

ST. LAWRENCE OF CANTERBURY R C CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE CHRISTMAS WEEK

Saturday 21st December	Fourth Sunday of Advent (C)	
6.30pm	Mauro Figueroa RIP	
Sunday 22nd December	Fourth Sunday of Advent (C)	
8.30am	Parishioners	
10.00am	Evelyn Madden RIP	Children's Liturgy
11.30am	Intentions of Anthony and Sheena Wilkins	
Monday 23rd December	Feria	
9.30am	Ann Marie Pinto RIP	2.30 pm Parish Prayer Group
Tuesday 24th December	Christmas Eve	
9.30am	Holy Souls	Divine Mercy Devotion and Rosary after Mass
5.30pm	James Peter and Maeve Mullany RIP	
Carol Service at 11pm followed by Midnight Mass	Parishioners	
Wednesday 25h December	The Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord	
8.30am	For God's Blessings on all the Parishioners	Coffee Morning
10.00am	Intentions of the Kadi family	
11.30am	Intentions of Maureen Burton	
Thursday 26th December	Saint Stephen, Deacon, The First Martyr	
9.30am	John Thomas and Anne Elizabeth Smyth RIP	
Friday 27th December	Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist	10am-12noon Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
9.30	Intention of Sandra Burke	
Saturday 28th December	The Holy Innocents, Martyrs	8.45am Morning Prayer
	Holy Souls	9.00am Rosary

Collection	15th December 2024
Cash	£470
Gift Aid	£406.95
Total	£876.95
Monthly Standing Order	£4707

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS

Catholic priests do not receive a salary for the work they do. Christmas and Easter offerings are the only income priests receive to cater for their personal needs. The envelopes for the Christmas offerings are attached to this newsletter. Christmas offerings can also be given through the card reader terminals which are at the back of the church. We (Fr Allen and Fr Regis) would like to thank you for the support you have given us in the course of the year. And we wish you all a Merry Christmas. Fr Regis

REFRESHMENTS AFTER THE MIDNIGHT MASS ON CHRISTMAS EVE

Please join us on Christmas Eve for the Service of Carols and Readings at 11.00pm followed by Midnight Mass. The Parish Spiritual and Social Events Team will be serving mulled wine, mince pies, tea and coffee and relevant items for children in the Parish Hall after the Midnight Mass. Everyone is welcome to join us in the Hall after the Mass.

THANK YOU - I would like to thank you all for the support you have given me over the three years in my role at St. Lawrence's. Thank you also for your most generous leaving collection of £530, all of which was given to a charity close to my heart – The Missionaries of Charity specifically for their mission work in the Holy Land. Your generous gift will enable the Sisters to support a lot more people and families who are affected by the conflict in the Holy Land. Thank you again and may God bless you all. Jeanette Fernandes.

CONFIRMATION APPLICATION FORMS - The Confirmation Programme for children in Year 9 and above will be starting on the 18th January 2025. Application forms can be collected from the Parish office. There will be a Parents Meeting on Saturday 11th January 2025.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY 10am SUNDAY MASS - The Children's Liturgy dates for the Spring term 2025 are as follows: January 12th, 19th, 26th; February 2nd, 9th; March 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th.

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.

VISITS TO ST PETER CHANEL

St Peter Chanel is open for 2025 Reception applications for children born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021. The deadline for Reception applications is 15th January 2025. We also have places in our outstanding Pre-School available, with an immediate start, for children from the age of two. If you would like to arrange a visit to our Pre-School or main school, please contact 0208 302 6029 or email admin@st-peterchanel.bexley.sch.uk

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN SIDCUP EVENTS - The carol singing in the High Street outside Gym on Saturday 21 December 11am -12noon. All are welcome.

MONTHLY FOODBANK DONATION - Just a reminder that the bins will be in their usual place for parishioners who wish to donate food every week. Our next monthly Foodbank donation will be on the weekend 28/29 December. Thank you for supporting this very worthwhile and much needed cause!

SAINT LAWRENCE CHARITABLE FUND

As in previous years Parishioners wishing to make a donation to St Lawrence Charitable Fund rather than sending Christmas cards can add their name to a list at the back of the church. Donations can be made via our **new website** www.stlcf.org.uk or in an envelope marked SLCF donation, handed into the Parish office. Thank you for your support.

SOUTHWARK ARCHDIOCESE ROSARY PRAYER PROJECT

Everyone is warmly invited to joint this Archdiocese-wide prayer initiative, praying a decade of the Rosary each day for priests and parishes in their deanery.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY CHRISTMAS PARTY

On the 15th of December, we held our Children's Liturgy Christmas Party, and it was a joyous celebration! The children had a wonderful time participating in festive activities, sharing in the Christmas spirit.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this event so special. Wishing you all a blessed and Merry Christmas!

