

This week at St Lawrence's



27th/28th February 2016

Third Sunday of Lent
(Missal Page 160 – YEAR C Vol. 1)



Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15; Psalm 102; 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12; Luke 13:1-9
Next week: Fourth Sunday of Lent (Missal Page 168): Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 33;
2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

“CIRCLE OF MERCY”

In Mercy, we touch the hearts of those who are in misery.
In Mercy, we're touched by them and feel their strength and courage.

In Mercy, we heal the pain of those who are in sorrow.
In Mercy, we're healed by them and see the face of hope.

For the circle of Mercy is timeless: it is Spirit of Life itself,
Which roots us in Faith and lifts us in Hope,
And holds us in God's loving care,
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In Mercy, we welcome those the world has left rejected.
In Mercy, we're drawn within the loving heart of God.
In Mercy, we forgive the incompleteness in another.
In Mercy, our sins are healed and we are whole again.

In Mercy, the Spirit-Faith will root us in God's presence.
In Mercy, the Spirit-hope will lift us out of doubt.
In Mercy, the Love of God will be our joy in living.
In Mercy, we join with one another on our journey.

*(With thanks to our Sisters of Mercy, Sr Katherine, Sr Nora and Sr Mary,
for the words of this hymn.)*

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

“WALK WITH JESUS” MONDAY GROUP

The “Walk with Jesus” programme for the Monday group meet on **Monday 29th February** from 4.30pm-5.30pm in the Church.

CONFIRMATION

The first preparation meeting for Group Two will be on **Wednesday 2nd March** at 7.15pm in St Lawrence's School.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The next preparation meeting for children and parents is on **Saturday 5th March** at 9.45am. Please come to St Lawrence's School and you will be directed to your meeting rooms.

PARISH NOTICES

VISIT BY BISHOP JOHN WILSON

A warm welcome to Bishop John Wilson, who joins us for the **11.00am Mass this Sunday**.

REMINDER

Please note that during Lent, there will be Eucharistic Adoration, Monday to Friday at 8.30am.

CAKE SALE

There will be a Cake Sale by Denise Dandjinou after the 9am and 11am Masses **this Sunday**.

OVER 50's CLUB

Please note there won't be a meeting on Wednesday 2nd March due to the funeral of late Margaret Carlton RIP.

FIRST FRIDAY

Our early bird Mass will take place at 6.45am on **Friday 4th March** and CAFOD's First Friday Coffee Morning will take place after the 9.30am Mass and Stations of the Cross.

LENT DAY OF PRAYER

On **Saturday 5th March** there will be visiting priests from 10.30am to 2.30pm for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a wonderful opportunity to go to Confession before Easter. We hope the enclosed leaflet will help you in your preparation.

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. We will be looking for two or three hymns in different languages. Food lists will be available shortly. 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.

EASTER RAFFLE

The LIFE Pregnancy Centre in Hounslow have donated an Easter Bunny and Easter Eggs for a raffle. Tickets will be on sale this weekend at £1.00 per strip and the draw will take place after the 11am Mass on Sunday 13th March. The proceeds will go towards the new Parish Centre.

REST IN PEACE

MARGARET MARY CARLTON RIP

We pray for the repose of the soul of **Margaret Mary Carlton RIP**. Her funeral will take place here on **Wednesday 2nd March** at 1.00pm. Please also keep in your prayers her family and all who mourn her.

OTHER

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This year the Women's World Day of Prayer takes place on **Friday 4th March** at St Mary the Virgin, Hatton Road, Bedfont TW14 8JR Please arrive by 2.00pm for a 2.15pm start. The H25 bus from Feltham stops nearby. This year's service is provided by the women of Cuba. All welcome – women and men. Further details at wwdp.org.uk.

ACCOMMODATION WANTED

A newly married couple are seeking a room/studio flat to rent. Details available from Fr Chris.

