

This week at St Lawrence's



25th/26th July 2015

17th Sunday of the Year
(Missal Page 112 – YEAR B Vol. 2)



2 Kings 4:42-44; Psalm 144; Ephesians 4:1-6; John 6:1-15
Next week: 18th Sunday of the Year (Missal Page 114): Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15; Psalm 77;
Ephesians 4:17, 20-24; John 5:24-35

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

If this weekend you notice the church a little empty, please do not fear. Some of us will be travelling to Lourdes to take part in the annual diocesan pilgrimage. Together we will have a wonderfully enjoyable time, full of prayer, companionship and, I trust, joy, song and laughter. Although they won't have Father Chris' cheerful songs – *so please do not tell them* – since they will have me as leader.

As you may know, Lourdes is among the greatest places of healing in the world. Even though there was no miracle of healing for Bernadette. She lived with much suffering and pain. And she died with much suffering and pain. Over five million pilgrims visit Lourdes every year from all over the world. Perhaps you have been there too. Many pilgrims are sick, very sick. Some are incurable, including the dying. Some are old, some young. Very few of these sick pilgrims are healed physically. The cancerous return home with their cancer. Paralytics return home still paralysed. This is because the true miracle of Lourdes is not the healing of sick bodies – although this may happen – the true miracle of Lourdes is the healing that takes place within: *true spiritual healing, conversion of heart*. If our hearts convert, we are given the grace to accept who we truly are even if sick, paralysed, blind or with a few weeks to live.

True spiritual healing takes place when every obstacle that prevents us from embracing our Cross is removed. This is the most profound healing of all. True healing brings a peace that cannot be destroyed by cancer, or by any other disease. True healing gives an experience of God's love that no sickness can crush. True healing is the fruit of a deep faith that can trust ALL God's purposes and plans. This kind of faith never doubts God's presence. This kind of faith confounds the '*wisdom of the world*'; a false wisdom: a wisdom that insists that happiness is not possible without health, wealth and success. So, true faith is the real lasting miracle of Lourdes. This is the healing that I need and that you need: a deep, inner, spiritual healing. This was the only healing Bernadette knew; a grace that comes through the beautiful Sacrament of the Eucharist, the Holy Mass. Therefore, dear friends, we will assure you of our prayers and ask Our Blessed Mother, the Virgin Mary, to shine her peaceful light upon you all. Saint Bernadette of Lourdes – *pray for us*.

Fr Fortunato.

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS

We extend a warm welcome to Gilbert Aboah, Giovanni Aboah, Marco Antonio Te Plzak and Melora Siann Menezes who will be baptised this weekend and offer our warmest congratulations to their families.

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.

CONFIRMATION 2016

If you are in Year 9 or above and would like to be prepared to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2016 please register with Bridget Brinkley at one of the following times.

Saturday 5th September 1.30 pm – 3.30 pm
Tuesday 8th and Wed 9th September 3.30 pm – 6.30 pm
Saturday 12th September 3.30pm – 5.30 pm
Tuesday 15th Wed 16th September – 3.30 - 6.30 pm

Please come to the Church where you will be asked to complete a registration form. The preparation programme will begin on Wednesday the 30th September.

PARISH NOTICES

DOWRY OF MARY PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

The Annual Pilgrimage to Walsingham takes place on **Sunday 6th 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 £20.00 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.**

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Fr Fortunato and a group of pilgrims will be setting off for Lourdes on Saturday 25th 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.

CAR BOOT SALE – THANK YOU

Mary Crawley, Marie Johnston and Annie Burke raised a fantastic sum of £270 at the car boot sale last Sunday for the Parish Centre, and thank everyone for their support

SOCIAL EVENT – GOAN EVENING

The Goan Community at St Lawrence's are planning a "Goan Evening/Fiesta" to be held on **Friday 23rd October** from 7.30pm in the School Hall. All proceeds will go towards the New Parish Centre Building Fund.

Members from the Goan community are invited to a meeting on **Sunday, 9th August** in the Parish Centre after the 11am Mass to discuss and plan the Goan Evening.

COFFEE MORNING FOR ZIMBABWEAN ORPHANS

Helen Hurley will be holding a Coffee Morning in the Parish Centre in aid of the Zimbabwean Orphans on **Sunday 16th August** after the 9am and 11am Masses. If you would like to donate cakes or help on the day please contact Helen.

ST LAWRENCE'S PRAYER GROUP

The Prayer group will be taking a break for the summer during the month of August. The last meeting will be on **Thursday 30th July** at 7.30pm.

