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Fifth Sunday of the Year

3rd/4th February 2018

Readings: Parish Mass Book Year B, Volume 1: Page 134: Job 7:1-4, 6-7; Psalm 146; 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23; Mark 1:29-39

Next Week: Sixth Sunday of the Year: Page: 137: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46; Psalm 31; 1 Corinthians 10:31, 11:1; Mark 1:40-45

TAKE TIME TO PRAY



Jesus knew the demands of a busy life. He experienced it himself. In today's Gospel we get a glimpse into 'a day in the life' of Jesus. He goes from teaching in the synagogue, to healing Peter's mother-in-law, to curing all who came to him. Still he makes time for prayer.

In the busyness of our own lives Jesus shows us the importance of stopping at some point, to give some space to prayer and reflection.

'I got up early one morning and rushed right into the day;
I had so much to accomplish that I didn't take time to pray.

Problems just tumbled around me and heavier came each task;
"Why doesn't God help me?" I wondered.
He answered, 'You didn't ask'.

I wanted to see joy and beauty; but the day toiled on, grey and bleak;
I wondered why God didn't show me,
He said, 'But you didn't seek.'

I tried to come into God's presence; I used all my keys at the lock;
God gently and lovingly chided:
'My child, you didn't knock.'

I woke up early this morning and paused before entering the day;
I had so much to accomplish
that I had to take time to pray.'

(Author Unknown)

FR. JOHN

SACRAMENTS

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

The programme continues on **Wednesday 7th February at 7.15pm.**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

First Holy Communion Preparation continues on the following dates - **3rd & 10th February, 10th & 24th March.** The children will be leading the prayers at the Saturday 6pm Mass on these dates.

CONFIRMATION 2018

All candidates who have enrolled for Confirmation (Group 2) please collect a letter outlining preparation dates and other information from the porch.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on **Saturday 9th June** at 12noon and 3pm.

Please pray for our Confirmation Candidates in their fund raising efforts for the charity STEM4.

PARISH NOTICES

PALM AND CROSSES

If you have Palms and Crosses from last year or previous years, please bring them to Church the next time you come to Mass and place them in the box in the porch. We will burn them to make up ash for use on Ash Wednesday. Please **do not** bring any crosses after Tuesday 13th February.

UCM

The UCM will meet on **Monday 5th February** at 7.30pm. A talk on 'Life in the 1840's' from a book about a lady of Bedford, at the time. A very interesting evening to be enjoyed by members.

TABLE TOP SALE AND COFFEE MORNING

There will be a Coffee Morning and Table Top Sale on **Sunday 11th February** after the 9am and 11am Masses. Please contact Annie Burke if you would like to help.

CARITAS @ FELTHAM

Gail and Tiziana from Caritas will be here on **Saturday 24th February** at the 12 noon Mass followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre (after Stations of the Cross). If you are interested in finding out more about Caritas @ Feltham come along.

LINE DANCING

We continue to keep Terri and her family in our prayers. Terri has confirmed that the Line Dancing sessions will resume again on **Monday 12th February.**

SUPPORT FOR LIFE PREGNANCY MATTERS

LIFE Pregnancy Matters in Hounslow are in need of supplies e.g. nappies (sizes 3, 4 and 5), wipes, toiletries, baby clothes and baby toys – see list on poster in porch. There is a box in the Parish Centre for your donations. Thank you.

STOREHOUSE

Thank you to those who have come forward as volunteers to deliver items to the Vineyard Storehouse. We thank you all for your continued kind donations of food. Please could you check the sell by date or best before date on the products you are putting in the box as in recent weeks a lot of the items had to be disposed of as they were out of date.

UNABLE TO ATTEND MASS??

Occasionally we learn of someone in the parish who has not been able to attend Mass for a while due to ill health or some other problem. If you know someone who is ill or you are ill yourself and would like a visit from the Pastoral team please contact Fr John or the Parish Office.

Thank you for your generosity in last week's collection:

27-28 January: Envelopes £891.84; Loose: £952.09

Standing Orders: £766.00 **Total: £2,609.93**

Parish Building Fund: £1,785.07

REST IN PEACE

EMILY THEOBALDS RIP

We pray for the repose of the soul of **Emily Theobalds RIP** who died quite unexpectedly. Her funeral will take place here on **Wednesday 14th February at 10.30am** followed by a private cremation. Please also keep in your prayers her children Patrick and Charlotte and all who mourn her.

DAVID ALBERT FENNER RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of David Fenner RIP who died recently. Many parishioners will be grateful to him for playing the organ at weddings and funerals here in St Lawrence's. His funeral took place on 2nd February in Twickenham. May he rest in peace.

OTHER

ANNUAL MASS IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

The Cardinal will be celebrating Mass in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes at Westminster Cathedral on **Saturday 10th February** at 2pm. The Sacrament of the Sick will be administered during Mass by bishops and priests.

MARY'S MEALS

Mary's Meals will be coming to St Lawrence's the weekend of **17/18 March**, so this is an opportunity to gather together your unwanted clothes or bedding (no duvets or pillows).

CARDINAL'S MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY - WESTMINSTER

CATHEDRAL, SATURDAY 19th MAY 2018 AT 3PM.

The Cardinal will be inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their **5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60)** wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2018. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give Florie in the Parish Office the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address, name and place of Church of marriage and email address (or telephone number, if no email) by **16th March.**

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 3 rd	11.00 11.00 12.00 17.00 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation Eric Brumwell RIP Sacrament of Reconciliation Maurice Walsh RIP
Sun 4 th	09.00 11.00 13.00 18.00	Eamon O'Brien RIP (Anniversary) Ona Janaviciene RIP (Anniversary) Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) People of the Parish
Mon 5 th	09.30	Sr Mary Leonard RIP
Tues 6 th	09.30	Ian and Brooke Webb and family in Thanksgiving
Wed 7 th	09.30	Celebrant's Intentions
Thurs 8 th	09.30	Magdalena Nogollos RIP (Anniversary)
Fri 9 th	09.30	Ivor and Phoebe Van Sanden RIP
Sat 10 th	11.00 11.00 12.00 12.45 17.00 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation Margaret Krowicki (Get Well) Baptisms of Kevin Shiju, Ezra Xian Chen, Kalyan Rao Eluka and Gabriella Rose Stella Reilly No Sacrament of Reconciliation Christopher Blanchfield RIP
Sun 11 th	09.00 11.00 13.00 15.00 18.00	People of the Parish James Preston and Roma Preston RIP Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Mass in Ukrainian for the Ukrainian Community Deceased members of the Canha Family
Sanctuary Lamp: In Thanksgiving Paula and Family		

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

Weekday Mass: Monday-Friday 9.30am; Saturday 12noon;

Morning Prayer: Monday-Friday 9.15am,

Novena to Our Lady: Tuesdays 10am,

Exposition and Benediction: Saturdays 11am,

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession):

Saturday 11am and 5pm