

This week at St Lawrence's



6th/7th February 2016

Fifth Sunday of the Year
(Missal Page 135 – YEAR C Vol. 1)



Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 137; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11
Ash Wednesday (Missal Page 149); Joel 2:12-18; Psalm 50; 2 Corinthians 5:20, 6:2;
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18
Next week: First Sunday of Lent (Missal Page 153); Deuteronomy 26:4-10; Psalm 90;
Romans 10:8-13; Luke 4:1-13

PARISH CENTRE UPDATE

As you can see, the building of the new parish centre is well underway. After some initial unforeseen issues the project, as a whole, is on target and we expect to be in the new centre later this year. You will be aware that a project this big requires a lot of fundraising and we are very grateful to all those to have worked hard at fundraising so far. However there is still a lot to do and we all need to work together to pay for our new centre.

Have you thought about what **you** could do?

Here are just some of the things individuals and groups have done in the last year to raise money:

Parish Bazaar £5,700

An evening of food and music organised by the Goan Community £3,244

Iris Eldridge – Sky Dive £2,000

Carol singing £420

Cake Sale - £367

Car Boot - £270

£3,650 was collected in the Pink and White buckets last year. If you have been missing them they are making a return this week end.

Please think about what you could do, you might be able to organise a big fundraising event and we do need some big events. You might want to do something yourself, skydiving, parachute jumping, a sponsored swim or cycle. Perhaps you could organise something with friends. An afternoon tea party or cake sale.

Please contact us at the parish office with your suggestions and ideas. The fundraising group meet on a regular basis, our next meeting is scheduled for the 14th March and we would love to have some big ideas to discuss at this meeting.

**Sunday Mass Times: Saturday 6 pm (Vigil Mass), Sunday 9 am, 11 am,
1pm (Polish) & 6 pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) - Saturday 11am & 5pm**

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM

We extend a warm welcome to Aaliyah-Mai Faith Sabado-Garcia, Mark Badejo, Lucy Sophia Jones and Maria Wambui Kagema who will be baptised this weekend and offer our congratulations to their families.

CONFIRMATION

Candidates please see revised dates for preparation sessions on the notice board.

PARISH NOTICES

LENT AT ST LAWRENCE'S

Please read the insert which gives details on the Lenten activities in the parish.

ASH WEDNESDAY

We welcome the children from St Lawrence's School who will be joining us for the 9.30am Mass on Ash Wednesday.

Thank you for bringing in your old palm crosses.

UCM

The UCM will meet on **Monday 8th February** for Mass at St Lawrence's at 7.30pm. It is hoped that members will make every effort to attend as Fr Chris says Mass especially just for the UCM.

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA

The Knights will be meeting in the Presbytery at 8pm on **Tuesday 9th February**.

PARISH PILGRIMAGES

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 more information is available from Fr Chris.

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. If you are interested, please collect a booking form from the Parish Office.

There will be a meeting in the School Hall **Saturday 20th February at 7.00pm** when you can hand in your booking forms and deposits and hear more about the trip. Last day for deposits is 20th February. We will be looking for Redcaps so, youngsters (16+) please come along to the meeting on the 20th.

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.

CAR PARKING

Please note that there is **NO PARKING** on the Church premises except for two marked spaces - one for Fr Chris the other for **disabled** parking. **ALL CAR USERS** are asked to find alternative parking from this time forward for the next seven months.

This applies to weekday and weekend parking

There is to be absolutely **no double parking** in the school car park.

PLEASE DO NOT PARK ANYWHERE ON THE GREEN AS IT IS FOR RESIDENTS' PRIVATE USE ONLY

OTHER

“FOLLOW ME” MULTICULTURAL CELEBRATION WITH BUFFET

The Multicultural event is scheduled to be formally launched at a colourful event to be held at Feltham Community College Hall, Feltham, TW13 7EF on **Sunday, 14th February, 2016**, from 3 pm to 8pm. We are looking for volunteers to help, please see Fr John if you can help. A few tickets are available to purchase after the Mass at £10.00 each.

