

This week at St Lawrence's



4th/5th July 2015

14th Sunday of the Year
(Missal Page 103 – YEAR B Vol. 2)

Ezekiel 2:2-5; Psalm 122; 2 Corinthians 12:7-10; Mark 6:1-6

15th Sunday of the Year (Missal Page 106): Amos 7:12-15; Psalm 84; Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:7-13

Dear Friends

These last couple of weeks have been a real celebration of the gift of the priesthood. Last Saturday Fr Daniel Humphreys was Ordained, along with four others in Westminster Cathedral. It was wonderful to see so many of you there and I know Fr Daniel was deeply grateful. Then last Sunday he celebrated his First Mass at St Mary and St Joseph in Poplar, and I was privileged to preach at this. It was a double joy for me as last Sunday was also my 18th anniversary of ordination. Then last Monday our own Fr Fortunato celebrated his 2nd anniversary – which makes me feel old! Now, this weekend, Fr Daniel celebrates Mass at St Lawrence's for the first time. So much to thank God for.

I share with you today a beautiful Prayer for Priests written by St Therese of Lisieux, and I invite you to pray it for those of us who try and serve you in this way.

O Jesus, eternal Priest,
Keep your priests within the shelter
of your Sacred Heart,
where none may touch them.
Keep unstained their anointed hands,
which daily touch your Sacred Body.
Keep unsullied their lips,
daily purpled with your Precious Blood.
Keep pure and unearthly their hearts,
sealed with the sublime mark of the priesthood.
Let your holy love surround them
and shield them from the world's contagion.
Bless their labours with abundant fruit
and may the souls to whom they minister
be their joy and consolation here;
and in heaven
their beautiful and everlasting crown. Amen.

Finally, please pray that one young man or more from this parish will have the courage – and receive enough encouragement – to say “yes” to this wonderful life. With my love and prayers for you.

Fr Chris

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM

We extend a warm welcome to Lenny George Parkes, Alexandra Bondoc, Albert Bernard Davies, Bella-Florence Davies and Nixie Dee Owen who will be baptised this weekend and offer our warmest congratulations to their families.

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2016

If you would like your child to be prepared for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion in June 2016, registration dates are as follows:

Tuesday 7th July, Wednesday 8th July, Thursday 9th July - 3.30pm -6.30pm

Please wait in Church with your child to complete an application form with Bridget. If your child was not baptised at St Lawrence's, you will need to provide a copy of their Baptismal Certificate.

CONFIRMATION

Rehearsal for Confirmation will take place **on Thursday 9th July at 7pm** in Church.

PARISH NOTICES

THANK YOU

ST. LAWRENCE'S CHURCH BUILDING FUND

A big thank you to you to all the St. Lawrence's students who raised £56.61 at their Table Top sale after the 9am and 11am Masses last Sunday. The money will go toward the building of the new parish centre. Please come and support the students this weekend as they hold their second Table Top sale.

BBQ

Despite the rain, a wonderful evening was had by all and a sum of £500.60 was raised towards the building fund, thank you all for your support.

ITALIAN EVENING –A big thank you to all who supported the evening. It was an excellent evening and a fantastic sum of £958.64 was raised toward the Redcaps Lourdes Fund.

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION – A sum of £161.61 was collected, thank you.

PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Parish Annual General Meeting takes place on **Tuesday, 7th July** at 7.30pm. If you have any items you wish to raise please send a note to the Chair of the Parish Pastoral Committee by 12noon on the day.

NEW ALTAR SERVERS

There will be a training morning for new Altar Servers on **Saturday 11th July, starting at 10am** in Church. All children who have made their First Holy Communion are very welcome to join St Lawrence's serving team.

WANTED – A MAN WITH A VAN

With the impending redevelopment of the Parish Centre we are looking for someone who is able to make occasional visits to the tip for us. Please contact the Parish Office if you can help.

LIFE COFFEE MORNING

What? Tea, coffee, cakes, bric-a-brac, toys and books will be on sale at this coffee morning. Do come for a cuppa, chat and a bargain. **When and where? Sunday 12th July** in the Parish Centre after the 9am and 11am Masses.

2015 PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY

A reminder to those who have already paid their deposit - the outstanding balance must be received by Pax Travel by the 8th July 2015, they will not be sending out any reminder letters.

ST FRANCIS ICON

Helen, one of our parishioners, is a professional icon writer (the proper name for an icon painter). She has given us a really beautiful icon of St Francis, painted in Assisi and blessed at his tomb. We are holding a "silent auction" for this at the party on Sunday, and the winning bid will be notified at the end. The icon is worth at least £300, and the money raised will go directly to our Lourdes Fund for taking some of our young people as helpers on the pilgrimage to Lourdes.

