

This week at St Lawrence's



11th/12th April 2015

Second Sunday of Easter
(Missal Page 255– YEAR B Vol. 1)

Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 117; 1 John 5:1-6; John 20:29

Third Sunday of Easter (Missal Page 258): Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Psalm 4;

1 John 2:1-5; Luke 24:35-48



Dear Brothers and sisters,

Christos Anesti, Alleluia! - Alithos Anesti, Alleluia!

Christ is Risen, Alleluia! - He is truly Risen, Alleluia!

This was, and still is in some parts of the world, the greeting among Christians during the “*Fifty Days*” of Easter. Last week, as we gathered to celebrate the “*Vigil of Vigils*,” the “*Night of Nights*”, the Easter Liturgy entertained us with a host of amazing images to describe the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead: ***Vanquishing satan and the grave; Bursting his three day prison; Conquering the shameful tree; Harrowing hell.*** Unless we personally share in this victory of Christ, and unless we experience the power of the resurrection in our own lives, these powerful images will remain only images. And all images, as we know, fade rather quickly. That is why the Risen Lord comes and appears over and over during these “*Fifty Days*” to seek out all those among us who long to share his Pass-over from death to life, from slavery to freedom, from darkness to light, from despair to hope, from any “foreign country” to the Promised Land.

Like on Resurrection Sunday, also today “*Dawn tinges the sky with purple, the sound of praise echoes in the air. The world rejoices in triumph, hell trembles with fear: while the King, Christ, frees mankind from the dark prison of death and leads us to life. Christ triumphs with glory and wakes from death: no more mourning, no weeping, no more sorrows. He rose from death!*”

And it is in this spirit that Fr Chris and I thank you for your many greetings and very generous offerings. We wish you and your families every happiness and peace during these days of Eastertide. And we assure all the sick and housebound of our parish, that they are not forgotten. May the Peace of the Risen Christ console your heart.

Fr Fortunato.

SACRAMENTS

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The children meet on **Saturday 18th April** at 9.45 for their next preparation class. The parents meet on **Tuesday 21st April** at 2pm or 7pm.

This is the last parents meeting so please make every effort to attend.

CONFIRMATION

Candidates who have not already picked up their letter from the porch are requested to do so this week-end. It includes important information regarding your retreat day next Sunday 19th April.

All forms should be returned to Bridget ASAP.

PARISH NOTICES

CHILDREN'S LITURGY ROTA SPRINTGTERM

Thanks to all our Children's Liturgy Catechists for their ministry. Please pick up your spring term rota from the Church Porch.

COFFEE MORNING

Annie Burke and Mary Crawley will be hosting a Coffee morning on **Sunday 12th April** after the 9am and 11am Masses. The proceeds will go towards the New Parish Centre. You are all invited to drop in for a cuppa. For offers for help and donations of cakes, bric-a-brac please contact Annie or Mary after Mass.

REPOSITORY (CHURCH SHOP)

We are seeking volunteers to help in the Repository especially at the 11am Mass. If you would like to volunteer please contact the Parish Office or speak to Fr Chris or Fr Fortunato.

There is a good selection of First Holy Communion and Confirmation Cards and Gifts, Birthday, Get Well, Sympathy Cards, books and lots more. Come and have a look.

SLYC BREAKFAST ROLLS, CAKE AND COFFEE MORNING

Our SLYC Group will be having a coffee morning after the 9am and 11am Masses on **Sunday 19th April** in the Parish Centre.

CALLING ALL READERS

For those readers who missed their training day on 28th February there will be a training evening on **Thursday 23rd April** at 7.00pm in Church.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

There are still a few boxes awaiting collection. If you are on the Planned Giving Scheme and haven't collected your new box, please do so this weekend. If anyone would like to join the Planned Giving Scheme using envelopes or standing order for your weekly offertory contribution please contact the Parish Office.

PASTORAL CARE

If you know of someone (a neighbour, a friend, a member of your family) who is unwell at home or in hospital or unable to get to Church any longer, and if you think they would value a visit from one of the Priests or Sisters, please let Florie in the Parish Office know. They may be out of sight but they shouldn't be out of mind.

