

ST. LAWRENCE OF CANTERBURY R C CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR B - 6TH OCTOBER 2024

(Psalter Week 3)

Entrance Antiphon: ***Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.***

Responsorial Psalm: May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

Communion Antiphon: ***The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.***

OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY

The practice of the rosary is an effective prayer to be prayed individually, as a family and as a community. Praying through the intercession of Our Blessed Mother, the Mother of our Church leads us to her Son as St Louis de Montfort said 'To Jesus through Mary'. Please feel free to join in on Wednesdays and Fridays after Mass and on Saturdays before Mass.

MONDAY 7TH OCTOBER - A DAY OF PRAYER, FASTING AND PENANCE

The Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem has called for Monday 7th October 2024 to be a day of prayer, fasting and penance for reconciliation and peace in the Holy Land amidst the ongoing violence and hatred. This Monday marks the first anniversary of the commencement of the present hostilities. The Holy Father in his General Audience has joined with the Patriarch in commending this day of prayer to all Christians.

We welcome Fr. Regis Rubaya as our new parish priest and wish him the very best as he takes up his new role.

2ND COLLECTION TODAY - CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

We are looking for volunteers who would be willing to write the Sunday Prayers of the faithful (bidding prayers). We currently have only 3 parishioners in this ministry. A training session will be held in October/November. If you would like to help out in this ministry please email the parish office on sidcup@rcaos.org.uk.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION APPLICATION FORMS

The First Holy Communion programme for children in Year 3 and above will be starting in November. Both parent and child will need to be regular Sunday Mass attendees in this parish to join the course. For an application form please see Fr. Allan after Mass. Closing date for submitting completed application forms is 27th October. Parents meeting is on Thursday 7th November at 7 pm in the Hall. Enrolment Mass is on Sunday 10th November at 10 am, both parent and child will need to attend the Mass.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The Children's Liturgy dates for the Autumn term are as follows: October 6th, 13th, 20th; November 10th, 17th, 24th; December 1st, 8th, 15th.

No sessions on the 27th October and 3rd November.

The Children's Liturgy will be having a Christmas Party in the Upper room on Sunday 15th December after the last session. All are welcome.

ST. LAWRENCE'S CHRISTMAS FAIR - SATURDAY 23RD NOVEMBER

The St. Lawrence's Christmas Fair will soon be descending upon us so we are now asking parishioners for any donations. Items include chocolates, bottles of alcohol, toys, children's books, cuddly toys and, general bric and brac. Any items donated will be truly appreciated. Donations may be left in the parish office.

We are looking for volunteers to help us with this year's Christmas Fair, for more information please contact Catherine Culbert 07828003594.

AFTERNOON TEA - SUNDAY 13TH OCTOBER 2 - 5 PM

The afternoon tea event as well as being a fundraiser will be an opportunity to unofficially 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. Tickets will be on sale after all the masses on the weekend. Tickets £15. We look forward to seeing you. Please give donations of coffee pots, teapots, sugar bowls, milk jugs and cake stands to the office.

DEATH NOTICES

1. The Funeral Mass for Christine Agnes Kitchen RIP will take place on Thursday 17th October at 11.00am followed by Cremation at Eltham Crematorium at 12.30pm.
2. The Funeral Mass for Angela Ashenden RIP will take place on Tuesday 22nd October at 11.00am followed by Cremation at Kemnal Park Crematorium at 12.30pm.
3. The Funeral Mass for Mauro Sagmit Figueroa RIP will take place on Tuesday 29th October at 12.30pm followed by Cremation at Kemnal Park Crematorium at 2.00pm.

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

ANNUAL MASS COUNT - This will continue for the next two Sundays. Volunteers are requested to please collect and return the tally counters to the Sacristy.

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 the posters for details. All are welcome.

NEWSLETTER - Information and notices for the newsletter should be emailed to the parish office on sidcup@rcaos.org.uk by Wednesday.

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.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

Thinking about becoming Catholic? As an adult are you thinking about becoming Catholic or are you considering the sacrament of Confirmation as an adult? If so please speak with Fr Allan about an application form. The first meeting for RCIA candidates will be on Thursday 28th November at 7:30 pm in the parish office.

GIFT AID SCHEME

Thank you for your donations in the baskets each week. Just a reminder to all parishioners that are putting cash in the collection basket each week, that the parish would be able to claim back the tax on your weekly donations, at no extra expense to you, if you have signed a Gift Aid Declaration. Therefore a donation of £5 would increase to £6.25 ! If you would like to sign up, or have any questions regarding the scheme then please contact Nick Wells on sidcupgac@rcaos.org.uk M: 07986 348013.

ST. PETER CHANEL PRIMARY SCHOOL - OPEN MORNINGS

Our local Catholic Primary School, St Peter Chanel, are hosting open mornings for prospective parents on the following dates: Friday 11th October, Tuesday 22nd October, Friday 22nd November. These mornings run from 9:30am - 11am and are a wonderful opportunity for you to see our school in action! There is a pre-school onsite which can take children from 2 years old. Please speak to the school office if you are interested in a place at Pre-School or please feel free to attend one of the open mornings if your child is due to start school in September 2025.

THE ARCHBISHOP'S CERTIFICATE

The Archbishop's Certificate (ArchCert) is a two-year online course incorporating three in person study days for all in Southwark who wish to understand their faith in a more profound way and be able to share it with both confidence and joy. The Archbishop's Certificate is in accord with Archbishop John Wilson's vision for a missionary archdiocese and is open to all who work towards this. The course will commence on **12 October 2024** with an introductory zoom session and the first in person session will take place on 19 October 2024 at St George's Cathedral. Further details can be found here: <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/archcert>. If you have any questions please email archcert@aec.rcaos.org.uk.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 5th October	Twenty-Seventh Sunday of the Year B
6.30pm	Chris Kitchen RIP
Sunday 6th October	Twenty-Seventh Sunday of the Year B
8.30am	The People of the Parish
10.00am	David Gankerseer RIP
11.30am	John Kelleher RIP
Monday 7th October	Our Lady of the Rosary, Memorial
9.30am	Margaret Whelan RIP
Tuesday 8th October	Feria
9.30am	Evangelina and Daniel Porrás RIP
Wednesday 9th October	Saint John Henry Newman, Priest
9.30am	Michael, Brian and Patrick O'Donnell RIP
Thursday 10th October	Feria
9.30am	Holy Souls
Friday 11th October	Feria
9.30am	Tony Driscoll RIP
Saturday 12th October	The Blessed Virgin Mary
9.30am	Suzanne Maddison

Collection	29th September 2024	2nd Collection: Spiritan Fathers Mission Appeal	
Cash	£382.71	Cash	£765.24
Gift Aid	£422.80	Gift Aid	£552.91
Total	£805.51	Total	£1318.15
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.

Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress. Psalms 71:3