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Sixth Sunday of the Year

15th/16th February 2020

Readings: Parish Mass Book Year A, Volume 1: Page 136: Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20; Psalm 118; 1 Corinthians 2:6-10; Matthew 5: 17-37

Next Week: Seventh Sunday of the Year: Page: 139: Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18; Psalm 102; 1 Corinthians 3:16-23; Matthew 5:38-48



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Protecting your Privacy:

In compliance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) which became effective in May 2018, the Parish requires your permission to hold your data for Parish/Diocesan use. You can read our full privacy policy on www.rcdow.org.uk/diocese/privacy-policy

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 & 5pm

ITEMS FOR NEWSLETTER

Please hand in your items in **writing** by Wednesday of each week. Verbal notices will not be accepted.

This Parish is part of Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust (WRCDT) Registered Charity No: 233699

World Day of the Sick - Love in Action

Last Tuesday we celebrated the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. Lourdes has become for so many of us a place of healing and renewal and the message of Lourdes – prayer and penance – is as important now as it was when Our Lady first appeared to St Bernadette over 150 years ago.

Suffering and sickness are the stuff of the human condition. Time and again when I have been to Lourdes, I have been struck by the joy and serenity of the malades – in some cases their joy has been tangible. In purely rational or worldly terms, they would seem to have very little, often in chronic pain and incapacitated to varying degrees. It is precisely this acceptance of the gift of life itself in spite of great suffering that makes their example so inspirational.

“Where love and charity are found, there is God”. Our Christian life is just that – a way of life and we are called to live out the Gospel values of loving our neighbour as ourselves. All of us suffer in some degree and none of us is immune from illness, whether it is physical, emotional or spiritual. The sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is one of the most obvious and often efficacious ways in which we can recognise our complete trust in God and His healing power. For me, it has a special place in my affections; having myself been anointed several times in Lourdes over the years and now being the one who anoints, is a privileged encounter of accompaniment with our sick brothers and sisters. We should make use of this sacrament frequently – it is a sacrament of life and healing.

Our Lady is key to an understanding of Lourdes. It is she who asked that people should come in procession, bathe in the waters and drink at the stream. Miracles in Lourdes are fewer nowadays – advances in medical science and understanding of illness mean that what was once considered incurable is now, in many cases, curable. Nonetheless miracles do still occur and the authentication process remains rigorous. The regime at Lourdes has the sick at its centre – the “Lourdes day” is organised in such a way as to allow them to take the first place. Lourdes is a place where prayer and action meet and in giving, we as helpers and fellow pilgrims with our sick brothers and sisters, receive so much. When we give with no expectation of return, we receive so much more! There is one miracle that occurs each and every day at Lourdes and elsewhere too, where generosity of self and service is given – that miracle is the gifts of a full life and vibrant love. “Where love and charity are found, there is God”.

Let's pray for each other.

Father John Louis

THE GOD WHO SPEAKS – SUNDAY MEDITATION

Meditate

Every human action has two levels: the physical acts and the motivations which drive those actions. One flows into the other; they influence each other. Jesus says that evil comes from the heart, from our motivations; hence his message goes deep into the human heart so that the actions get transformed

Act

Think of someone who has done a wrong to you. Following Jesus' invitation in the gospel, pray for them, wishing them God's blessings. Perhaps try to be good to them, if this is possible

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

A warm welcome Greydon Rodrigues who was baptised at the weekend and our congratulations to his family.

SECOND CONFIRMATION GROUP

The next preparation session is on **Thursday 27th February** at 7.00pm in the Parish Hall.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

The next session will be on **Saturday 22nd February at 10am** in the Presbytery.

PARISH NOTICES

ZIMBABWEAN ORPHANS COFFEE MORNING

A massive big thank you from Helen Hurley to everyone who supported the Coffee Morning, for helping, donating, serving tea and coffee. An amazing sum of £670 was raised for the Orphans UCM

The UCM will meet at 7.30pm on Monday 17th February for a game of Bingo. Come along and enjoy a fun evening. We look forward to seeing you.

BIBLE STUDY – PRAYING THE PSALMS

Please note the Lenten course on "Praying the Psalms" to prepare for Easter, will be starting on **Wednesday 4th March**, not earlier, as previously advertised. The meetings will be in the Parish centre, from 7.45pm - 9pm. Please contact Jordan (see email on the front of newsletter) if you are interested. Thank you

BLESSING OF BIBLES

In preparation for Lent the Blessing of Bibles will take place at all Weekend Masses on **22nd/23rd February**. If you have a Bible at home, bring it along. If you don't have one and would like to purchase one, we have some samples in the Repository. Please write your name and contact number on the sheet as to the Bible you would like and we will order it for you. Please do so this weekend so that we can order the bibles on Monday.

