

This week at St Lawrence's



18th/19th January 2014

Second Sunday of the Year
(Missal Page 125 – YEAR A)



Isaiah 49:3, 5-6; Psalm 39; 1 Corinthians 1:1-3; John 1:29-34
Third Sunday of the Year (Missal Page 127): Isaiah 8: 23, 9:3; Psalm 26;
1 Corinthians 1:10-11, 17; Matthew 4:12-23

Dear Friends

One place that promises to be anything but quiet this coming May is the Holy Land – because Pope Francis will be in town. The Holy Father has announced that he will be making a Pilgrimage of Peace there from 24th to 26th May, celebrating Mass in Bethlehem, Jordan and Jerusalem, and meeting with fellow Christian leaders and leaders from other world faiths. In a special way he wants to show his solidarity with and support for the suffering Christians of the Middle East, and to strengthen the Church as a channel of peace in a divided land. His Pilgrimage of Peace will be also a Pilgrimage of Hope. Please pray for him as he prepares for this important visit and keep the Holy Land in your prayers too.

This weekend two important celebrations coincide – the beginning of the week of Prayer for Christian Unity and Peace Sunday. The first reminds us of Jesus' prayer for his disciples in the Garden of Gethsemane, "that they may all be one", and the Gospel's call and challenge to rediscover our fellow Christians as brothers and sisters. We need to desire Christian unity, pray for it, work for it, make it happen. The second, Peace Sunday, open our eyes to the sharp reality of human division and conflict both around the world and closer to home, and on our role as peacemakers, reconcilers, healers and champions for justice.

With Pope Francis, try and live your life as a Pilgrimage of Peace and a Pilgrimage of Hope, lived out through a Pilgrimage of love.

With my love and prayers for each of you.

Fr Chris

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SACRAMENTS

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

We offer our warmest congratulations to Jonathan Nicolas and Shiymani Anton who celebrate the sacrament of marriage this weekend.

CONFIRMATION

The second Confirmation group will have their first meeting on **Thursday 23rd January at 7.00pm** in the School Hall.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

If you are an adult who for whatever reason has not received the sacrament of Confirmation please contact Bridget regarding our Lenten preparation programme.

RCIA

Please continue to pray for our adults who are exploring the Catholic faith in our Monday evening group.

PARISH NOTICES

UCM

The UCM will meet on **Monday 20th January at 7.30pm** in the Parish Centre. A talk on the work of LIFE will be given. All members of the Parish are invited to attend. A charge of £1.00 will be made. Refreshments afterwards.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

The next PPC Meeting will take place on **Tuesday 21st January at 7.30pm**. If anyone has any items for the Council please write a note to the Chair, Graham Baker and post into the Presbytery by 12noon on the day.

ST LAWRENCE'S PRAYER GROUP

The Prayer Group meets every **Thursday from 7.30pm to 9pm** in the Presbytery. A time of prayer and thanksgiving. Reflecting on scriptures. Intercessory prayers for the parish and wider community. New members welcome, come and see.

ARCHBISHOP VINCENT NICHOLS

The Holy Father, Pope Francis, has named the Most Reverend Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster, a Cardinal. The announcement came during Pope Francis's Angelus in St Peter's Square on 12 January. Archbishop Vincent is the 11th Archbishop of Westminster to be named as a Cardinal. He will join the College of Cardinals at the next consistory in Rome on **22nd February**, the Feast of the Chair of St Peter.

We extend our warm congratulations to him. Please keep him in your prayers at this special time.

THANK YOU

A huge thank you to Philomena Franklin, Patti Owen and a great team of helpers for all their hard work which helped to make the Senior Citizen's Party last Sunday one of the best ever. Special thanks as well to Father Christmas and his helpers for coming. They should by rights be having a rest!

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **James David Fitzpatrick RIP and Michael Rivers RIP** and keep their families in your prayers.

The funeral of **James David Fitzpatrick RIP** will take place here on **Thursday 23rd January at 2pm**.

The funeral of **Michael Rivers RIP** will take place at Hanworth Crematorium on **Wednesday 5th February at 12noon**.

