

This week at St Lawrence's



16th/17th April 2016

Fourth Sunday of Easter
(Missal Page 268 – YEAR C Vol. 1)

Acts 13:14, 43-52; Psalm 99; Apocalypse 7:9, 14-17; John 10: 27-30
Next week: Fifth Sunday of Easter (Missal Page 271): Acts 14:21-27; Psalm 144;
Apocalypse 21:1-5; John 13:31-35



IMITATION

'A new commandment I give you, love one another, as I have loved you' John 13:34

The followers of Christ are not invited to embrace a theory or a principle;
they are given a practical task, to imitate the love of Christ.

And how did Christ love?

He loved by caring for the sick, the blind, the paralysed, lepers;
he healed them with love.

He had time for people. He listened to their questions. He had time for children.

He not only taught mercy, but his life was full of compassion
for the poor, for social outcasts, for known sinners;
so much so that the self-righteous accused him of eating and drinking with
prostitutes and collaborators.

'A new commandment I give you, love one another as I have loved you'.

His love restored withered limbs and withered lives.

He did not condemn, but helped those who had stumbled to stand again.

He declared, 'Greater love has no man than he lay down his life for his friends'.

And he laid down his life for love of humanity,
and among his last words was a prayer, not for himself,
but for those who took his life.

That's how Christ loves.

And to us he says, 'Love one another, as I have loved you'.

Lord, may I attempt to imitate you.

May my desire to offer friendship to the friendless become a fact.

May I not talk of needs but attempt to meet them.

May I be truly forgiving and compassionate in comforting the troubled,
in having time for young and old.

Help me to obey your commandment

That this day I might begin to love as you have loved me.

SACRAMENTS

CONFIRMATION

The next Candidates preparation session is on **Wednesday, 20th April** at 7.15pm. Parents are also reminded that the parent's sessions begin **Wednesday 20th** at 7.15pm.

BAPTISMS

A warm welcome to Christian Serrao and Olivia Ines Wray Santos who will be baptised this weekend and offer our congratulations to their families.

PARISH NOTICES

UCM

The UCM will meet on **Monday 18th April** at 7.30pm. We will hold a "Bring and Buy" for Charity. Also we remember holiday during our own childhood.

UCM AWARDS

Four UCM members have been awarded certificates for length of membership. Two members completed thirty years and two members twenty five years. We attended Westminster Cathedral for an UCM Mass when the awards were presented. There are a couple of photos on the notice board.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The Parish Council will meet on **Tuesday 19th April** at 7.30pm in the Presbytery. If anyone has any issues they would like raised, please put them in writing to the Chair, Michelle Moore-Saxton and hand them into the Parish Office by 12noon on the day.

INTERNATIONAL MASS ON THE FEAST OF ST GEORGE

There will be an International Mass on the Feast of St George, **Saturday 23rd April** at 12 noon. This will also be a farewell Mass for Fr John. If you would like to contribute towards a leaving gift for Fr John, please hand in your envelope to the Parish Office. There will be a card in the Repository (shop) for you to sign. Food lists and helpers lists are at the back of Church.

CALLING ALL GOANS

There will be a meeting for members of the Goan Community after the 11.00am Mass on **Sunday 24th April** in the Presbytery. This will be a planning meeting for the next Goan Fiesta in the summer in aid of the Building Fund for our new Parish Centre.

PLANT SALE

CAFOD will be having a plant sale on **Sunday 24th April** after the 9am and 11am Masses. Proceeds of this sale will still take advantage of the Government's £1 for £ matching scheme. If anybody wishes to sow seeds for us to sell, we would be very grateful. Contact Theresa on 020 8751 4063 for information.

CAFOD LENTEN BOXES

If you took a CAFOD Lenten box please return it to the Parish Office as soon as possible. Thank you.

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.

NURSERY CLASS ADMISSIONS 2016

Dates for Fr Chris to sign the Certificate of Catholic Practice for Nursery Applications:

Tuesdays: April 19th, May 3rd Time: 3.45 – 5.00pm

- Please come along with your child and their Baptism Certificate.
- Sign up sheets on notice board in Church porch (as we did for Reception applications).
- If you are applying for a school with an earlier deadline than 6th May 2016, please contact the Parish Office for an appointment.

FREE TO COLLECT SOFA SET

Three seater, two seater and chair in dark red leather. All in good condition. If interested, please contact Mrs De Souza

OTHER

PRIESTS TRAINING FUND

Today's second collection is for our annual Priest Training Fund of the Diocese of Westminster. It is also Good Shepherd Sunday, the day we pray for our priests and future priests. The Priest Training Fund helps cover the cost of vocations promotion, forming seminarians, the education of priests for special ministries, and ongoing enrichment to strengthen priests. Your gift helps ensure the best formation programme possible for these men responding to Christ's call, willing to dedicate their lives to Christ, the Church and service to God's people. Please be generous. Please include in your daily prayer the prayer card given out last week. Priests are at the heart of our Catholic life. If you do not have an envelope, there are some available at the back of the Church or you can donate online anytime at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations. We welcome Joseph, a seminarian from Allen Hall who will give a talk at all Masses this weekend.

