

ST. LAWRENCE OF CANTERBURY R C CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR B - 4TH AUGUST 2024

(Psalter Week 2)

Entrance Antiphon: ***O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me!
You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.***

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

Communion Antiphon: ***I am the bread of life, says the Lord; whoever comes to me
will not hunger and whoever believes in me will not thirst.***

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.**

God bless you all.

Fr. Allan.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all who so generously contributed to my leaving collection over the past weeks and to all those who have bought me presents and written beautiful messages in farewell cards. I have been humbled to hear you recall your love and gratitude towards me and my ministry here in Sidcup. I will miss you and keep you all in my prayers. I have taken some time off over the coming weeks and will offer some Masses for your intentions during this time. Fr. Paul.

PARISH OFFICE AND CHURCH OPENING OVER AUGUST

Jeanette will be away from the 9th to 26th August.

Fr. Allan will be away from the 19th August to the 1st September.

The Church will be closed after the weekday morning Mass from Monday 19th to Monday 26th August. Fr. Bryan Wells and the Franciscan Friars from the Erith Friary will be covering for us when Fr. Allan is away.

The Parish Office will be closed while Jeanette is away from the 9th to 26th August. Contact Fr. Allan for any urgent matters on allanmacdonald@rcaos.org.uk.

PARISH FILM NIGHT - WEDNESDAY 7TH AUGUST

Come and join us and fellow parishioners for our next film night, a musical sing-a-long. Arrive from 7pm for social time/refreshments, film starts at 7.30pm. See poster at the back of the church for further details. All are welcome.

WEDNESDAY COFFEE MORNING - is now closed for the summer break and will recommence on Wednesday 4th September.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT ON FRIDAYS

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

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.

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.

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 your priests as they enter this time of change.

DEATH NOTICE

1. The Funeral Service for Michael Kenneth Bunch RIP will take place on Monday 5th August at 1.45pm at Eltham Crematorium.

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

100 CLUB

There are a few 100 Club numbers available at £5/month. These are displayed at the back of the church. To join please email the office at sidcup@rcaos.org.uk.

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.

YOUTH 2000 SUMMER FESTIVAL AMPLEFORTH ABBEY 23RD TO 26TH AUGUST

Join the Youth 2000 summer festival at Ampleforth Abbey, York, YO62 4ER for a weekend filled with friendship, fun and faith in the beautiful surroundings of Ampleforth Abbey. There will be a wonderful variety of workshops, and loads of opportunities to be with Jesus and encounter His love for you. To find out more information and to book your tickets, please visit <https://www.youth2000.org/events/summerfestival2024> and <https://www.ampleforthabbey.org.uk/youth-2000-summer-festival-0>. Tickets include food and accommodation. See poster on the notice board. Scan QR code for details.

ADOREMUS - SUNDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER

The 2024 National Eucharistic Congress will take 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. Parishes are invited to have a period of Exposition this weekend to unite the faithful of the country in focusing on the Eucharist in preparation for the Jubilee Year.

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. 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.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 3rd August	Eighteenth Sunday of the Year B
6.30pm	Bridget Burke RIP
Sunday 4th August	Eighteenth Sunday of the Year B (Saint John Vianney, Priest)
8.30am	Norah Turner RIP
10.00am	The People of the Parish
11.30am	Charles and Josephine Fernandes RIP
Monday 5th August	The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major
9.30am	Ted Fendick RIP
Tuesday 6th August	The Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord
9.30am	Intention of Jennifer Odjegba - For success in her GP Training
Wednesday 7th August	Feria
9.30am	Intention of Rosemary Waddell and Family
Thursday 8th August	Saint Dominic, Priest, Memorial
9.30am	Holy Souls
Friday 9th August	Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein), Virgin and Martyr, Patron of Europe
9.30am	Ron Smith RIP
Saturday 10th August	Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr, Feast
9.30am	Joaquim and Avelina Fernandes RIP

Collection	28th July 2024	2nd Collection: Fr. Paul's Leaving Collection	
Cash	£486.92	Cash	£1507.66
Gift Aid	£375.00	Gift Aid	£1401.00
Total	£861.92	Total	£2908.66
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.

***For I will satisfy the weary soul, and every languishing soul I will replenish.
Jeremiah 31:25***