

This week at St Lawrence's



24th/25th January 2015

Third Sunday of the Year
(Missal Page 129 – YEAR B Vol. 1)



Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Psalm 24; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20
Fourth Sunday of the Year (Missal Page 132): Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Psalm 94
1 Corinthians 7:32-35; Mark 1:21-28

Dear Friends

At two School Governors meetings last week, St Lawrence's and St Paul's, we began to explore the Government's new criterion for School OFSTED Inspections – the Promotion of Fundamental British Values; these include Democracy, the Rule of Law, Tolerance and Mutual Respect and Individual Liberty. The background to this criterion is the well-publicised so-called Trojan Horse strategy by radical Islamists in various schools throughout the country, and the language used is borrowed from the Government's Prevent Strategy to address and counter the radicalisation of children and young people.

As Christians we have a profound perspective on this. All people, we believe, are created in the image and likeness of God and bear His imprint, giving us a dignity, a value and beauty that transcends difference and transforms our way of seeing one another. Regardless of race, colour or creed we are all God's work of art and children of the one heavenly Father, brothers and sisters under the skin.

Back in 1986 Pope (now Saint) John Paul II invited leaders and representatives of all World Faiths to join him in Assisi, the so-called City of Peace, to stand together in silence and prayer – and to stand for peace. This was a powerful symbol and sent a strong message, not just to believers (whatever our beliefs) but to the whole world. As this weekend we mark the close of the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, perhaps we can in heart and mind extend that prayer to the unity of all the children of God, the rediscovery of the beauty of each other, the healing of humanity. The great spiritual thinker and writer of the 20th Century, the contemplative Thomas Merton, puts it better in one of his books – Conjectures of a Guilty Bystander: *"There is no way of telling people that they are walking around shining like the sun... it was as if I suddenly saw the secret beauty of their hearts...the core of their reality, the person that each one is in God's eyes...If only they could all see themselves as they really are. If only we could see each other that way all the time. There would be no more war, no more hatred, no more cruelty, no more greed."*

May God Bless each of us as we try and be channels of His peace today.

Fr Chris

SACRAMENTS

CONFIRMATION

The second Group preparing for Confirmation in July will have their next meeting on **Thursday 29th January** at 7pm

PARISH NOTICES

MARY MCGHEE - THE EXPLORE TRUST

We welcome Mary McGhee who will be speaking at the end of all Masses on the work of the Explore Trust and the support they offer for marriage preparation, family life and healthy relationships in today's society.

UCM

The UCM will meet on **Monday 26th January** at 7.30pm. We will talk together on our childhood during war time.

SATURDAY 31ST JANUARY

Exposition at 10.45am. There will be no morning Confessions. Mass as usual at 12 noon.

ANNUAL MASS WITH ANOINTING OF THE SICK

This takes place here on **Saturday 7th February at 12noon** and will be followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre. Please sign the lists in the church porch if you need transport to church for this celebration, if you can help with driving or if you can help Bridget with catering and hospitality.

BARN DANCE

The ever popular Barn Dance will take place in St Lawrence's School Hall on **Saturday 7th February from 7.00pm**. Tickets on sale after Mass this weekend.

FREE NHS HEALTH CHECK

An NHS health team in partnership with St Lawrence's Church will be doing free NHS health checks and giving free advice on how to stay healthy. **Date: Saturday, 31st January from 9am to 12 noon** at St Lawrence's School Hall, Victoria Road, Feltham. The Health check includes Cholesterol and Blood Glucose tests, Blood Pressure, Weight, waist and Body Mass Index, Advice on healthy eating and getting active. The service is available to local residents aged 40 - 74 years, registered with a Hounslow GP and with no pre-existing medical conditions. See poster on notice board.

LOST AND FOUND?

Over the last few months we have accumulated several pairs of glasses and sets of keys in our lost property. If you think we might have found what you have lost please contact the Parish Office, Monday to Friday 9am to 1pm, without delay.

