

ST. LAWRENCE OF CANTERBURY R C CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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Saturday 22nd February	Seventh Sunday of the Year C	
6.30pm	Intentions of Delia and Derek Bell	
Sunday 23rd February	Seventh Sunday of the Year C	
8.30am	Sean Martyn Carr RIP	
10.00am	Jonathan Seabrook RIP	
11.30am	Deceased Members of the McNicholas Family	
Monday 24th February	Feria	
9.30am	Maura Spaul RIP	2.30 pm Parish Prayer Group
Tuesday 25th February	Feria	
9.30am	Father Laurence Patten RIP	Divine Mercy Devotion and Rosary after Mass
11.00am	Funeral John Francis Maloney RIP	
Wednesday 26th February	Feria	
9.30am	Anne Maxted RIP	Coffee Morning
Thursday 27th February	Feria	
9.30am	Kathleen Fitzpatrick RIP	
Friday 28th February	Feria	10am-12noon Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
9.30am	Ellen and James Bull RIP	
Saturday 1st March	Saint David, Bishop, Patron of Wales	8.45am Morning Prayer
9.30am	Patrick and Teresa McBride RIP	

Collection	16th February 2025	2nd Collection	Clergy Support Fund
Cash	£442.63		
Gift Aid	£309		
Total	£751.63		
Monthly Standing Order	£4707		

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR - For those who have died recently: Rose Mary Raney, Fred Baker, Cornelia Tadyanemhandu, John Francis Maloney, Kingson Onyebuchi Nmereole and those who are in poor health: Ella Duncan, Thomas Forde and Peter Monaghan.

A DAY WITH MARY - Is taking place at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 1st March 2025 (9.45am to 5.00pm). Further information is available at <https://www adaywithmary.org/> or <https://eventcatholic.com/>

CLERGY SUPPORT FUND 2ND COLLECTION - 22ND and 23RD FEBRUARY

The clergy in our Archdiocese have given us so much. They have been there for us in our happiest moments and comforted us when we have lost loved ones. Supporting priests in their retirement is one way to show your appreciation for all they have one for parishes. You make supporting our clergy in retirement possible; find out how to donate to the Clergy Support Fund at www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/CSF or scan QR code.

You can also donate via telephone office hours Mon-Fri **020 7960 2504** or by using the Clergy Support Fund envelopes available today at the back of Church. Please continue to keep our priests in your prayers.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY 10am SUNDAY MASS

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

MARIST WAY

The next meeting of Marist Way is on Saturday 1st March after 9.30 Mass we will meet upstairs in the church hall. All are very welcome.

DBS RENEWAL SURGERY FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND CATECHISTS - All Eucharistic Ministers and catechists who need to renew their DBS checks should contact the Parish Office as soon as possible. It is crucial that you get this process done promptly, as you may need to redo your DBS check. **Vikki** will be at the Parish Office on **28th February** to assist with the renewal process. Please make sure to bring the following ID documents: Passport, Driving Licence, a recent **bank statement**, **utility bill**, or **council tax bill**, and your **NI Number** (National Insurance). This is an important step to ensure compliance, so please prioritize this as soon as possible.

ST LAWRENCE'S CHURCH GIFT AID SCHEME - Envelopes/Donations

For those of you already on the scheme thank you for your continued support. The weekly donor boxes of envelopes for the next tax year will be distributed after all masses over the next two weekends, as well as the smaller packs of envelopes for second collections for all parishioners that currently donate by way of a Standing Order. Perhaps if you are a weekly envelope donor, you might consider starting up a monthly standing order instead, to help the parish as it's also easier to process. If you are a Standing Order donor, it could be that you have paid the same amount for many years, might you consider a small increase of which you can do yourself online or at your bank?

Just to remind you that you must be a UK tax payer to use this scheme. If you no longer pay tax, please let us know as soon as possible. Please do check that we have your correct address, and if you have changed telephone number or email, please provide your best contact details. For those of you unfamiliar with the scheme, if you are a UK Tax Payer we are able to reclaim tax paid on all your donations, at no cost to you. We simply need your name and address and a record of your donations by either using a monthly standing order, or by placing your cash/cheque donations in a pre-printed envelope each week. If you would like more information, please see one of the representatives outside Mass over the next two weekends, or contact me directly. Many Thanks. Nick Wells, sidcupgac@rcaos.org.uk, 07986 348013.

YOUTH FESTIVAL MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE 2025. 4th-11th August 2025 led by Fr. Innocent Ezeonyeasi. The full cost of the pilgrimage is £770 including flights from Gatwick, half board accommodation coach transfers with a local guide. A deposit of £150 needs to be paid immediately to secure your place. Please feel free to share this information with friends & family, who may benefit from this. Please contact Noeleen for payment on 0203 808 5156 or contact the group leader Adamma Oguh (07957 211056 or adanmaoguh@gmail.com) for more information or book online using this link <https://marian-uk.com/onlineBooking1.asp?id=Medjugorje&tour=7028>

CTS BOOKLETS - RESTOCKED! - We're pleased to inform you that our CTS booklets display racks at the back of the church have been fully restocked! There are many new titles available, including special booklets to help you prepare for Lent. If you'd like to take one, please put the money in the allocated box at the back of the church.

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!