

ST. LAWRENCE OF CANTERBURY R C CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 4th January	The Epiphany of the Lord (C)	
6.30pm	Intentions of Sheamus & Anne Whelan	
Sunday 5th January	The Epiphany of the Lord (C)	
8.30am	Stuart and Peter Copeland RIP	
10.00am	People of the Parish	
11.30am	Christine Kitchen RIP	
Monday 6th January	Feria	
9.30am	Chris Kitchen RIP	2.30 pm Parish Prayer Group
Tuesday 7th January	Feria	
9.30am	Orazio Provenza RIP	Divine Mercy Devotion and Rosary after Mass
12.30pm	Funeral Veronica Savage RIP	
Wednesday 8th January	Feria	
9.30am	Well-being of Joan Heneghan	Coffee Morning
Thursday 9th January	Feria	
9.30am	Baby Jade Nash-Flanagan RIP	
11.00am	Funeral Bryan Moran RIP	
Friday 10th January	Feria	10am-12noon Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
9.30	Bernadette Smith RIP	
Saturday 11th January	Feria	8.45am Morning Prayer
9.30 am	Christine Kitchen RIP	9.00am Rosary

Collection	29th December 2024	2nd Collection	29th December 2024
Cash	£265	Cash	£2639.86
Gift Aid	£252.20	Gift Aid	£2396
Total	£517.20	Total	£5035.86
Monthly Standing Order	£4677		

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

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY

For the right to an education

Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Please pray for those who have died recently: Veronica Mary Savage, Byron Moran, Andrew Witkowski and Angela Molloghan.

THANK YOU - Fr Allan and myself have received many Christmas cards and gifts over Christmas. We have also received a very generous Christmas offering. We are deeply grateful for your support and prayers.

MASS OFFERINGS - Mass offerings are another way by which you support your priests. The Diocese has given a guide on how much we should give as mass offering, £10 per mass. This is only a guide. But we can give any amount we can afford. At many parishes people give £5 or £10 or £20, etc for a mass. As this is an offering, we can give any amount we can afford. As many days have now been taken up, it is not easy for us to book a mass for the near future. But if you do not have to be present when the mass is celebrated, we could send the mass intentions to the missions. The mass will then be celebrated within 30 days. And so, when you book a mass you can also ask for this option.

MONTHLY FILM NIGHT

We hope you all had a very happy Christmas and we would like to take the opportunity to wish you a very happy New Year. Firstly, we would like to thank you all for making our Film Nights so successful and enjoyable. We have certainly had a lovely time meeting and chatting with you during the social time that takes place before the film starts. Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances we need to change our Film Night from the first Wednesday of the month to the second FRIDAY of the month. We do hope this does not cause any issues with those who have supported us over the past six months and we look forward to seeing you and hopefully more people in the coming months. Our first Film Night of the year will be on Friday 10 January and we will be showing a musical. As always there will be a poster at the back of the church advertising this.

SOCIAL EVENT FOR THE PARISH - BARN DANCE

The Spiritual and Social Events team will be holding a BARN DANCE on the evening of Saturday 1 February. Tickets will be on sale in the new year.

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.

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.

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

MONTHLY FOODBANK DONATION - This will take place over the weekend 28/29 December. The food bins will be placed outside church for your donations. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the wonderful support you have provided over the last year and to wish you all a very happy New Year.

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 join this Archdiocese-wide prayer initiative, praying a decade of the Rosary each day for priests and parishes in their deanery.