CONNECT @ HOUNSLOW – EVERY THURSDAY

A safe place for Adults with Learning Disabilities who would like to take part in Art, Music and Dance activities in the Parish Centre at St Michael & St Martin, Hounslow. For further details please see the noticeboard or contact Gail Williams on 07815 763330.

STOP THE GENOCIDE

Help stop the Genocide of Christians and other minority groups in the Middle East. Please encourage your family and friends and church members to add their names to the petition at the back of Church. Together we can maximise support to urge MPs to ACT NOW on behalf of our brothers and sisters, and other minorities who are being massacred by ISIS.

PARISH PILGRIMAGES

YEAR OF MERCY DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

You are invited to join Cardinal Vincent Nichols on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham, England's Nazareth, in this Year of Mercy on **Saturday 9th July**. The cost is £20.00 per person. The coach is now **FULL** but there is a waiting list in case anyone drops out. All those who have put your names on the list but haven't yet paid, please do so as soon as possible to secure your seat. Please post your money in an envelope, clearly marked with your name and "WALSINGHAM", to the Parish Office.

WORLD YOUTH DAY – KRAKOW JULY 2016

SLYC is inviting you to join us on a pilgrimage to Poland for World Youth Day (WYD) with Pope Francis. WYD dates are from **18 July 2016 to Sunday 31 July 2016**, the cost will be £750 including travel and accommodation. To come on this trip you just need to be 16-35 years old and open to have a fun and life changing experience. If interested please see Fr Chris for more details.

LOURDES 2016

Once again we will be travelling by coach to join the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, **23rd-31st July**. On the way to Lourdes we will be visiting the shrine of the Sacred Heart in Paray le Monial and on the return journey we will be stopping in Poitiers and Lisieux – the shrine of St Therese. Price £699 per person based on two sharing plus insurance £35.00, single room supplement £199 per person. Price includes full board whilst in Lourdes and half board at stops on route. Forms available from the Parish Office, complete and return as soon as possible. **We especially need young people (16+) to help care for our sick, disabled and elderly pilgrims, and a nurse to accompany us on the pilgrimage.**

ST LAWRENCE 2016 PILGRIMAGE TO ROME - YEAR OF MERCY

There are still a few seats left on this pilgrimage. The pilgrimage will be from **Monday 10th October 2016 to Sunday 16th October 2016**. The cost is £884.00 per person on a half board basis, insurance £32.00 per person. If anyone would like to join please get a booking form from the Parish Office, complete and return with your deposit as soon as possible.

****STOP PRESS**** please note that there is 1 twin and 2 triple rooms left.

Mass intentions and other services this week:

Saturday 16th Easter Feria	11.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation
	11.45	Benediction
	12.00	Declan McDermott RIP
	12.45	Baptisms of Christian Serrao and Olivia Ines Wray Santos
	17.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
+ Sunday 17th Fourth Sunday of Easter	09.00	Eileen Marks RIP (Anniversary)
	11.00	People of the Parish
	13.00	Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)
	18.00	Cynthia & Peter Everett RIP (Anniversary)
Monday 18th Easter Feria	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Kita De Souza (Birthday Intention)
Tuesday 19th St Alphege	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Peter Tacla RIP (Anniversary)
	10.00	Novena to Our Lady
Wednesday 20th Easter Feria	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Jeremy Chelliah RIP
Thursday 21st Easter Feria	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Deceased members of the Burke Family & Bernard Keaveney RIP
Friday 22nd Easter Feria	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Celebrant's Intention
Saturday 23rd ST GEORGE		No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament or Sacrament of Reconciliation this morning
	12.00	Dennis Kennedy RIP
	15.00	<i>(International Mass and Farewell Fr Biju John)</i>
	17.00	Mass in Tagalog for the Filipino Community
	18.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
+ Sunday 24th Fifth Sunday of Easter	09.00	People of the Parish
	11.00	Christine & Michael Bigley RIP
	13.00	Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)
	14.30	Mass led by the African Community
	18.00	Holy Souls – Canha Family

Sanctuary Lamp: Esther Kusi-Appiah RIP

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

9th/10th: Envelopes: £925.14 Loose: £823.48 Standing Orders: £530.10 **Total: £2,278.72**

PARISH CENTRE UPDATE: MONEY BANKED AS AT 12/04/2016 - £69,782.54

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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