NURSERY CLASS ADMISSIONS 2016

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

Tuesdays: 3.45 – 5.00pm

March 8th, 15th, April 12th, 19th, May 3rd

- 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.

APPEAL BY THE PASSAGE

Andrew Hollingsworth from The Passage will be making an appeal at all Masses next weekend **5th/6th March**. The Passage's Mission is to provide resources which encourage, inspire and challenge homeless people to transform their lives.

24 HOURS FOR THE LORD

St John Fisher Church, 15 Wood Road, Shepperton TW17 0DH invite you to *24 hours for the Lord* starting at 7pm on **Friday 4th March** and finishing with Mass at 6pm on Saturday 5th. Details of the programme are on the noticeboard.

PARISH MISSION – INTO THE HEART OF MERCY

St Michael & St Martin Church, 94 Bath Road, Hounslow TW3 3EH invite you to an afternoon of Praise and Worship, Adoration, Benediction and Prayer ministry on **Saturday 12th March** from 1pm to 5.30pm. The Theme of the Day is "Jesus our Peace and Reconciliation. Guest Speaker: Fr Chris Vipers.

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**. With the theme of 'Mary, the Mother of Mercy', the day will include an outdoor Mass, procession, prayers, Benediction and free time to visit the Basilica, the Slipper Chapel and the Holy Door. A coach will leave from here at 7.00am to arrive in time for the celebrations. Please come prepared for all types of weather and bring a packed lunch and drinks. We will return home about 8.30pm. The cost of the day will be £20.00 per person. Please sign up on the list in the porch. **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 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. Forms available from the Parish Office, complete and return as soon as possible.

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.

Mass intentions and other services this week:

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| Saturday 27th Lent Feria | 11.00 11.45 12.00 12.30 15.00 17.00 18.00 | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation Benediction Margaret Carlton RIP Stations of the Cross Mass in Tagalog for the Filipino Community Sacrament of Reconciliation Vera Lobo RIP |
| + Sunday 28th Third Sunday of Lent | 09.00 11.00 13.00 14.30 18.00 | People of the Parish Patrick Galligan RIP Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Mass led by the African Community Eily O'Connor RIP |
| Monday 29th Lent Feria | 08.30 09.15 09.30 | Eucharistic Adoration Morning Prayer Sr. Marie Therese Sheehy (100th Birthday Intention) |
| Tuesday 1st ST DAVID | 08.30 09.15 09.30 10.00 | Eucharistic Adoration Morning Prayer Celebrant's Intention Novena to Our Lady |
| Wednesday 2nd Lent Feria | 08.30 09.15 09.30 13.00 | Eucharistic Adoration Morning Prayer John Edwards RIP FUNERAL MASS – MARGARET MARY CARLTON RIP |
| Thursday 3rd Lent Feria | 08.30 09.15 09.30 | Eucharistic Adoration Morning Prayer Kevin Stanton RIP |
| Friday 4th Lent Feria | 06.45 08.30 09.15 09.30 10.00 | Eamon O'Brien RIP Eucharistic Adoration Morning Prayer Michael Joseph Gilbert RIP (Anniversary) Stations of the Cross |
| Saturday 5th Lent Feria | 11.00 11.45 12.00 12.30 17.00 18.00 | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation Benediction Reed Fernandes (Birthday Intention) Stations of the Cross Sacrament of Reconciliation John & Bridie Kehoe and Peter Ward RIP |
| + Sunday 6th Fourth Sunday of Lent | 09.00 11.00 13.00 18.00 | John Edward & Michael Sandon RIP Aliston Cruz D'Mello RIP (First Anniversary) Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) People of the Parish |

Sanctuary Lamp: In Thanksgiving Paula De Michelle

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

20th/21st February: Envelopes: £1,080.50 Loose: £784.81 Standing Orders: £554.00 **Total: £2,419.31**

PARISH CENTRE UPDATE: MONEY BANKED AS AT 23/2/2016 - £65,925.27

CAFOD - £1,878.41 plus Gift Aid

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