

ST. LAWRENCE OF CANTERBURY R C CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 16th November

6.30pm

Thirty-Third Sunday of the Year B

Anthony Beare RIP

Sunday 17th November

8.30am

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The People of the Parish

10.00am

Charmaine German RIP

11.30am

In Thanksgiving - Horace Young

Monday 18th November

9.30am

The Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

Mauro Figueroa RIP

Tuesday 19th November

9.30am

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Intention of Anne Maxted

Wednesday 20th November

9.30am

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Holy Souls

Thursday 21st November

9.30am

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Memorial

Jim Toland RIP

Friday 22nd November

9.30am

Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr

Richard Lane RIP - 1st Anniversary

Saturday 23rd November

9.30am

The Blessed Virgin Mary

Holy Souls

Collection	10th November 2024	2nd Collection: Archbishop's Appeal	
Cash	£336.43	Cash	215.35
Gift Aid	£347.00	Gift Aid	355.90
Total	£683.43	Total	571.25
Monthly Standing Order	£4707		

The Sacrament of Penance - On Saturday mornings from 11am to 12noon and before Mass on Saturday evening and by prior arrangement. Parish Prayer Group - 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-12noon. Saturday morning prayer 8:45am.

NOVEMBER - MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

The Holy Souls mass envelopes are available at the back of the Church. Please include the names of your deceased family members and friends along with your Mass offerings in the envelope. The envelopes will be placed in a basket at the front of the altar. Mass offerings will be used to celebrate Masses for Holy Souls during the year.

2ND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY - CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICES - Next Sunday is National Youth Sunday, the 2nd collection will go towards supporting youth work in the diocese and beyond and the Southwark Catholic Youth Service.

DEANERY MASS FOR THE DECEASED CLERGY OF BEXLEY - The Deanery Mass for the deceased clergy of Bexley will be celebrated at Our Lady of Rosary Church, 330a Burnt Oak Lane, Blackfen DA15 8LW at 12noon on Tuesday 26th November. We remember and pray for the deceased clergy, who served our communities. All are welcome.

INDUCTION OF THE PARISH PRIEST

Fr Regis' induction as parish priest of this parish will take place on Friday 29th November. The Mass will be celebrated at 7.00pm by Canon Victor Darlington, Episcopal Vicar for South East. Refreshments will be served in the hall after Mass.

ST. CATHERINE'S GARDEN

The flower bed to the left of the Church door is named St. Catherine's Garden, or 'The White Garden' in remembrance of still born babies and babies that died soon after birth and the names on the plaque have not been updated for quite some time. If any parishioner would like to have a name included on the list, would they please contact Deacon Peter Varnes with the names and they will be added on the plaque.

CONFIRMATION APPLICATION FORMS

The Confirmation Programme for children in Year 9 and above will be starting on the 18th January 2025. For an application form please see Fr. Allan after Mass. The deadline for returning the completed application forms is Wednesday 18th December 2024. There will be a Parents Meeting on Saturday 11th January 2025.

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.

REPOSITORY - Christmas cards, calendars, diaries and small gifts will be on sale in the Repository, in the church hall, after the Sunday 8.30 Masses until 11.30 and during the Wednesday coffee mornings.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The Children's Liturgy dates for the Autumn term are as follows: November 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'S CHRISTMAS FAIR - SATURDAY 23RD NOVEMBER 10.30AM To 2PM

The St. Lawrence's Christmas Fair is only a week away. Please bring in any donations you have. Items include chocolates, bottles of alcohol, toys, children's books, cuddly toys and, general bric and brac. Donations can be left in the parish office. We are looking for volunteers to help us with this year's Christmas Fair, please contact Catherine Culbert 07828003594. There will be many stalls including Fancy Goods, Arts and Crafts, Bottle Tombola, Toys, Santa's Grotto and Cake Stall. Refreshments will be available. We look forward to seeing you all next Saturday.

SPIRITUALITY COMMISSION ADVENT REFLECTIONS

The Spirituality Commission will be sending daily reflections during Advent featuring Scripture, thoughts and prayers. You can sign-up to receive them directly into your inbox each morning visit the website: tinyurl.com/adventreflections2024.

MUSICAL CONCERT - WEDNESDAY 11TH DECEMBER 10.30AM - Woodlands Primary Care are holding a small musical concert in the Parish Hall. Parishioners are invited to join them for music, tea and biscuits. All are welcome.

ADVENT CAROL SERVICE

The annual joint Advent Carol Service between St Lawrence's and Holy Trinity Lamorbey will take place on Sunday 1st December at Holy Trinity (corner of Hurst Road) at 6pm. Refreshments will be served after the service.

ST. GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL CAROL SERVICE - 12TH DECEMBER 7.30PM - Join Archbishop John and the St George's Cathedral Choir for a Carol Service at St George's Cathedral on Thursday 12th December at 7.30pm.