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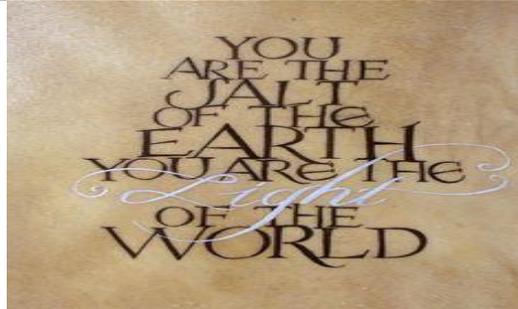
Parish Secretary: Florie Fernandes

Fifth Sunday of the Year

4th/5th February 2017

Readings: Parish Mass Book Year A, Volume 1: (Missal Page: 133): Isaiah 58:7-10; Psalm 111; 1 Corinthians 2: 1-5; Matthew 5:13-16

Next Week: – Sixth Sunday of the Year Page 136: Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20; Psalm 118; 1 Corinthians 2:6-10; Matthew 5:17-37



What Jesus is saying about us in today's Gospel is, we have a capacity for goodness. We can be a source of light. We have hands that can care, eyes that can see, ears that can hear, tongues that can speak, feet that can walk, and above all - hearts that can love.

Our parish of St. Lawrence is called to be salt to the earth and light to the world. I see this being done through the different groups and organisations in our parish community. So many of you getting involved and taking responsibility, sometimes quietly and behind the scenes.

The Kingdom of God is about our parish, it's about our world, it's about politics, economics, our environment, it is about peace.

Blessed Oscar Romero once wrote:

'This is what we are about: we plant seeds that one day will grow. We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise. We cannot do everything and there is a sense of liberation in realising that this enables us to do something and to do it well. We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker. We are workers, not master builders, ministers not messiahs. We are prophets of a future not our own!' (Oscar Romero)

*Lord help us to believe in our own goodness,
and to let the light of that goodness shine,
so that others may find their way to you,
and that you may be glorified.*

FR. JOHN

Sunday Mass: Saturday 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

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) – Saturday 11am

SENIOR CITIZEN'S PARTY

A big 'thank you' to Philomena, Patti and the army of helpers for a wonderful party again this year and apologies for the late 'thanks'. Thanks to Father Christmas and his helpers. On behalf of all the guests – thank you!

PARISH NOTICES

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

We extend a warm welcome to Callum William Spencer-Bliss, Millie Hannah Kathleen Spencer and Dinoysius Silva who will be baptised this weekend and offer our warmest congratulations to their families.

COFFEE MORNING - There will be a Cake and Coffee Morning on this **Sunday** after the 9am and 11am Masses – proceeds for the Parish Centre. Donations of cakes would be appreciated.

MARY'S MEALS - Sunday 5th February

Mary's Meals will be at church this Sunday morning only to collect all your unwanted clothing/bedding (**no duvets or pillows**). **Please bring all your bags before 12 noon**. Please ensure all clothing/bedding is put into tied black sacks – 3 full sacks will feed a child one good nutritious meal every school day for a whole year! Thank you

UCM – The UCM will meet on **Monday 6th Feb. at 7.30pm**. We will share our memories of a day in our lives we shall never forget. Come and make friends at the UCM

PILGRIMAGE TO HOLY LAND - There will be a meeting for all those going to the Holy Land on **Saturday 25th February at 12.45am** in the Parish Centre.

We will be hiring a coach to transport us from Feltham to Luton Airport and back. The cost per person for the return journey is £15.00. Please could you pay this money to Florie in the Parish Office as soon as possible.

BINGO NIGHT & SUPPER – Saturday 25th February in the Parish Centre 7.00pm. A good opportunity comes together to celebrate our new parish centre and to raise funds to pay for it. This is a family night so please come along for a fun evening before Lent begins. Adult tickets £5. – Children under 12 free. Tickets on sale this weekend

CHOIR LOFT TIDY UP -There is to be a 'tidy-up' of the Choir Loft including the store room within the next few weeks. If anyone has items stored in the Loft and would like to keep it, please stick a sign to that effect. All items that are unmarked will be recycled.

FUNDRAISING: As part of our on-going fundraising for the new parish centre we would be very grateful for any unwanted items or gifts we could have as raffle prizes. Also many companies now have a charity budget as part of their social corporate responsibility, so perhaps you could ask your company for a gift voucher or donation towards fundraising. Perhaps you are a local business or trades person and could offer a gift voucher. All donations will be very gratefully accepted.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Lent Catechesis: We will be running a course during Lent called '**A Biblical Walk Through The Mass**'. This course is aimed at all those who would like to understand the Mass a little better and is also a great starting point if you are thinking about becoming a Catholic. Course will run for 5 weeks on Tuesday evenings starting on the 7th March in the Parish Centre at 7pm. Parking will be available in the school car park.

OTHER

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL MASS IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES This year's Mass will take place at **2pm on Saturday 11th February**. Archbishop Vincent Nichols will preside, and as in previous years, the Mass will include the Sacrament of the Sick. All are welcome, no seat reservations or tickets. The Sacrament of the Sick will be administered during the Mass by the bishops and priests.

If attending the Mass, please encourage those who do not need a wheelchair to sit in the main body of the Cathedral, and not in a side chapel.

ANNUAL MASS IN THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

The Mass for Matrimony will take place on Saturday 3rd June 2017 at 3.00pm. 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 2017. 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 **10th March 2016**.

REST IN PEACE

Funeral Service: Monday 6th February 3.20pm for Helena Moore at South West Middlesex Crematorium Ogden Chapel.

We pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Brownlie – Requiem Mass to be arranged.

We pray for the repose of the soul of Philip Humphreys RIP who died recently. Please keep Fr. Daniel Humphreys and all the family and friends who mourn him in your prayers.

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

28th/29th: Envelopes £1,072.17; Loose: £1,221.01

Standing Orders: £785.80

Total: £2,293.19

PARISH CENTRE UPDATE:

Money banked as at 17/01/2017 = £95,339.24

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 4 th	11.00- 11.30 11.45 12.00 12.45 17.00 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation Benediction Eric Brumwell RIP Baptisms of Callum William Spencer-Bliss and Millie Hannah Kathleen Spencer Sacrament of Reconciliation People of the Parish
Sun 5 th	09.00 11.00 13.00 18.00	John Ring RIP Castelino & Francisca Fernandes RIP Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Jewel Fernandes in Thanksgiving (21 st Birthday)
Mon 6 th	09.30	Francisca Do Rosario RIP
Tues 7 th	09.30	Deceased members of the Farry Family RIP
Wed 8 th	09.30	Celebrants Intention
Thurs 9 th	09.30	Phoebe & Ivo van Sanden RIP
Fri 10 th	09.30	Kevin Barry RIP (1 st Anniversary)
Sat 11 th	11.00- 11.30 11.45 12.00 17.00 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation Benediction Alex Soares RIP Sacrament of Reconciliation Maurice Walsh RIP (Anniversary)
Sun 12 th	09.00 11.00 13.00 18.00	Erlyn Fernandes in Birthday Thanksgiving Eamon O'Brien RIP Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) People of the Parish
Sanctuary Lamp: Adele Barreto RIP (Anniversary)		