

## Church Notices

ST PAULINUS CHURCH, CRAYFORD

### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December - TODAY

#### Zig Zag Concert – It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas

Musical Theatre, popular songs with some Christmas Favourites.

£5 minimum donation (cash only) going to the Trussell Trust

We look forward to seeing you.

### Ladies Breakfast Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December

Please book with the parish office

#### **Your selection:**

Granola with yoghurt  
Melon with glace cherries  
Salmon and scrambled eggs  
Full breakfast consisting of Sausage, egg, bacon, beans, tomatoes  
Toast, Gluten free option  
Vegan options on sausages and bacon.  
Fruit juice, tea and coffee  
Croissants.

Price: £10, starting at 8.30am

### St Paulinus School PTA

#### Christmas Fayre Extravaganza

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 3.30pm – 6.30pm

Free Admission

Santa Express & Trail Tickets £8.50

### Office Appeal

If anyone has a printer/scanner that they are no longer using and would like a new home, the office would be happy to receive it, as ours has been overworked and underpaid. Please contact Kelly or Lisa on [office@stpaulinus.co.uk](mailto:office@stpaulinus.co.uk) or 01322557532

### MU Advent Service

St Martins, Barnehurst, Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 2pm.  
Fr James Butler presiding. Please advise Tina Saunders if you are attending.

### Toddler Praise

The last day of Toddler Praise will be Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December and will return on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January.



Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2024  
Advent 1

*Our common values are:  
Openness, Compassion, Love, Tolerance & Growth  
We are a dog friendly church.*

### 8am Low Mass & Homily

Celebrant: Fr James Butler

Preacher: Richard Demuth

### 10am High Mass & Sermon

Celebrant: Fr Paul Prentice

Preacher: Richard Demuth

Hymns: 39, 50, 45, 462 & 41

### 6.30pm Advent Carols

If you would like to donate via our tap and go rather than the collection plate, please use the tap and go machine at the back of church. Thank you for your support.

Or use the QR code below:



The church will be open as follows from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December:

Monday: 9.15am Toddler Praise – Youth Hall

Wednesday: 9.30am Low Mass

Friday: 9.15am Low Mass

Saturday: 9.30am Church open

Sunday: 8am Low Mass & Homily (BCP)

10am Christingle

### Let's Talk – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 10am

**Topic: Assisted Dying**

**An opportunity to discuss a delicate subject in a safe and friendly environment.**

### **FIRST READING Jeremiah 33.14–16**

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.  
14 The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. 15 In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. 16 In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

### **PSALM 25.1–10**

**R To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**

1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me. 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes. **R**

3 Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths. 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long. **R**

5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting. 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord. **R**

7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; therefore he teaches sinners in his way. 8 He guides the humble in doing right and teaches his way to the lowly. **R**

9 All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies. 10 For your name's sake, O Lord, forgive my sin, for it is great. **R**

### **SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 3.9–13**

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

9 How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? 10 Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. 11 Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. 12 And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. 13 And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you

may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

### **GOSPEL Luke 21.25–36**

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Jesus said to his disciples: 25 'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. 26 People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. 27 Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. 28 Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.' 29 Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; 30 as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. 31 So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. 32 Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. 33 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. 34 Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, 35 and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. 36 Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

### **Upcoming Events & Services for Advent & Christmas**

**1<sup>st</sup> 6.30pm - Advent Carols**

**8<sup>th</sup> December 10am – Christingle**

**19<sup>th</sup> December 7pm – Penny Farthing Carols**

**21<sup>st</sup> December 9.30am – Family Breakfast Service**

**22<sup>nd</sup> December 6.30pm – 9 Lessons & Carols**

**24<sup>th</sup> December 4pm – Nativity**

**6pm – Carols by Candlelight**

**11.30pm Midnight Mass**

**25<sup>th</sup> December 10am – Family Toy Service**