

## ST. LAWRENCE OF CANTERBURY R C CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

<b>Saturday 1st February</b>	<b>The Presentation of the Lord</b>	
6.30pm	Maureen and Sean Gaffrey RIP	
<b>Sunday 2nd February</b>	<b>The Presentation of the Lord</b>	
8.30am	Deceased Members of the Lynch Family	
10.00am	John Francis Connolly RIP	Children's Liturgy
11.30am	Mary Beryezka RIP	
<b>Monday 3rd February</b>	<b>Saint Laurence of Canterbury, Bishop, Memorial.</b>	
9.30am	Michael and Anne Regan RIP	2.30 pm Parish Prayer Group
11.30am	Funeral Carmel Ann Armstrong RIP	
<b>Tuesday 4th February</b>	<b>Feria</b>	
9.30am	Joseph and Frances Regan RIP	Divine Mercy Devotion and Rosary after Mass
<b>Wednesday 5th February</b>	<b>Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr, Memorial.</b>	
9.30am	John Somerset RIP and Shirley Porter RIP	Coffee Morning
11.00am	Funeral Maria Isabel Sayell RIP	
<b>Thursday 6th February</b>	<b>Saints Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs.</b>	
9.30am	Maura Spaul RIP	
<b>Friday 7th February</b>	<b>Feria</b>	10am-12noon Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
9.30	Dominic Ajuzie RIP and Simeon Agidi RIP	
<b>Saturday 8th February</b>	<b>Day of Victims of Trafficking</b>	8.45am Morning Prayer
9.30 am	Margaret Boyle RIP	9.00am Rosary

Collection	26th January 2024	2nd Collection	White Flower
Cash	£470	Cash	£88
Gift Aid	£381.22		
Total	£851.22		
Monthly Standing Order	£4677		

The Sacrament of Penance - Saturday mornings 11am-12noon and before Mass on Saturday evening or by arrangement.

Baptism preparation course for parents will now take place on the first Monday of every month at 7pm.

## **HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY**

### **For vocations to the priesthood and religious life.**

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

**PRAYER REQUESTS** - If you request for yourself or an immediate family member to be listed in the Parish newsletter, please send an email to: [regisrubaya@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:regisrubaya@rcaos.org.uk)

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** For those who have died recently: Fred Baker and those who are in poor health: Ella Duncan.

### **THE ROMERO ROSARY - Praying the Mysteries of Faith with Our Lady & St Oscar Romero by Archbishop John**

**Wilson** - This beautiful and creative new book contains reflections on the traditional mysteries of the rosary (Joy, Light, Sorrow & Glory) and the NEW Romero mysteries (Charity, Compassion and Mercy, & Justice and Peace) - all illumined for reflection and prayer by St Oscar's own words. St Oscar Romero is a saint for our time, faithful to Christ and to the Church, and committed to the defence of human life and dignity. He calls us to love the Lord Jesus and Mary, his Mother, and to put our faith into practice. The rosary is a beautiful way to pray with him, united in spiritual friendship, asking for strength to live out our discipleship today. Published by Pauline Books - ISBN: 9781904785866. Books for sale on the evening, also available at [www.PaulineUK.org](http://www.PaulineUK.org)

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

We are looking for volunteers to join our wonderful teams to help with the running of the Children's Liturgy group and the Wednesday morning coffee group. If interested, please email Catherine Culbert - [cathculbert@gmail.com](mailto:cathculbert@gmail.com)

**ST. PETER CHANEL SCHOOL PRAYER GARDEN** - The School are looking for volunteers to help create a prayer garden in the playground for children to visit for quiet reflection. They need volunteers and it would be helpful if you could bring your own cutting/gardening tools. See the poster on the notice board for details.

**SIDCUP ROTARY CLUB** - They are holding a quiz for the benefit of Mercy Ships (see link below) at Sidcup Sports Club on Friday 21st February 7pm. Tickets £10pp, bring your own nibbles, drinks to be purchased at the bar. Tickets from Arthur Maxted (email: [arthurmaxted19@aol.com](mailto:arthurmaxted19@aol.com)) [www.mercyships.org.uk](http://www.mercyships.org.uk).

### **CALL FOR CATECHISTS**

We are looking for a new catechist to help with our Confirmation program next year. If you are interested, please contact the parish office for more information and an application form. Thank you!

### **PARISH FILM NIGHT**

Our next film night is on Friday 14th February. Please come along and join fellow parishioners for a social evening. Arrive from 7pm for refreshments provided by us and film starts at 7.30. Please see poster at the back of the church for further details. Look forward to seeing you .

### **CHILDREN'S LITURGY 10am SUNDAY MASS**

The Children's Liturgy dates for the Spring term 2025 are as follows: February 9th; March 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th.

**REPOSITORY** - The Repository is open after the Sunday 8.30am Mass until 11.30am and during the Wednesday coffee mornings.

**TRUSSELL FOODBANK THANK YOU** - I wanted to say a big thank you to all the parishioners for the response to the recent monthly appeals for the local Foodbank. There has been a huge increase in donations from the parish, which is very much appreciated. Please do continue to use the Green Bins at the rear of the church for your weekly donations, which are being placed outside the church on a monthly basis to remind parishioners to donate if they feel able. Please remember that we are not able to accept fresh food donations. Should you want any further information then do not hesitate to contact me. Nick Wells 07986 348013 [nickjohnwells@hotmail.com](mailto:nickjohnwells@hotmail.com) .

**SAINT LAWRENCE CHARITABLE FUND** - Donations can be made via our **new website** [www.stlcf.org.uk](http://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 join this Archdiocese-wide prayer initiative, praying a decade of the Rosary each day for priests and parishes in their deanery.

**ST. VINCENT DE'PAUL SHOP** Sidcup High Street - Are in need of winter clothing donations, and would welcome new volunteers. If interested please pop in and see a member of staff. The shop is open Tuesday to Saturday, closed on Sunday and Monday. Thank you.

**VALUATION DAY** - Organized by one of our parishioners. Catherine Southern, a professional auctioneer, and valuer, this Valuation Day takes place on Thursday, 20th February 2025, from 1pm-4pm at Library Buildings, Southwood Road, New Eltham, SE9 3QT. Bring your porcelain, watches, rings, gold, and silver to be valued. Refreshments available.