

ST. LAWRENCE OF CANTERBURY R C CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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Saturday 18th January	Second Sunday of the Year C	
6.30pm	People of the Parish	
Sunday 19th January	Second Sunday of the Year C	
8.30am	Edna Fendick RIP	
10.00am	Edward Przydrozny RIP	Children's Liturgy
11.30am	Phil Hickey RIP	
Monday 20th January	Saint Sebastian, Martyr	
9.30am	Brendan Casey RIP	2.30 pm Parish Prayer Group
Tuesday 21st January	Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr	
9.30am	Margareth Ann Ross RIP	Divine Mercy Devotion and Rosary after Mass
Wednesday 22nd January	Saint Vincent, Deacon and Martyr	
9.30am	Lydia Mabel Jagger RIP	Coffee Morning
Thursday 23rd January	Feria	
9.30am	In Thanksgiving for 60th Birthday of Peter Higgins	
Friday 24th January	Saint Frances de Sales	10am-12noon Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
9.30	Tim Ascevvatham RIP	
Saturday 25th January	The Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle	8.45am Morning Prayer
9.30 am	Patricia Mason RIP	9.00am Rosary

Collection	12th January 2024	2nd Collection	
Cash	£452.81	This week	Peace Sunday
Gift Aid	£286.05	Next week	White Flower
Total	£738.86		
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 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: Angela Molloghan, Maria Isabel Sayell and Marian Mary Louise Harrison.

PEACE SUNDAY - Second Collection for Pax Christi

This Sunday, we will hold a second collection for Pax Christi, the Catholic peace movement in England and Wales. Envelopes are available at the back of the church for your donations. Pope Francis' message for this year's World Day of Peace is: "*Forgive us our trespasses: Grant us your peace.*" Your support helps Pax Christi in their mission to promote peace, justice, and nonviolence inspired by the Gospel. For more information or to donate online, visit: paxchristi.org.uk.

Help Shape the Future of Our Archdiocese

The Archbishop invites you to play a vital role in shaping the future of our Archdiocese. In today's pastoral letter, he encourages everyone to reflect on the themes in the *Called to Bear Fruit* booklet and participate in small group discussions over the coming weeks. Here's how you can get involved:

Form a group: Gather 4–12 people.

Choose your schedule: Discuss all six themes across six sessions or combine them into fewer meetings—whatever works best for you.

Share your insights: Submit your group's reflections via our online form or as a typed hard copy.

The more people who take part, the richer our understanding of the needs of our Archdiocese will be. Let's work together to shape our future! Thank you for your involvement.

A FULFILLING AND ENJOYABLE DAY - This is guaranteed for all married couples who attend a day hosted by the Marriage and Family Life Team called 'Building a Better Marriage'. To celebrate this Jubilee year of 2025, a one day Building a Better Marriage opportunity will be on 25th January at St Stephen Church, Welling. These are very popular and fill up quickly so please, without delay, book your place on such a wonderful opportunity and explore more how blessed you are in your marriage. Not to mention how blessed the Church is with your dedicated love to one another. To join one of these days please contact Carole on 07983 524 727 or email mflkent@rcaos.org.uk

BAPTISM PREPARATION

Parents wishing to have their children baptised can request an application form from our parish office. The first Baptism preparation session for parents will take place on **3rd February at 6.30pm**. To attend, please confirm your attendance by emailing sidcup@rcaos.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!

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 7.30-10.30pm. Tickets on sale after all masses this weekend. Adults £10. Children £5. Family ticket £25 (2 adults plus up to three children). We look forward to seeing you at our first event of 2025.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY 10am SUNDAY MASS

The Children's Liturgy dates for the Spring term 2025 are as follows: January 26th; February 2nd, 9th; March 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th.

REPOSITORY - 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.

MONTHLY FOODBANK DONATION - Our next monthly foodbank donation will take place on the weekend of 26/27 January and we would encourage you to support this by providing one item for the local foodbank. A list of requirements is provided at the back of the church. For the rest of the month the bins will be in their usual place and we thank all those who generously donate every week.

SAINT LAWRENCE CHARITABLE FUND

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.