NURSERY ADMISSIONS 2014 - FORM SIGNING

Fr Chris will be available Nursery Form signing at the following times for St Lawrence's School:

Tuesdays 3.30-4.30pm: February 4th, 11th; March 4th, 11th; April 1st, 22nd

Please come with your child and wait in Church.

OTHER

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN BEDFONT, FELTHAM AND HANWORTH

There will be an Ecumenical Service to celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity **this Sunday at 3pm** at St Dunstan's. All are welcome to attend.

PAX CHRISTI

There will be a retiring collection this weekend for Pax Christi, the Catholic movement for Peace in England and Wales.

VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT EVENTS

Please see notice board for various events taking place in the next few weeks.

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL MASS IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

This year's Mass will take place at **2pm on Saturday 8th 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. If you are bringing a wheelchair please let your parish office know by **27th January** so that a space can be reserved for wheelchair and carer.

MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

The Archbishop (newly created Cardinal) will be inviting to this Mass on **Saturday 7th June at 3pm** at Westminster Cathedral 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 2014. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give your parish office the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email) as soon as possible.

OUR LADY & ST. JOHN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL, BRENTFORD

Due to the retirement of the current Headteacher in the summer, the Governors are seeking to appoint a committed, practising Catholic who will be an inspirational leader for the friendly, thriving, one-form entry school. An application pack is available to download from the website www.ourladyandstjohns.org.uk or by e-mail from admin@stjohnrc.hounslow.sch.uk The closing date for applications is noon on **Friday 31st January 2014**.

MISSIONARIES OF AFRICA

The Missionaries of Africa require a cook, 7days on 7 days off (including bank holidays) for their large residential home in Ealing. Previous experience necessary. For further information please contact the House Manager on 0208 799 5010 Mon – Fri 12:30pm – 2:30pm or email, sectorhouse@mafrgb.org.uk Closing date **Friday 31st January 2014**

PILGRIMAGES 2014

PARISH PILGRIMAGE - MALTA

Last call for return of booking forms for Malta. They need to be in by next weekend **25/25 January**.

LOURDES 2014

We will be travelling by coach next year to join the Westminster Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, **20th-26th July**. Full details will be available shortly.

ECUMENICAL PILGRIMAGE TO SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELLA AND FATIMA

Last call for wanting to book – the deadline for return of booking forms is next weekend – **25/26th January**.

Mass intentions and other services this week:

Saturday 18th Feria	11.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	11.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	11.45	Benediction
	12.00	Harold & Afra Coutinho RIP
	16.00	Wedding of Jonathan Nicholas & Shiymani Anton
	17.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
+ First Mass of Sunday	18.00	People of the Parish
+ Sunday 19th 2nd Sunday of the Year	09.00	William Flanagan RIP (Anniversary)
	11.00	Timothy Cahalane in Thanksgiving (93rd Birthday)
	13.00	Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)
	18.00	Deceased members of the Phan Family RIP
Monday 20th Feria	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Private Intention - Domenica
Tuesday 21st St Agnes	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Ray Palmer RIP (Anniversary)
	10.00	Novena to Our Lady
Wednesday 22nd Feria	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Celebrant's Intention
Thursday 23rd Feria	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Frances Castledine (Intention)
	14.00	FUNERAL MASS – JAMES DAVID FITZPATRICK RIP
Friday 24th St Francis de Sales	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Gregory & Lily Coutinho RIP
Saturday 25th THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL THE APOSTLE	11.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	11.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	11.45	Benediction
	12.00	Bill McLaughlin RIP
	12.45	Baptism of Phil Xyler Escorido
	15.00	Wedding of Jacek Elwertowski and Malgorzata Frankowska
17.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
+ First Mass of Sunday	18.00	Deceased members of the Kenny Family RIP
+ Sunday 26th 3rd Sunday of the Year	09.00	Bernadette Cimpoiias RIP
	11.00	Christopher & Lourdes Dias in Thanksgiving 25th Wedding Anniversary
	13.00	Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)
	18.00	People of the Parish

Sanctuary Lamp: Patrick Ibrahim Yahowa RIP

Sunday Mass Times

Saturday 6 pm (Vigil Mass), Sunday 9 am, 11 am & 6 pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) - Saturday 11am & 5pm

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

11th-12th Jan: Envelopes £1045.94, Loose £813.57, Standing Orders £420.00 Total: £2279.51

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