ST LAWRENCE'S PRAYER GROUP

The Prayer Group meet every Thursday at 7.30pm in the Prayer Room. All are welcome to attend.

UCM

The UCM will meet for the beginning of this new term on Monday at 7.30pm in the parish centre. We would be very pleased to meet new members. Please just come along to the parish centre.

CALLING ALL THOSE....

...who are celebrating their 80th Birthday this year. Please see Fr Chris or Fr Fortunato or contact the Parish Office as soon as possible.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Fr Gerry will be celebrating his 80th birthday on **Saturday 18th April** with a special Mass here at 12 noon, followed by a big party in St Lawrence's School. We will be having a bring and share lunch for Fr Gerry's party. There are food lists and helpers lists in the porch. If you need further information please contact Bridget Brinkley.

OTHER

NURSERY SCHOOL FORM SIGNING

Fr Chris will be available to sign Nursery School Forms on the following Tuesdays from 3.45pm to 5.00pm: **April 21st, 28th**. Please come with your child and wait in Church and bring all the necessary paperwork with you.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

Booking forms are available for the 5th diocesan pilgrimage to the Holy Land. **3rd-11th November 2015**. Price £1495 per person sharing. £275 single supplement. Full board. Contact Gerald Daly 020 7798 9173; geralddaly@rcdow.org.uk

TOWARDS A POLITICS FOR THE COMMON GOOD

On Monday 13th April at 7pm St. Martin-in-the-Fields, (Trafalgar Square, London EC2N 4JJ) are hosting a panel discussion on how we can work together to cultivate a politics for the common good, underpinned by our Christian values. This event is free and there is no need to book.

THE MARTYR'S WALK

A walk honouring the English Martyrs and organised by Westminster Dioceses will take place on the 4th May. Meet at St. Sepulchre Church, EC1A 2DQ at 1.30pm for a 2pm departure. The group will walk to Tyburn arriving at 4pm for benediction Confession and tea at Tyburn Convent. To book visit <http://rcdow.org.uk/events/> or ask Bridget Brinkley for more details.

THANK YOU

Thank you for your generosity, the special collections raised:

Caritas - £901.02 - (£705.02 on Holy Thursday plus £196.00 donations received during Lent) **Holy Places** - £1008.65

Mass intentions and other services this week:

Saturday 11th Saturday within the Octave of Easter	11.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation
	11.45	Benediction
	12.00	Tony D'Mello RIP
	17.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	18.00	Intentions of the O'Gorman Family
+ Sunday 12th SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY	09.00	People of the Parish
	11.00	Gabriel & Victoria Dias RIP
	13.00	Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)
	18.00	Holy Souls - Canha Family
Monday 13th Easter Feria	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	German D'Souza RIP (Anniversary)
Tuesday 14th Easter Feria	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Sr Mercy Buckley RIP
	10.00	Novena to Our Lady
Wednesday 15th Easter Feria	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Millie D'Souza in Thanksgiving
Thursday 16th Easter Feria	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Celebrant's Intention
Friday 17th Easter Feria	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Eileen Marks RIP (2nd Anniversary)
Saturday 18th Easter Feria	11.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation
	11.45	Benediction
	12.00	Fr Gerry Burke in Thanksgiving - 80th Birthday
	17.00	No Confessions
	18.00	Rainald & Yustina Chiee RIP(Anniversary)
+ Sunday 19th THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER	09.00	People of the Parish
	11.00	Basil Clarke RIP (Anniversary)
	13.00	Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)
	18.00	Wendy Bigg-Wither RIP(Anniversary)

Sanctuary Lamp: Frances Ballantyne (Intention)

Thank you for your generosity in last week's Offertory Collection:

Figures will be published next weekend

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Sunday Mass Times: Saturday 6 pm (Vigil Mass), Sunday 9 am, 11 am, 1pm (Polish) & 6 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) - Saturday 11am & 5pm

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