

ST. LAWRENCE OF CANTERBURY R C CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Day	Time	Intention	Other
Saturday 8th March		First Sunday of Lent Year C	
	6.30pm	Gerald Burke and Geraldine O'Donnell RIP	
Sunday 9th March		First Sunday of Lent Year C	
	8.30am	Jim Toland and Rose Raney RIP	
	10.00am	People of the Parish	Children's Liturgy
	11.30am	Basil Benedict RIP	
Monday 10th March		Feria	
	9.30am	Well-being for Chery Lyn Millar	2.30 pm Parish Prayer Group
Tuesday 11th March		Feria	
	9.30am	Father Peter Murray RIP	Divine Mercy Devotion and Rosary after Mass
Wednesday 12th March		Feria	
	9.30am	Mary Alice Howes and George Martin RIP	Coffee Morning
Thursday 13th March		Feria	
	9.30am	Well-being for John Curran	
	2.30pm	Funeral Ernest John D'Cruz	
Friday 14th March		Feria	10am-12noon Exposition of the
	9.30am	Well-being for Joanna Wilkinson	Blessed Sacrament
	7.30pm	Stations of the Cross	
Saturday 15th March		Feria	8.45am Morning Prayer
	9.30am	Anne Maxted RIP	

Collection	2nd March 2025	Next collection	CAFOD
Cash	£512.09		
Gift Aid	£422		
Total	£934.09		
Monthly Standing Order	£4407		

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

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH

For families in crisis.

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

PRAYER REQUESTS - If you would like to 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 - Those who have died recently: Maureen Egan, Freda Basley, Ernest D'Cruz, Rose Mary Raney, and those who are in poor health: Ella Duncan, Joan Somerset and Peter Monaghan.

PARISH FILM NIGHT

Our next parish film night is on Friday 14th March. Arrive from 7pm for social/refreshments, film starts at 7.30. Look forward to seeing you, all are welcome.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY 10am SUNDAY MASS

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

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!

USED CAR FOR OUR PARISH PRIEST

Our Parish Priest is looking for a used car but with a very small budget. If you know of anyone selling a car or have connections with a reputable car dealer please contact the Parish office.

DBS RENEWAL REMINDER

If you have not yet had your DBS renewal, please contact Vikki Clements, our Safeguarding Coordinator, at sidcupsg4@safeguardrcaos.org.uk as soon as possible. When contacting Vikki, please provide the following details: Your full name, maiden name (if applicable), date of birth, the role you carry out in the church and email address. Vikki will also be available on Sunday, the 16th, in the hall just after the 10 am Mass to take a picture of your ID and process your DBS application. Please ensure you bring the necessary documents as proof of ID, including your passport, driving license, and a utility bill. Thank you for your cooperation.

CAFOD LENT APPEAL - FAMILY FAST DAY - 14TH MARCH

CAFOD Family Fast Day is on Friday 14th March, a day when we eat simply and give generously to support parents around the world with expert training in farming and advice on nutrition and health care so parents can help their children grow big and strong. Your small act of love this Lent will make a big difference to many communities affected by extreme hunger and children suffering from malnutrition. You can donate in church using a CAFOD envelope or scan the QR code on the poster or by visiting the CAFOD website <https://cafod.org.uk/Give/Donate-to-CAFOD/Lent-Appeal> Go to <https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Family-Fast-Day> to find out more about how the money you donate can help our sisters and brothers around the world fight poverty and hunger.

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.

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!

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.