

# This week at St Lawrence's



19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> July 2014

16<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year  
(Missal Page 105 – YEAR A Vol. 2)



Wisdom 12:13, 16-19; Psalm 85; Romans 8:26-27; Matthew 13:24-43  
17<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year (Missal Page 108): 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12; Psalm 118; Romans 8:28-30;  
Matthew 13:44-52

*Dear Friends,*

Among his books, the one that has moved many people to tears was “*God’s Pauper*”. Have you read it? Surely, I am speaking of **NIKOS KAZANTZAKIS**, the Greek poet, writer and philosopher who died in 1957. *Nikos Kazantzakis* was born in Crete in 1883. During the Cretan revolt in 1897, his family was sent to the island of Naxos. There, as a young teenager, Nikos attended a school run by the Franciscans and overwhelmed by love and admiration for **St Francis of Assisi**, he later published this extraordinary novel on the saint’s life. In this novel, Saint Francis wrestles with his inner conflicts, symbolised by his violent, money-loving father, and by his gentle, very devout and God-loving mother.

Kazantzakis puts these words into the mouth of St Francis:

*“The two of them have been struggling in me for ages. This struggle has lasted my whole life. They take on different names: God and satan. Spirit and Flesh. Good and Bad. Light and Darkness. But they always remain my father and mother.*

*My father cries within me: Earn money. Get rich. Use your gold to buy a Coat-of-Arms. Become a nobleman. Only the rich and the nobility deserve to live in this world. Don’t be good! Once good, you’re finished. If someone chips one tooth in your mouth, break his whole jaw in return. Do not try to make people love you. No! Try to make people fear you. Never, never forgive. Strike!*

*And my mother, her voice trembling within me, says to me softly, fearfully, lest my father hear her: Be good, dear Francis, and you shall have my blessing. You must love the poor, the humble, the oppressed. If someone injures you, forgive him. Forgive!*

*My father and my mother wrestle within me. All my life I have been struggling to reconcile them. But they refuse to be reconciled, they refuse”.*

It is not only Saint Francis or Saint Clare or any other great saints that have to face such inner conflicts. You do. I do. Everyone does, who wants to lead a life of integrity, holiness and faith. Listen attentively to this Sunday’s Gospel!

Last week I was in St Francis’ town, Assisi. In his footsteps I have learnt that precisely when in prison St Francis discovered what God wanted him to do. He found his treasure: **Lady Poverty**. Only when Francis, by God’s grace, hated everything his father stood for, could he find himself, be true to himself, and live his own life. You and me too are able to find ourselves and be true to ourselves precisely when we renounce the riches and lures of this world and so find our treasure in **God’s plan of love**. So, when we too are faced with two irreconcilable loves, may Francis obtain the same grace for us. May God bless you all.

*Fr Fortunato.*

## SACRAMENTS

### BAPTISMS

We extend a warm welcome to Ryan Shiju, Joel Opoku Kwakye, Josiah Opoku Kwakye and Jack Alexander Santos Cole who will be baptised this weekend and offer our warmest congratulations to their families.

### CONFIRMATION 2015

If you are in Year 9 or above and would like to be prepared to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2015 please register with Bridget Brinkley at one of the following times.

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup>, Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September – 3.00pm to 5.30pm  
Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September – 3.00pm to 5.30pm  
Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September – 9.30am to 11.00am

Please come to the Church where you will be asked to complete a registration form. The programme will begin on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October.

### EXPLORING THE CATHOLIC FAITH

Would you like to find out more about the Catholic Faith? Have you been searching for a deeper meaning for your life? Do you share your life with a Catholic, perhaps you are supporting your husband or wife bringing up your children in the Catholic Faith.

If you would like to find out more about the Catholic Church or you thinking about becoming a Catholic please contact Bridget Brinkley on 020 8890 2367 or by e-mailing at

[bridgetbrinkley@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:bridgetbrinkley@rcdow.org.uk).

## PARISH NOTICES

### PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office will be closed while Florie is away from the 21<sup>st</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> July. For urgent matters please contact Fr Fortunato or Bridget Brinkley.

### UCM

The UCM end of term Garden Party takes place on **Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> July at 7.30pm** in the Parish Centre and presbytery garden. Members please bring your own wine glasses.

### IN CASE YOU ARE ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL.....

In light of data protection please indicate on entering hospital that your details are to be passed to the RC Chaplain. Also state that you would like the RC Chaplain to visit you.

### 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

### FOR THE FILIPINO COMMUNITY

Please note that during the months of July and August there will not be a Mass in Tagalog as Fr Cirinio is away.

## OTHER

### RETREAT AND HEALING SERVICE

There will be a retreat at St Lawrence on the Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> August from 7.00pm to 10.00pm led by Fr Lawrence Mascarenhas. An evening of evangelisation through preaching, teaching, confession, intercessory prayers, adoration and Holy Mass. For further details please contact Marinha Braganza.