DAY OF REFLECTION FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

A Day of Reflection has been planned for all Eucharistic Ministers for **Saturday 14th March** starting with Mass at 12noon then proceeding to the Parish Centre for talks, reflection and questions. The day will end at 4.30pm. You are welcome to attend the Eucharistic Adoration at 11.00am which finishes with Benediction at 11.30am and Stations of the Cross after Mass. There will also be an opportunity for Confession. Please bring a plate of finger food to share. Teas/coffees and soft drinks will be available. If you missed the last meeting, it would be a good opportunity to come along to this meeting. All welcome.

NURSERY SCHOOL FORM SIGNING

Fr John will be available to see families applying for admission to Nursery School on

Saturday 21st and 28th March – 9.30am-10.30am

Tuesday 21st April – 3.30pm-4.30pm

To book an appointment please put your name on the list in the Church porch. There are a maximum of 20 appointment slots. On the day of your appointment please come with your child and wait in Church. Make sure you bring your child's Baptism Certificate and your Certificate of Catholic Practice

NIGHT SHELTER VOLUNTEER MEETING

A follow up meeting is scheduled for **Saturday 22nd February** at 1.00pm in Church.

CAFOD FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT

Many of you may not be aware that St. Lawrence's gained Fairtrade status in February 2014. This means that we should be serving Fairtrade teas/coffees at all of our parish events. Unfortunately for various reasons this has not been happening. However, at the recent PCC, it was decided to do our best to maintain our Fairtrade status, so in the future all teas/coffees served at St. Lawrence's are to be Fairtrade. Buying Fairtrade products will support our brothers and sisters in poorer countries and help protect them from exploitation. This year, Fairtrade Fortnight runs from **24th Feb to 8th March**. In preparation for this there will be a tea/coffee morning with sale of cakes after the 9 and 11am Masses on **Sunday 23rd February**. We are also being encouraged to buy Fairtrade products for our own personal use in our own homes. Our local supermarkets stock many Fairtrade products. A small change in our shopping habits can make a big difference to the lives of farmers, workers and their families in developing countries. For information on where to buy product visit <http://www.fairtrade.org.uk/Buying-Fairtrade>



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 up to 23rd February. We will burn them to make up ash for use on Ash Wednesday.

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES, BURGOS, SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA & FATIMA – 6-14 MAY 2020

A follow up meeting will take place on **Saturday 29th February** at 1pm in the Parish Centre for all those who are booked to go on this pilgrimage in May next year.

THE GOD WHO SPEAKS – YEAR OF THE WORD

For details of talks, workshops on the above please see the noticeboard.

FAMILY HOLIDAY CLUB, FEBRUARY HALF TERM –

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! - This half term Caritas Westminster will be holding second Family Holiday Club in the Parish Centre. The club will include lots of fun activities for families to enjoy, followed by a hot nutritious lunch and food to take home and cook together. The club will be held from **11am-2pm, on Friday 21st February**. The club is for children from ages 4-11, accompanied by a parent or guardian. The club is completely free to attend but advance booking is required. They really need your help! If you would be able to volunteer on **Friday 21st February, between 9am-3pm** here at St Lawrence's please call 020 7931 6077 or email: cfc@rcdow.org.uk to let us know. Please register your interest on the sign-up sheet at the church and hand to the Parish Office.

ANNUAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY – WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL, SATURDAY 30TH MAY 2020 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 2020. If you are celebrating the anniversary, please give your parish clergy the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, church and place of marriage, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email). Closing date 20th March.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 15	11.00 11.00 12.00 12.45 17.00 18.00 19.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation Lily Coutinho RIP Baptism of Greydon Rodrigues Sacrament of Reconciliation Maurice Walsh RIP (Anniversary) Mass in Ukrainian
Sun 16	09.00 11.00 13.00 15.00 18.00	Eamon O'Brien RIP Maria Nangombe RIP (First Anniversary) Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Mass in Malayalam Domingos Antonio Monteiro RIP
Mon 17	09.30	Sr Brigid Monaghan RIP
Tues 18	09.30	Maria Nangombe RIP (First Anniversary)
Wed 19	09.30	Braz & Minguel Marques RIP and Querobina Dias RIP
Thurs 20	09.30 13.00 18.00	Jewella D'Souza in Birthday Thanksgiving Marriage of Raphael Danladi and Alexandra Ora Ndifon Sacred Heart of Jesus devotions
Fri 21	09.30	Janet D'Souza RIP
Sat 22	11.00 11.00 12.00 12.45 15.00 17.00 18.00 19.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation Celebrant's Intentions Baptisms of Caleb Fernandes, Rebecca Pacheco, Callum Alphonso and Gabriel Andrade Da Silva Mass in Tagalog for the Filipino Community Sacrament of Reconciliation For the intentions of Shane Mass in Ukrainian
Sun 23	09.00 11.00 13.00 14.30 18.00	Alan Tovey RIP (Anniversary) Jamie Vincente De Souza Mendes, Olga Ferreira and Agostinho dos Reis RIP Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Mass led by the Nigerian Chaplaincy Joseph & Helena Swiatek RIP (Anniversary)
Sanctuary Lamp: Stephen Phillips (Intention)		

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

8-9 February: Envelopes £639.64 Loose £920.11

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