

ST. LAWRENCE OF CANTERBURY R C CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR B - 14TH JULY 2024

(Psalter Week 3)

Entrance Antiphon: ***As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.***

Responsorial Psalm: ***Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.***

Communion Antiphon: ***The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.***

Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

If you would like to book a Mass Intention, please use the Mass Intention Envelopes available at the back of the church and put it through the office letter-box with your contact number. The recommended Stipend by the Archdiocese for a Mass Intention is £10.

The Sacrament of Penance is available on Saturday mornings from 11am until the final confession and before and after Mass on Saturday evening and by prior arrangement.

Parish Prayer Group meet at 2:30pm on Mondays in the Upper room of the Hall.

Divine Mercy Devotion after Mass on Wednesdays.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays 10am to 12noon.

Saturday morning prayer starts at 8:45am followed by the rosary and then Mass.

Children's Liturgy: **At the 10am Mass every Sunday starting from 15th September.**

Have a blessed week.

Fr. Paul.

2ND COLLECTION TODAY - APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA / STELLA MARIS

Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult and hazardous conditions. Stella Maris is the maritime agency of the Catholic Church. Its teams of chaplains provide practical help and pastoral care to seafarers and fishers in the UK and around the World. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate in church through the 2nd collection or on the card reader terminals, by visiting www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate, or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. There are some gift aid envelopes from Stella Maris available at the back of the Church. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris (formerly called Apostleship of the Sea) to continue its important work with seafarers and fishers.

CHURCH FLOORING REFURBISHMENT

The Church will be closed from 1pm on Sunday 21st July and will re-open at 5.30pm on Saturday 27th July to undertake the refurbishment of the Church timber flooring. The regular weekday Mass will be celebrated in the Hall Upper Room during this week.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT ON FRIDAYS

There will be no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday the 26th July and during the month of August, the devotion will recommence on Friday 6th September.

INTERNATIONAL MASS AND FAREWELL FOR FR. PAUL

Our annual International Mass will take place on Sunday 28th July at the 11.30am Mass. Everyone is invited to wear their traditional dress for this wonderful celebration. A reception will be held afterwards in the church hall where parishioners are invited to bring a dish from your country of origin to share with others and refreshments will be served. A celebration of Fr. Paul's appointment as Parish Priest of St. Lawrence's Church from 2021 to 2024 will take place at the same time. Everyone is welcome.

UPSTAIRS FLAT - 1A HAMILTON ROAD

With great pleasure it can be announced that Sidcup Parish as Landlord has entered into an agreement with the Archdiocese of Southwark as Tenant to lease the flat at full commercial value to a retired priest of this diocese. Fr. Christopher Basden, who will be retiring from parish ministry at Ramsgate in the summer, will take up occupation from late August. Fr Christopher will have no obligation to the parish of Sidcup who will continue to have two priests serving the parish community.

NEW LECTIONARY COMMENCING ADVENT 2024

A big thank you to our parishioner who so generously donated towards the full cost of the new lectionary we will be using from Advent this year. A great gift to the parish of Sidcup.

PARISH PLANNED MAINTENANCE REPORT

The parish planned maintenance report for the church, the community center and No 1 and 3 Hamilton Road is available on the home page of the parish website. Please visit the website at <https://www.stlsidcup.org/> for further details.

DEATH NOTICES

1. The Funeral Mass for John Patrick Kelleher RIP will take place on Thursday 18th July at 11am followed by burial at Sidcup Cemetery at 12.30pm.

May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

TUESDAY MORNING MASS TIME

From August 2024 the Tuesday morning Mass will start at 9.30am.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY IN SEPTEMBER

The Children's Liturgy will restart on Sunday 15th September at the 10am mass. It is with great joy that we announce the Children's Liturgy will take place every Sunday from this date with breaks for the school holidays. The schedule will be shared in September. Please see the designated noticeboard for further information plus the beautiful drawings created by our children. Volunteers are DBS checked. Children and parents/carers/grandparents are all welcome.

DIACONAL DAY - SUNDAY 14TH JULY

On Sunday 14 July we are celebrating our first Archdiocesan Diaconal Day, during which we pray for the Permanent Deacons serving in our Archdiocese as well as we pray for the new vocations to this ministry. If you are a man between 21 years to 58 years, prayerful, with the desire to love God and God's people, you are involved in services within your parish and community, you have tried many things and still feel drawn to a closer relationship with Christ and His Church you might possibly be called to be a Permanent Deacon? If you require further information about the Permanent Diaconate, please speak to your Parish Priest, (the Parish Deacon, if there is one), or contact the Diaconate Formation Director via e-mail: ianblack@rcaos.org.uk.

CALLED TO HOLINESS - A DAY FOR READERS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

There are two formation days coming up for readers and extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist of the SE area of our Archdiocese.

1. On Saturday 19th October at St Stephen's Church, Welling, 26 Deepdene Road, DA16 3QL. For the Deaneries of Bexley, Bromley, and Greenwich. And
 2. On Saturday 26th October, at Bishop Thomas Grant School, Belltrees Grove, Streatham, SW16 2HY for the Deaneries of Camberwell, Lewisham, and Lambeth.
- Each of the days will begin with tea and coffee at 9:30am, there will be three presentations and the day will end with Mass at 3pm. Please send an email to the parish office at sidcup@rcaos.org.uk to confirm the day you will be attending.

ST. ANSELM'S DARTFORD EVENING MASS - MONDAY TO FRIDAY AT 7PM

St. Anselm's Dartford, West Hill, DA1 2HJ have an evening Mass at 7pm on Monday to Friday. Divine Mercy devotion before Mass and rosary after Mass. Parking is available, please sign in your car before Mass at the tablet in the porch.

Collection	23rd June 2024		
Cash	£499.42		
Gift Aid	£375.50		
Total	£874.92		

Collection	30th June 2024	2nd Collection: Peter's Pence	
Cash	£406.93	Cash	£220.65
Gift Aid	£908.75	Gift Aid	£ 85.00
Total	£1315.68	Total	£305.65

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 13th July	Fifteenth Sunday of the Year B
6.30pm	Rose and Tomy Winn RIP
Sunday 14th July	Fifteenth Sunday of the Year B
8.30am	The People of the Parish
10.00am	Holy Souls
11.30am	Fíonán Ó (Muircheartaig) Muriarty RIP
Monday 15th July	Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
9.30am	Intention of Maggie Cahill
Tuesday 16th July	Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Memorial
9.45am	Teresa St. Aubyn RIP
Wednesday 17th July	Feria
9.30am	For the Wellbeing of Vancura and for the Family
Thursday 18th July	Feria
9.30am	Dietlind Drosch RIP
11.00am	Funeral Mass for John Patrick Kelleher RIP
Friday 19th July	Feria
9.30am	Healing and recovery from surgery for Amisha
Saturday 20th July	The Blessed Virgin Mary
9.30am	Susan Ann Defries RIP

Collection	7th July 2024
Cash	£390.50
Gift Aid	£279.42
Total	£669.92
Monthly Standing Order	£4766

Please pray for all the sick of our parish who are at home and in hospitals. Please also pray for the souls of all the faithful departed that God may grant them eternal rest.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that in due time he may exalt you. 1 Peter 5:6