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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR B - 1ST SEPTEMBER 2024

(Psalter Week 2)

Entrance Antiphon: ***Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.***

Responsorial Psalm: The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Communion Antiphon: ***How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.***

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 during term time starting from 15th September.**

God bless you all.

Fr. Allan.

FR. REGIS RUBAYA - NEW PARISH PRIEST OF SIDCUP

Fr. Regis Rubaya will take up his appointment as Parish Priest of Sidcup from the 1st October 2024. Please pray for all the priests who are starting their new appointments at the various parishes in the Archdiocese.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT ON FRIDAYS

The Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will recommence on Friday 6th September.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The Children's Liturgy will restart on Sunday 15th September at the 10am mass and will take place every Sunday from this date with breaks for the school holidays. 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.

WEDNESDAY COFFEE MORNINGS AND REPOSITORY

The Wednesday coffee morning resumes on the 4th September. The Repository will be open during the coffee morning. All are welcome.

PARISH FILM NIGHT - WEDNESDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER

Arrive at 7pm for social/refreshments, provided by us (bring own if preferred) film starts at 7.30pm. Please see the poster at the back of the church for details. All are welcome.

FIRST FRIDAY LUNCH - 12NOON TO 2PM

First Friday Lunch is on Friday 6th September from 12-2 in the hall. All are welcome.

MARIST WAY MEETING

On Saturday 7th September at 10am in the upper room of the hall. All are welcome.

ADOREMUS - 14TH / 15TH SEPTEMBER

The 2024 National Eucharistic Congress takes place at St. Mary's Seminary Oscott. Adoremus is an ongoing program that aims to place the Eucharistic Lord at the heart of all we do. We will be having the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Adoration for an hour before the 6.30pm Mass on Saturday 14th September from 5.30pm to 6.30pm.

AFTERNOON TEA - SUNDAY 13TH OCTOBER 2 - 5 PM

The afternoon tea event as well as being a fundraiser will be an opportunity to officially welcome Fr. Regis to St Lawrence's. Aiden Kent (singing Cabbie) will be performing a wide range of songs from the 50's/60's. Further details and ticket sales to be announced shortly. We would be grateful to receive donations of any unwanted bone china. We need coffee pots, teapots, sugar bowls and jugs. We are also on the lookout for cake stands (2- 3 tiers). Please hand in your donations to the parish office.

DEATH NOTICES

No 9:30am Mass on the 5th and 9th September due to the Funeral Mass.

1. The Funeral Mass for Kathleen Ellen Vernon RIP will take place on Thursday 5th September at 10.30am followed by Burial at Sidcup Cemetery at 12noon.
3. The Funeral Mass for Moira Costin RIP will take place on Monday 9th September at 10.00am followed by Cremation at Kemnal Park Crematorium at 11.00am.

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

2ND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY - CATHOLIC EDUCATION SERVICE

The Catholic Education Service acts on behalf of the Catholic Bishops' Conference to support Catholic education. There are over 2,000 Catholic schools, academies and colleges in England and Wales educating over 800,000 students. The CES is the chief negotiating and advisory body on matters affecting all aspects of Catholic education, and it also provides financial assistance for school transport in rural areas.

SPIRITAN FATHERS MISSION APPEAL 2024

The Spiritan Fathers will be making a Mission Appeal at all the Masses on the 28th and 29th September. A second collection will be taken at all Masses for their Mission work.

SIDCUP FOODBANK AT NEW COMMUNITY CHURCH SIDCUP

Just a reminder that there are two foodbank bins at the back of the church. If you are able to provide any non-perishable essentials for a weekly shop such as pasta, soup, beans, tea, coffee, sauces, tinned fish, squash, sugar, canned vegetables etc.. please put them in the bins. **Please do not put out of date, frozen, or fresh produce in the food bins.** For further info contact me on 07986 348013. Thanks Nick Wells.

SERVICE FOR HEALING AND HOPE - WEDNESDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER 2024

You are invited to a service for healing and hope for those that have been harmed by abuse and for those that work with or support those that have been harmed. The Service will take place at St. George's Cathedral on the 25th September at 6.30pm and will be led by Archbishop John Wilson. At the end of the service, everyone will be invited to tie a ribbon in support of those that have been harmed by abuse. There will be refreshments and a place for anyone who wishes, to talk to the safeguarding team.

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.

GOVERNORS AT LOCAL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS; SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOLS TO FULFIL THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH

In an increasingly secular world our local Catholic schools provide outstanding formation of young people with Gospel values at the heart of their work. St Peter Chanel and St Columba's both have vacancies for Foundation Governors and would welcome anyone interested in helping the schools remain amongst the best in Bexley. For more information or an informal chat with a local headteacher on what serving as a Governor entails please contact Bill Stone on office@st-columbas.bexley.sch.uk.

ST. VINCENT'S CHARITY SHOP - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

St. Vincent's Charity shop in Sidcup High Street are looking for volunteers, they are now open 7 days a week. Any amount of time, no matter how small, would be very much appreciated. Also any donations would be very welcome. Come in and talk to a member of staff for more details.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 31st August

6.30pm

Twenty-Second Sunday of the Year B

The People of the Parish

Sunday 1st September

8.30am

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Philip Grey RIP

10.00am

Martin McGrath RIP and Clarence Medley RIP

11.30am

Leela Elmo RIP

Monday 2nd September

9.30am

Feria

Holy Souls

Tuesday 3rd September

9.30am

Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

Peter and Margaret Lyons RIP

Wednesday 4th September

9.30am

Saint Cuthbert, Bishop

Intention of Monica Crowley

Thursday 5th September

10.30am

Funeral Mass

Funeral Mass for Kathleen Ellen Vernon RIP

Friday 6th September

9.30am

Feria

Mary Joyce RIP

Saturday 7th September

9.30am

The Blessed Virgin Mary

Mary Agnes Aindow RIP

Collection	4th August 2024	Collection:	11th August 2024
Cash	£319.97	Cash	£381.28
Gift Aid	£298.88	Gift Aid	£291.72
Total	£618.85	Total	£673.00

Collection	18th August 2024	Collection:	25th August 2024
Cash	£392.89	Cash	£418.89
Gift Aid	£291.97	Gift Aid	£434.00
Total	£684.86	Total	£852.89
Monthly Standing Order	£4766		