

## ST. LAWRENCE OF CANTERBURY R C CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

<b>Saturday 5th April</b> 6.30pm	<b>Fifth Sunday of Lent Year C</b> People of the Parish	
<b>Sunday 6th April</b> 8.30am	<b>Fifth Sunday of Lent Year C</b> Anne Maxted RIP	
10.00am	Claudima Fernandes RIP	
11.30am	Susan Gill RIP	
<b>Monday 7th April</b> 9.30am	<b>Saint John Baptist de la Salle, Priest.</b> Living Family and Friends of the Wells Family	2.30 pm Parish Prayer Group
<b>Tuesday 8th April</b> 9.30am	<b>Feria</b> Canon Richard Hearne RIP	Divine Mercy Devotion and Rosary after Mass
<b>Wednesday 9th April</b> 9.30am	<b>Feria</b> Susan Timsley RIP	Coffee Morning
<b>Thursday 10th April</b> 9.30am	<b>Feria</b> Cathleen O'Dwyer RIP	
<b>Friday 11th April</b> 9.30am <b>7.30pm</b>	<b>Feria</b> Well-being for Mary Healy RIP <b>Stations of the Cross</b>	10am-12noon Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
<b>Saturday 12th April</b> 9.30am	<b>Feria</b> Maureen Hegarty RIP	8.45am Morning Prayer

Collection	30th March 2025		
Cash	£484.42		
Gift Aid	£369.30		
Total	£853.72		
Monthly Standing Order	£4407		

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

### **For the use of new technologies.**

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crisis of our times.

**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](mailto:regisrubaya@rcaos.org.uk)

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** - Those who have died recently: Margaret Gilbert, Marie McMorrow, Kathleen O'Dwyer, George Gallagher, Karl Brickwood, Freda Basley, and those who are in poor health: Martin Pender, Ella Duncan, Joan Somerset.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY 10am SUNDAY MASS** - The Children's Liturgy dates for the Summer term are as follows: April 27th, May 4th, 11th, 18th, June 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th, July 6th, 13th. The Children's Liturgy Easter party will take place on Sunday 27th April from 11 am to 12.15 pm in the upper room. All are welcome and an Easter Egg hunt will take place too.

**CHILDREN'S CORNER** - We are establishing a permanent 'children's corner' in the Church, it is expected to be up and running by the summer. If you have any toys or books of a religious theme you would like to donate then it would be truly appreciated. Please drop off items to the Office. Thank you, the Children's Liturgy team.

### **BEXLEY PHOENIX CONCERT - Save the date!**

We are delighted to announce that the Bexley Phoenix Choir will be performing a concert at St. Lawrence Church on Saturday, 24th May at 8pm. This promises to be a wonderful evening of beautiful music, and we warmly invite you to join us. Tickets are £10, £5 for students, and free for under-16s. They will be available for purchase after Easter from Jill Martin. You can contact her at 07831 201933 to secure yours. After the concert, refreshments will be available in the hall, so do stay and enjoy some time together.

We look forward to seeing you there for what is sure to be a fantastic event!

**PARISH FILM NIGHT** - Our April film night will once again have a slight change of time. We will be in the hall as usual on Friday 11th April from 7pm onwards for social time/refreshments. The film will start at 8.15 to enable anyone who wishes, to attend Stations of the Cross at 7.30. See poster for further details and look forward to seeing you there.

**GOVERNOR VACANCIES AT CHRIST THE KING SIXTH FORM COLLEGE** - If you are interested in applying please visit [www.ctlk.ac.uk](http://www.ctlk.ac.uk) or email Linda Harrison a copy of your CV and covering letter to [governance@ctksfc.ac.uk](mailto:governance@ctksfc.ac.uk). A full induction and training programme is provided.

### **JUBILEE CELEBRATION AT AYLESFORD**

The Parish is looking into the viability of hiring a mini-bus/coach to take parishioners to Aylesford Priory for the Southwark Diocese Pilgrimage on Saturday 7 June. The coach will depart from outside the Church at 9.00 am and return at approx 6 pm. Timings will be confirmed closer to the date. The cost per person will be dependent on how many St Lawrence pilgrims need transport, but varying between £15 and £25 per seat according to numbers. Please send an email with your details/seat requirements to the parish office at [sidcup@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:sidcup@rcaos.org.uk) as soon as possible.

### **PILGRIMAGE WALSINGHAM**

The parish is planning a pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham from July 18-20. The estimated cost is £190 per person, covering transport, breakfast, and dinner, but the final price is yet to be confirmed. A £50 deposit is required by Monday, April 14. Please place the deposit in an envelope with the names of the participants and submit it to the parish office. For more details, please see Fr. Allan.

**BANKING HUB - SIDCUP HIGH STREET** - A new Banking Hub has opened in Sidcup High Street. The Banking Hub offers shared banking services to customers of all the UK's major banks. You can deposit cash & cheques into your bank account, as well as withdraw cash and perform other banking needs. If you need to speak to a representative from your own Bank, then they are up at the Hub on certain days of the week. The Hub is run by the Post Office and it currently resides in the Parish Room at the back of St John's Church Hall, just off the High Street, The Green, Sidcup. It is open each weekday from 9am to 5pm, and more info can be found on this link <https://www.postoffice.co.uk/branch-finder/0845019/sidcup-banking-hub> The hub will be at this address for the next 5 months or until a premise is ready on the High Street, which will be advertised at a later date.

**EASTER CARDS NOW ON SALE** - Get ready for Easter with our beautiful selection of Easter cards! Available for purchase in the Repository after the 8:30 AM and 10:00 AM Masses, as well as on Wednesdays after the Coffee Morning.

**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.

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

Baptism preparation course for parents will take place on the first Monday of every month at 7pm. Call to book a place.