

## ST. LAWRENCE OF CANTERBURY R C CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**Saturday 19th October**

6.30pm

**Twenty-Nineth Sunday of the Year B**

Juan and Monica Vaz RIP and Deceased Family Members

**Sunday 20th October**

8.30am

**Twenty-Nineth Sunday of the Year B**

For the Deceased Members of the Parkinsons Family

10.00am

The People of the Parish

11.30am

In Thanksgiving for Education at St Marys College and Grammar School Sidcup

**Monday 21st October**

9.30am

**Saint Margaret Clitherow , Martyr**

Kathleen and Patrick O'Donnell RIP

**Tuesday 22nd October**

9.30am

**Saint John Paul II, Pope**

Mary Josephine McDonnell RIP

11.00am

Funeral Mass for Angela Ashenden RIP

**Wednesday 23rd October**

9.30am

**Feria**

Marjory MacDonald RIP

**Thursday 24th October**

9.30am

**Feria**

Marietta Arriola Vallecer RIP - 1st Anniversary

**Friday 25th October**

9.30am

**Feria**

Annie and Mary Travers RIP

**Saturday 26th October**

9.30am

**The Blessed Virgin Mary**

Intention of Delia and Derek Bill

Collection	13th October 2024	2nd Collection:	Prison Advice & Care Trust
Cash	£421.81	Cash	£468.31
Gift Aid	£403.39	Gift Aid	£ 10.00
Total	£825.20	Total	£478.31
Monthly Standing Order	£4682		

Please pray for all the sick of our parish who are at home and in hospitals. Please also pray for the souls of the faithful departed that God may grant them eternal rest.

## **2ND COLLECTION TODAY IS FOR MISSIO**

Today is World Mission Sunday. Missio is the Church's official organ for the support of foreign missions. The Collection taken on World Mission Sunday goes in its entirety to support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is new, young or poor. The Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to the special collection for Missio as it is vital for the growth of the Church and the spread of the Gospel in impoverished and remote areas overseas.

## **VACANCY - PARISH SECRETARY**

St Lawrence of Canterbury Church, Sidcup is a busy, friendly parish with a large number of lay people assisting in various ministries, sacramental preparation and organisations that make up our parish family. We currently have an exciting opportunity for a Parish Secretary (Part-Time) to provide administrative support to the Parish office by implementing and maintaining office systems, processes and procedures. To be considered for the role, please send a CV and covering letter (no longer than one side of A4) to Fr Regis Rubaya on [regisrubaya@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:regisrubaya@rcaos.org.uk). Only shortlisted applicants will be contacted. For full job description see our website [www.stlsidcup.org](http://www.stlsidcup.org).

## **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](mailto:sidcup@rcaos.org.uk).

## **CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

The Children's Liturgy dates for the Autumn term are as follows: October 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 hall Upper room on Sunday 15th December after the last session. All are 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? Parents please contact Fiona on 07957592 081 if you would like your child to attend. For further details see the poster on the notice board.

## **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 10<sup>th</sup> November at 10 am, both parent and child will need to attend the Mass.

## **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.

## **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.

## **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](mailto:sidcupgac@rcaos.org.uk) or M: 07986 348013.

## **DEATH NOTICES**

1. 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.
2. 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.

## **GRAVE BLESSING SERVICES**

The grave blessing services at Sidcup Cemeteries will take place as below:  
Kemnal Park Cemetery - Sunday 3rd November at 2:00pm.  
Sidcup Cemetery - Sunday 10th November at 1pm.

## **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: 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.