CAR BOOT SALE – HOUNSLOW HEATH

Marie Johnston, Mary Crawley and Annie Burke are holding a car boot sale on Sunday 19th July at Hounslow Heath. Do come along a pick up a bargain. All proceeds will go towards the new Parish Centre.

OTHER

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE - URGENT APPEAL FOR NURSES

Although there are already a good number of nurses signed up, there are a couple of special cases that need 24/7 one to one care, which would mean 3 nurses assigned to each person on an 8 hour shift. Any nurse, who even at this late stage, wishing to come to Lourdes, please get in touch with Gerald Daly on 020 7798 9173. They ask every nurse to contribute £300 to the fare. If you are unable to make such a small contribution please still call Gerald as there may be ways in which they could help. The dates are 26th July to 1st August.

APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA

Next week is Sea Sunday, when the church prays for all those who live and work at sea. There will be a second collection for the Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church in Great Britain. It provides practical and spiritual support to seafarers visiting our ports. Please give generously to support its important work. For more information about its work visit www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2016

Pope Francis has invited young people from all over the world to join him in Poland next year. Our own diocese are arranging a pilgrimage for this event from **19th – 31st July**. The cost is £750.00, including travel by coach and accommodation, and is open to young people who will be aged 18 or over by 19th July 2016. To indicate your interest in this pilgrimage please print your name and contact number on the list in the Church porch. Get your name in early before the list closes!

STOREHOUSE FOOD BANK

Storehouse was started in 1996 by Riverside Vineyard Church who support those in the community who were struggling by themselves. This week they desperately need tinned meat and vegetables. A collection box will be in the Church each weekend and will be emptied and taken to Storehouse each week. Thank you for your support.

THE SVP ST JOHN BOSCO CHILDREN'S SUMMER CAMP

The SVP St John Bosco Children's Summer Camp (held at Aldham, Essex) is an activities camp with a Catholic ethos that runs as follows:

Week One Saturday 25 July - 1 August for Boys; Week Two Saturday 1 August - 8 August for Boys; Week Three Saturday 8 August - 15 August for Girls

It is for children aged 8 to 13 and costs £145 per week. Transport available from various parts of London. Should you require an application form or more information then please contact (between 6pm and 9pm) the boys' camp on 01708 509790 or the girls' camp on 01634 311350. More information can be found on the website <http://svpboscocamp.org.uk>

REST IN PEACE

JOAN PATRICIA TERRY RIP

We pray for the repose of the soul **Joan Patricia Terry RIP** who passed away recently. Her funeral will take place here on **Wednesday 8th July** at 10.30am. Please also keep in your prayers all the family who mourn her.

Mass intentions and other services this week:

Saturday 4th Feria	11.00 11.00 11.30 12.00 12.45 15.00 17.00 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation Benediction Katherine Jackson (Intention) Baptisms of Lenny George Parkes, Albert Bernard Davies, Bella-Florence Davies and Alexandra Bondoc Baptism of Nixie Dee Owen Sacrament of Reconciliation In Thanksgiving for Baby Harry
+ Sunday 5th 14 th Sunday of the Year	09.00 11.00 13.00 18.00	People of the Parish Fr Daniel Humphreys in Thanksgiving Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Valerie Curran RIP
Monday 6th Feria	09.15 09.30	Morning Prayer Hubert De Souza RIP
Tuesday 7th Feria	09.15 09.30 10.00	Morning Prayer Gerald Rajeevkanna RIP Novena to Our Lady
Wednesday 8th Feria	09.15 09.30 10.30	Morning Prayer Bernard Keaveney RIP FUNERAL SERVICE – JOAN PATRICIA TERRY RIP
Thursday 9th Feria	09.15 09.30	Morning Prayer Celebrant's Intention
Friday 10th Feria	09.15 09.30	Morning Prayer David Antonpillai RIP
Saturday 11th ST BENEDICT	11.00 11.00 11.30 12.00 15.00 17.00 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation Benediction Crispino Menezes RIP CONFIRMATION Sacrament of Reconciliation Gladys, Anthony, Veronica & Henry Gellineau RIP
+ Sunday 12th 15 th Sunday of the Year	09.00 11.00 13.00 18.00	People of the Parish Joel Abanes RIP Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) For the intentions of the Cheeseman Family

Sanctuary Lamp: Paul Easterbrook RIP (Anniversary)

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

27th/28th June: Envelopes: £1110.02 Loose: £568.38 Standing Orders: £488.25 Total: £2166.65

PARISH CENTRE UPDATE: MONEY BANKED AS AT 30/6/2015 – £33,369.14

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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