ST. LAWRENCE OF CANTERBURY R C CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR B - 15TH SEPTEMBER 2024

(Psalter Week 4)

Entrance Antiphon: Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

Responsorial Psalm: I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

Communion Antiphon: How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

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 today.

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 AGENCY FOR THE SUPPORT OF EVANGELISATION (HOME MISSION)

The Home Mission Sunday collection provides the Bishops of England and Wales with resources to support Home Mission, the spread of the gospel in our own country. The money collected enables a breadth of work to be done in support of parish evangelisation.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY STARTS TODAY AT 10AM MASS

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. See posters at the back of the church.

PARISH FILM NIGHT - WEDNESDAY 9TH OCTOBER

Thank you to everyone who supported our last film night, a great evening was had by all. Please join us for our next film evening on 9th October. 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.

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.

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Please visit the parish website at https://www.stlsidcup.org and click on the Subscribe to our Newsletter button which is at the top of the homepage and complete the form.

DEATH NOTICE

 With sadness we announce the death of Christine Kitchen, her funeral details will be advised when known.

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.

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.

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.

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.

YEAR 6 PARENTS SECONDARY TRANSFER OPEN EVENTS ST. CATHERINE AND ST. COLUMBA'S SCHOOLS

Both of our local Catholic secondary schools are celebrating fantastic sets of results at GCSE in 2024. Parents of girls in Year 6 are invited to visit St Catherine's on Thursday October 3rd at 5pm whilst St Columba's for boys holds it's Open Morning on Saturday October 5th. Please visit the respective school websites for more information.

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.

GOVERNOR VACANCIES AT CHRIST THE KING SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

If you are interested in applying or require further information please visit www.ctk.ac.uk or email Linda Harrison at governance@ctksfc.ac.uk. A full induction and training programme is provided.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 14th September Twenty-Fourth Sunday of the Year B

6.30pm The People of the Parish

Sunday 15th September Twenty-Fourth Sunday of the Year B

8.30am Holy Souls

10.00am Mary Kathleen Keavney RIP

11.30am Roy Lawrence David Nathaniel RIP - 1st Anniversary

Monday 16th September Saint Cornelius, Pope and Saint Cyprian, Bishop,

Martyrs

9.30am Marie Tooher RIP

Tuesday 17th September Feria

9.30am David Brown RIP

Wednesday 18th September Feria

9.30am Ivor and Sofia Gomes RIP

Thursday 19th September Feria

9.30am Holy Souls

Friday 20th September Saint Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest and Paul Chong

Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs

9.30am Intention of Pushpa Aseervatham

Saturday 21st September Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

9.30am John Joseph Peiris RIP

Collection	8th September 2024	2nd Collection:	Catholic Education Service
Cash	£397.12	Cash	£292.65
Gift Aid	£257.95	Gift Aid	£245.00
Total	£655.07	Total	£537.65
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.

You, Lord, give perfect peace to those who keep their purpose firm and put their trust in you. Isaiah 26:3