PARISH CENTRE BUILDING FUND UPDATE

Our Target **£250,000.00**

Number Pledges received as of 23 rd January	112
Total amount pledged as of 20 th January	£46,468.39
Total amount banked as at 20 th January	£19,940.59

PILGRIMAGES 2015

LANCIANO, LORETO AND SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO

A, six day, pilgrimage from the **8th to 13th September**. The cost will be £735 on a half board basis plus insurance. We have now been allocated extra seats, so if you are interested in going please collect a booking form from the office and return with your deposit as soon as possible. All booking forms with deposits must be returned at the latest by **Monday 26th January**.

LOURDES 2015

Once again we will be travelling by coach to join the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, **25th July to 2nd August**. On the way to Lourdes we will be visiting the shrine of St Martin of Tours and on the return journey we will be stopping in Rocamadour and St Bernadette's shrine in Nevers. Price £699 per person plus insurance. Price includes full board whilst in Lourdes and half board at stops on route. Booking forms will be available from the Parish Office in a couple of weeks.

OTHER

CATHOLIC EDUCATION SUNDAY

There will be a collection for Catholic Education after all Masses next weekend 31st January/1st February.

LEARNING 4 EVERYONE

1. *This is my Body* - A study evening for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and anyone interested. **Thursday 5th February from 7pm-8.30pm**
 2. *The Privilege of Proclaiming the Word* – A study evening for Parish Readers and anyone interested. **Thursday 12th February from 7pm-8.30pm.**
- Venue for both: Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, London SW1P 1QN

MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY - WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL, SATURDAY 23RD MAY 2015 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 2015. 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).

VOCATION DISCERNMENT GROUP

for adults (18-30's) meets on Friday 30 January, 7-9pm in the Hinsley Room next to Westminster Cathedral. St Graca Almeida and Sr Natalia Gomes, Comboni Sisters on "Being Missionary Disciples today" For more info contact Fr Richard at richardnesbitt@rcdow.org.uk

A "COME AND SEE" WEEKEND

with a difference for men (aged 18+) who are discerning a calling to the priesthood will take place at Allen Hall seminary in Chelsea for 24 hours from the evening of Friday 20th February. To reserve one of only 12 places, please contact Fr Richard asap at richardnesbitt@rcdow.org.uk

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

There is a healing weekend for people who find themselves single again following divorce, separation or the death of a partner from 20th to 22nd March 2015 at the Emmaus Centre, West Wickham, Kent. For more information please ring Freda on 01322-401243 or Sandra on 01293-783965.

Mass intentions and other services this week:

Saturday 24th St Francis de Sales + First Mass of Sunday	11.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation
	11.45	Benediction
	12.00	Susanna Angela Solis RIP
	15.00	Mass in Tagalog for the Filipino Community
	17.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
+ Sunday 25th Third Sunday of the Year	18.00	People of the Parish
	09.00	Glory & Juliet Atumah in Thanksgiving –13 th Wedding Anniversary
	11.00	Siobhan Field (Intention)
	13.00	Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)
Monday 26th Sis Timothy & Titus	14.30	Mass led by the African Community
	18.00	Julie Pichler RIP
	09.15	Morning Prayer
Tuesday 27th Feria	09.30	Ivy Parry RIP
	09.15	Morning Prayer
Wednesday 28th St Thomas Aquinas	09.30	Sr Mellitus RIP (Anniversary)
	10.00	Novena to Our Lady
Thursday 29th Feria	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Helen Abiegbe Kosin in Thanksgiving (Birthday)
Friday 30th Feria	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Celebrant's Intention
Saturday 31st St John Bosco	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Christina Power RIP (First Anniversary)
	10.45	No Sacrament of Reconciliation this morning
	11.45	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	12.00	Benediction
+ First Mass of Sunday	12.45	Deceased members of the Keaveney & Burke Families RIP
	17.00	Baptisms of Albert Quincey and Charlie Derek Wood
	18.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
+ Sunday 1st Fourth Sunday of the Year	18.00	People of the Parish
	09.00	For the intentions of Parishioners from the Chapple Family
	11.00	Jacinta Mwaura in Thanksgiving
	13.00	Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)
	18.00	Tanya Tavares in Thanksgiving (Birthday)

Sanctuary Lamp: Kurt Kosin RIP

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

17th/18th January: Envelopes £1260.31 Loose £885.40 Standing Orders £607.00 Total: £2752.71
Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trustees: Registered Charity No. 233699

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

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