ST LAWRENCE'S SCHOOL CAR PARK

Essential drainage works will be carried out in the school grounds during the summer holidays and for health and safety reasons the School Site will be closed to all users. **This means the car park and access route across to the Church will also be closed during the entire summer holiday including Saturdays and Sundays.**

It has also been brought to our attention that the Year 2 playground is being used after Masses. Parents please note the school playground is for use whilst children are at school and should not be used at other times. Should an accident occur, there would not be any insurance cover.

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.

OTHER

DAY FOR LIFE

Sunday 26th July is the day in the Church's year dedicated to celebrating the dignity of life. The theme this year "Cherishing Life - Accepting Death.

"How great a lie ...to make people think that lives affected by grave illness are not worth living!" *Pope Francis*

Lord God,
whose days are without end
and whose mercies beyond counting,
keep us mindful that life is short and the hour of death unknown.
Let your Spirit guide our days on earth
in the ways of holiness and justice,
that we may serve you
in union with the whole Church,
sure in faith, strong in hope, perfected in love.
And when our earthly journey is ended,
lead us rejoicing into your kingdom,
where you live for ever and ever. Amen

There will be a retiring collection after all Masses this weekend.

HOUNSLOW EXTRA CLUB – COFFEE MORNING

The Hounslow Extra Club will be holding a Coffee Morning in the Parish Centre after the 9am and 11am Masses on **Sunday 2nd August**. If you would like to help or for further information please contact Frances Mohsen.

Hounslow Extra Club is a club for young people with disabilities aged 11 - 25 which operates in the school holidays. The club is open 4 days a week Monday to Thursday from 8.30 am - 5.45pm and is based at Hounslow Youth Centre, Kingsley Road and offer a wide variety of activities including cookery, arts and crafts, use of sensory rooms, etc. Hounslow Extra Club is a voluntary organization led by parents of young people with disabilities who act as trustees. We only charge £20 per day, which nowhere near covers our costs because we work hard with our fundraising. Salaries are our greatest expense as we need high staffing levels but we also are fortunate to have volunteers to help out.

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the souls of **James Joseph (Jim) Scully RIP** and **Mary Kate Clayton RIP** who passed away recently. Their funerals will take place here on:

JAMES JOSEPH (JIM) SCULLY RIP – Thursday 30th July at 12.00 noon

MARY KATE CLAYTON – Friday 31st July at 11.00 am

Please also keep in your prayers all the family and friends who mourn them.

The Parish Office will be closed 27 July to 31 July as Florie will be away.

Mass intentions and other services this week:

Saturday 25th ST JAMES	11.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation
	11.45	Benediction
	12.00	Rosita and Manuel Lopes in Thanksgiving (25th Wedding Anniversary)
	12.45	Baptisms of Gilbert Aboah, Giovanni Aboah, Marco Antonio Te Plzak and Merola Siann Menezes
	17.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	18.00	James Wates RIP
+ Sunday 26th 17 th Sunday of the Year	09.00	Philomena De Araujo RIP (Anniversary)
	11.00	Eucharistia & Christian Obodoako in Thanksgiving (25th Wedding Anniversary)
	13.00 14.30 18.00	Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Mass led by the African Community People of the Parish
Monday 27th Feria	09.15 09.30	Morning Prayer Colette Beirne (70th Birthday Intention)
Tuesday 28th Feria	09.15 09.30	Morning Prayer For the intentions of parishioners, relatives and friends from Carmella De Souza
	10.00	<i>Novena to Our Lady</i>
Wednesday 29th St Martha	09.15 09.30	Morning Prayer Celebrant's Intention
Thursday 30th Feria	09.15 09.30 12.00	Morning Prayer Joan Terry RIP FUNERAL MASS – JAMES JOSEPH (JIM) SCULLY RIP
Friday 31st St Ignatius of Loyola	09.15 09.30 11.00	Morning Prayer Teresita Logarta in Thanksgiving FUNERAL SERVICE – MARY KATE CLAYTON RIP
	11.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation
	11.45 12.00 17.00 18.00	Benediction Ian Webb in Thanksgiving Sacrament of Reconciliation People of the Parish
Saturday 1st St Alphonsus Liguori	11.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation
	11.45	Benediction
	12.00	Ian Webb in Thanksgiving
	17.00 18.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation People of the Parish
+ Sunday 2nd 18 th Sunday of the Year	09.00	Peter Laho RIP
	11.00	Joel Abanes RIP
	13.00	Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)
	18.00	Harry & Philomena Booker RIP

Sanctuary Lamp: Kurt Kosin RIP

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

18th/19th July: Envelopes: £659.32 Loose: £529.81 Standing Orders: £488.25 Total: £1,677.38

PARISH CENTRE UPDATE: MONEY BANKED AS AT 21/7/2015 – £35,344.86

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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