## TREASURES OF WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL

An exhibition of the rare ecclesiastical objects, vestments, chalices and sacred relics acquired by the Cathedral since its opening in 1903 will take place during July on a Monday, Tuesday and Thursday (except Thursday 24 July) from 10.00am to 5.00pm. Tokens are available from the Cathedral Shop.

## APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA (SEA SUNDAY)

Thank you for your generosity, a sum of £247.68 was raised for the work of the Seafarers.

## CARDINAL VINCENT NICHOLS

His Eminence Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster, has been appointed the first Chancellor of St Mary's University, Twickenham in London. His appointment will take effect from 1st September 2014. The Cardinal will be formally installed as Chancellor at a ceremony later this year.

## ECUMENICAL DAY CONFERENCE

A one day conference entitled "Christian Unity Since Vatican II: Memory, Present, Where Now?" will take place from 10am – 4.30pm on Saturday, 15 November 2014 at Farm Street Church & Centre, 114 Mount Street, London W1K 3AH. Cost £10 per person to include coffee/tea and biscuits (bring own packed lunch). The conference is being organised by Churches Together in Westminster in conjunction with The Society for Ecumenical Studies, and is kindly being sponsored by the Catholic League. Places are limited, so advance booking is essential.

## PILGRIMAGES

### LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

Fr Chris and just over 40 pilgrims will be set off for Lourdes on Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> July. Please keep them in your prayers for a safe journey there and back. All parishioners, especially our sick and housebound will be prayed for at Our Lady's Grotto. Thank you for your support towards the Lourdes Silver Jubilee Raffle tickets. £137 was sent to the Pilgrimage Office.

### DOWRY OF MARY PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

The Annual Pilgrimage to Walsingham takes place on **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September**. A coach **will leave from here at 7.15am** to arrive in time for the welcome of flags and banners from different countries, so come in your national dress. Mass at 12 noon will be followed by a picnic and procession, which will end with Benediction. 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 £16.00 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.**

### SANTIAGO AND FATIMA – 9 – 14 SEPTEMBER 2014

All those going on this pilgrimage please send your final payments to Pax Travel as soon as possible. A coach will pick up St Lawrence's pilgrims from **Browells Lane at 5am on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September**, then pick up pilgrims from St George's before making its way to Gatwick. The cost of the coach will be £12.00 per person. Please put your money in an envelope clearly marked with your name and "Santiago", to the Parish Office.

## Mass intentions and other services this week:

<b>Saturday 19<sup>th</sup></b> Feria	11.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	11.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	11.45	Benediction
	<b>12.00</b>	<b>Carol Narsi RIP</b>
	12.45	Baptisms of Ryan Shiju, Jack Alexander Santos Cole and Joel & Josiah Opoku Kwakye
	17.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
+ First Mass of Sunday	<b>18.00</b>	<b>Annette Lynch RIP</b>
<b>+ Sunday 20<sup>th</sup></b> 16 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year	<b>09.00</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b>
	<b>11.00</b>	<b>Intentions of the Horeau Family</b>
	<b>13.00</b>	<b>Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)</b>
	<b>18.00</b>	<b>Eurfrocino Mendoza RIP</b>
<b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup></b> Feria	09.15	Morning Prayer
	<b>09.30</b>	<b>Sr. Mary Fitzsimmons RIP</b>
<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup></b> St Mary Magdalene	09.15	Morning Prayer
	<b>09.30</b>	<b>Celebrant's Intention</b>
	10.00	Novena to Our Lady
<b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup></b> ST BRIDGET	09.15	Morning Prayer
	<b>09.30</b>	<b>Noreen Easterbrook (Intention)</b>
<b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup></b> Feria	09.15	Morning Prayer
	<b>09.30</b>	<b>Margaret Harries RIP</b>
<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup></b> ST JAMES	09.15	Morning Prayer
	<b>09.30</b>	<b>Hyacinth Mooney RIP</b>
<b>Saturday 26<sup>th</sup></b> Ss Joachim & Anne	11.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	11.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	11.45	Benediction
	<b>12.00</b>	<b>Gloria Pereira RIP</b>
	12.45	Baptisms of Miles Ashton Cayetano, Khloe Jade Blythe, Tasana Payne, Juan-Carlos Garcia-Vershay,
	17.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
+ First Mass of Sunday	<b>18.00</b>	<b>Pedro J Cuizon RIP</b>
<b>+ Sunday 27<sup>th</sup></b> 17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year	<b>09.00</b>	<b>John Katala Kabuye RIP</b>
	<b>11.00</b>	<b>Intentions of Catherine Jackson</b>
	<b>13.00</b>	<b>Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)</b>
	<b>14.30</b>	<b>Mass led by the African Community</b>
	<b>18.00</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b>

**Sanctuary Lamp: Kurt Kosin RIP**

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

12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> July: Envelopes £1101.50, Loose £735.31, Standing Orders £420.00 Total: £2256.81  
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**Sunday Mass Times: Saturday 6 pm (Vigil Mass), Sunday 9 am, 11 am & 6 pm**  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) - Saturday 11am & 5pm**

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