MARY'S MEALS “RAGS TO RICHES” COLLECTION – THANK YOU

“A very big ‘thank you’ for your support last weekend, the support and generosity was excellent. The parish managed to give 1,350kg of unwanted clothes; there were also cash donations of £542.18 making a total of £1,217.18. The amount raised will feed 99 children who will not only get fed one good, nutritious meal every school day for a whole year, but they will get an education too. *Gerald McMahon, Marys Meals.*”

CATHOLIC MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT

A two-day residential course to rediscover the joy of being a man and woman in love, drawing on the wisdom of the authentic Catholic teaching on the Theology of the Body. Courses this year are on **5&6 March**, 18&19 June and 1&2 October. The programme starts at 9am on the Saturday and finishes at 4pm on the Sunday. Venue: High Leigh Christian Conference Centre, Hoddesdon, Herts EN11 8SG. The course is £110 (or £185 to include overnight stay). For more information visit www.smartloving.org/marriage/ or email family@rcdow.org.uk. Registration essential.

CARDINAL'S MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL, SATURDAY 14TH MAY 2016 AT 3PM.

The Archbishop will be inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their **10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60)** wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2016. 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 and email (or telephone number, if no email) by the **6th March 2016**.

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the souls of **Eamon O'Brien RIP, John Edwards RIP and Victor Powers RIP**. Please also keep in your prayers their families and all who mourn them.

-The funeral of **John Edwards RIP** will take place here on **Thursday 11th February** at 12.30pm.

-The funeral of **Eamon O'Brien RIP** will take place here on **Tuesday 16th February** at 12 noon

-The funeral of **Victor Powers RIP** will take place here on **Friday 19th February** at 11am.

Mass intentions and other services this week:

Saturday 6th <i>Sf Paul Miki and Companions</i>	11.00 11.45 12.00 17.00 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation Benediction Eric Brumwell RIP Sacrament of Reconciliation Maurice Walsh RIP
+ Sunday 7th <i>Fifth Sunday of the Year</i>	09.00 11.00 13.00 18.00	Deceased members of the Lambert and Saverimuttu Families RIP Rita Connor (Intentions) Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) People of the Parish
Monday 8th <i>Feria</i>	09.15 09.30	<i>Morning Prayer</i> Mario McKay RIP
Tuesday 9th <i>Feria</i>	09.15 09.30 10.00	<i>Morning Prayer</i> Sr Mellitus RIP <i>Novena to Our Lady</i>
Wednesday 10th <i>ASH WEDNESDAY</i>	09.30 12.15 18.00 19.30	<i>No Morning Prayer</i> Margaret Carlton (Intentions) (with School) John Downs RIP Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Sr Theresa Whooley (Intentions)
Thursday 11th <i>Lent Feria</i>	08.30 09.15 09.30 12.30	<i>Eucharistic Adoration</i> <i>Morning Prayer</i> Celebrant's Intention FUNERAL MASS – JOHN EDWARDS RIP
Friday 12th <i>Lent Feria</i>	08.30 09.15 09.30 10.00	<i>Eucharistic Adoration</i> <i>Morning Prayer</i> In Thanksgiving Maria Webb and Family <i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Saturday 13th <i>Lent Feria</i>	11.00 11.45 12.00 12.30 17.00 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation Benediction Deceased members of the O'Hanlon Family RIP <i>Stations of the Cross</i> Sacrament of Reconciliation Power Family Intentions
+ Sunday 14th <i>First Sunday of Lent</i>	09.00 11.00 13.00 18.00	Mary Fogarty (Intentions) Pedrinha & Franco Fernandes RIP Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) People of the Parish

Sanctuary Lamp: For the intentions of Oscar & Carlona Coutinho

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

30th/31st January: Envelopes: £1,157.63 Loose: £1,045.42 Standing Orders: £541.15 **Total: £2,744.20**

PARISH CENTRE UPDATE: MONEY BANKED AS AT 26/1/2016 - £65,208.29

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