

## ST. LAWRENCE OF CANTERBURY R C CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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### TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR B - 8TH SEPTEMBER 2024

*(Psalter Week 3)*

Entrance Antiphon: ***You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.***

***Responsorial Psalm: My soul, give praise to the Lord.***

Communion Antiphon: ***Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.***

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 - 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 taking up their new appointments at the various parishes in the Archdiocese.

## **2ND COLLECTION THIS 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.

## **CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

The Children's Liturgy will restart on Sunday 15th September at the 10am mass and will take place every Sunday during term time. 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.

## **ST. LAWRENCE YOUNG PEOPLE'S CHOIR - SINGING LESSONS**

Do you have a child aged 7-18 who loves singing and would like to learn how to use their voice well and perhaps join the St. Lawrence young people's Choir? Then you are invited to contact Fiona on 07957592 081 to register your child for our 6 week voice and singing training starting on Saturday 5th October from 11am -12pm in the upstairs Hall. Places are limited, so parents please contact Fiona to register your children for the classes.

## **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. Afternoon tea tickets will be on sale after all the masses this weekend and for the forthcoming weeks. Tickets £15. We look forward to seeing you at this event. Donations of coffee pots, teapots, sugar bowls, milk jugs and cake stands will be gratefully accepted. Please hand donations into the parish office.

## **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.

## **DEATH NOTICES**

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

1. 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 her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

## **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.

## **PARISH GIFT AID SCHEME**

Can parishioner Gerard Neame please contact our gift aid co-ordinator Nick Wells on 07986 348013 regarding registering onto our Parish Gift Aid Scheme. Thank you.

## **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 19<sup>th</sup> October at St Stephen's Church, Welling, 26 Deepdene Road, DA16 3QL. For the Deaneries of Bexley, Bromley, and Greenwich. And
  2. On Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:sidcup@rcaos.org.uk) to confirm the day you will be attending.

## **WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND RETREAT**

For the past 50 years Worldwide Marriage Encounter has been offering marriage enrichment retreats all around the world. The next non-residential retreat is from 21-22 September 2024 at **Church of the Annunciation, Burnt Oak, London, HA8 0HQ**. For further details and to book visit the website at [wwme.org.uk](http://wwme.org.uk).

## **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.

## **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](mailto: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

<b>Saturday 7th September</b>	<b>Twenty-Third Sunday of the Year B</b>
6.30pm	Intentions of Deacon Peter and Heike Varnes
<b>Sunday 8th September</b>	<b>Twenty-Third Sunday of the Year B</b>
8.30am	The People of the Parish
10.00am	Sr. Winifred Brennan
11.30am	Sean Thomas McDonnell RIP
<b>Monday 9th September</b>	<b>Funeral Mass</b>
10.00am	Funeral Mass for Moira Costin RIP
<b>Tuesday 10th September</b>	<b>Feria</b>
9.30am	Nicholas Fernandes RIP
<b>Wednesday 11th September</b>	<b>Feria</b>
9.30am	June Flashman RIP
<b>Thursday 12th September</b>	<b>The Most Holy Name of Mary</b>
9.30am	Angela D'Silva RIP
<b>Friday 13th September</b>	<b>Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</b>
9.30am	Trudy Custy RIP
<b>Saturday 14th September</b>	<b>The Exaltation of The Holy Cross</b>
9.30am	Frank Feighan RIP

Collection	1st September 2024
Cash	£396.34
Gift Aid	£271.62
Total	£667.96
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.

***To the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen. Jude 1:25***