, Memorial Catherine Cheeseman RIP | Divine Mercy Devotion and Rosary after Mass |
| Wednesday 27th May 9.30am | Saint Augustine of Canterbury Special Intentions for Rosemary Waddell | |
| Thursday 28th May 9.30am | Our Lord Jesus Christ , Eternal High Priest Fr Robin Duckworth RIP | |
| Friday 29th May 9.30am | Feria Friends and Relatives of the Macted Family both Living and Deceased | |
| Saturday 30th May 9.30am | Feria Family, Relatives and Friends of Mel Cabral | 8.45am Morning Prayer |
| 6.30pm | The Most Holy Trinity Stephen Trill RIP | |
| Sunday 31st May 8.30am | The Most Holy Trinity Well-being for Archie Daly | |
| 10.00am | Jose da Silva and Wife RIP | Children's Liturgy |
| 11.30am | Francis and Kathleen Ryan RIP | |

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| Collection | 17th May 2026 | Second Collection | |
| Not Gift aided | £431.56 | This week | Next week |
| Gift Aided | £235.90 | None | Missio |
| Total | £667.46 | | |
| Monthly Standing Order | £4196 | | |

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

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY

That everyone might have food

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

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: Paule Inness, Malvina Henry, Annette Barker, Chris Lang, and those who are in poor health: Ian Collins, Mary Lewis and Michael Loftus, 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.

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.

ENCOUNTER PENTECOST 2026

Saturday 23rd May 10.15am St. George's Cathedral Southwark

Join the St George's Cathedral community and the Southwark Archdiocese Catholic Charismatic team for a day celebrating and exploring Pentecost through worship, prayer, teaching and fellowship. It is an opportunity to reflect on the gifts of the Holy Spirit and to renew our faith. Visit www.encounterpentecost.com/programme.

100 CLUB

Please note: winners of the 100 Club are kindly asked to come to the parish office to collect their cheques. Thank you.

| Amount | February | March | April |
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| £75 | M. Sharkey | M. Lodwig | J. Martin |
| £50 | S. Martyn | A. Baldwin | M. Kadi |
| £25 | M. Cabral | J. Scott | M. Hawes |
| £10 | G. Grant | E. Armfield | S. Washer |

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.

ST PETER CHANEL FEAST DAY

Our Parish school, St Peter Chanel, celebrate their Saint's Feast Day on Tuesday this week. Our Reception children started our day with a wonderful assembly, highlighting the journey St Peter Chanel went on from France to Futuna. We welcomed Fr Christopher, who celebrated a beautiful Mass reminding us of St Peter Chanel's commitment to sharing God's love with as many people as he could. Miss McGrath, our RE leader, also organised a fact hunt about the Saint. We are looking forward to further celebrations for our Golden Jubilee – more updates on this very soon!

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.

PARISH FILM NIGHT - Friday 12th June. 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.

FIRST FRIDAY LUNCH The First Friday Lunch is on Friday 5th June from 12-2pm in the hall. All are welcome

PARISH FIRE WARDENS – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our parish is currently seeking volunteers to become Fire Wardens to help ensure the safety of everyone in the event of an emergency.

The Diocese will provide full training, and details of the training date will be advertised soon. The training is expected to take place on a Saturday morning. We would especially like to have volunteers from the different Mass communities represented.

If you are able to help or would like more information, please contact us at: sidcup@rcaos.org.uk

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU TO OUR CATECHISTS

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to Angela, Edyta, Stephen and Francis for their dedication and commitment in preparing our children for their First Holy Communion, and to Frances, Patricia and Jacqui for preparing our young adults for their Confirmation. Thank you for generously giving your time, faith and guidance to help nurture the spiritual journey of our young parishioners. Your work is truly appreciated.