

# This week at St Lawrence's



26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> July 2014

17<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year  
(Missal Page 108 – YEAR A Vol. 2)



1 Kings 3:5, 7-12; Psalm 118; Romans 8:28-30; Matthew 13:44-52  
18<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year (Missal Page 111): Isaiah 55:1-3; Psalm 144; Romans 8@35, 37-39;  
Matthew 14:13-21

*Dear Friends,*

A young French doctor from Nantes made her several proposals of marriage. But no wedding took place. She declined. It was not to be. The girl he wanted so much to marry had her heart set on a life of service to the sick. But that was not to be either. Why? Because she was far too sick herself. She had chronic asthma, frequent chest pains, an aneurism and gastritis, a tumour on the knee (leading to bone decay). Abscesses formed in both ears, causing tinnitus and partial deafness. In this terrible state she died. She was only thirty-five years old, and had been a nun for less than twelve years. Her name: *Sister Marie Bernarde*. We know her today as **Saint Bernadette of Lourdes**.

**Lourdes** is among the greatest places of healing in the world. But 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. Some of our brothers and sisters have been there this week praying for each one of us, and now are just on their way back to London. 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. 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.

The healing ministry of the Church, at Lourdes, or indeed anywhere, even here in St Lawrence, is not a substitute for proper medical treatment; nor is it an alternative to the National Health Service. True 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 the love of God 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. It is a faith that can praise God even in a situation that appears to mock the very notion that God is a caring, loving, merciful, Father. This kind of faith confounds the '*wisdom of the world*'; a fake wisdom, 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. It is a moral miracle. And this is the healing that I need, that you need. A deep, inner healing. We pray for inner healing, the only healing Bernadette knew; a grace that come through the primary sacrament of healing in the Church – the Eucharist, the Holy Mass. May God bless you all.

*Fr Fortunato*

## SACRAMENTS

### BAPTISMS

We extend a warm welcome to Miles Ashton Cayetano, Khloe Jade Blythe, Tasana Payne and Juan-Carlos Garcia-Vershay 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

### FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE MORNING

There will be the usual First Friday Coffee Morning after the 9.30am Mass on **1<sup>st</sup> August**. The early bird Mass will take place at 06.45am.

### PASTORAL CARE

If you know of someone (a neighbour, a friend, a member of your family) who is unwell at home or in hospital or unable to get to Church any longer, and if you think they would value a visit from one of the Priests or Sisters, please let Florie in the Parish Office know. They may be out of sight but they shouldn't be out of mind.

### 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  
The Prayer Group will be taking a break for the summer during the month of August.

### 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.

### 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.

## OTHER

### DAY FOR LIFE

July 27<sup>th</sup> is the day in the Church's year dedicated to celebrating the dignity of life – will this year call upon young people in particular to protect and cherish life from conception to natural death. [www.dayforlife.org](http://www.dayforlife.org).

#### DAY FOR LIFE PRAYER

*Holy Mary, Mother of Love,  
holding in your arms, the fruits of your womb,  
graciously look upon our earth and remove from it  
all that hardens our hearts and dims our eyes  
to the preciousness of human life,  
from the moment of conception to natural death.  
Through the example of your tenderness  
teach us the ways of compassion and love  
that we may build up the civilisation of love among us  
and a society that is truly worthy of the human person.  
Help us to reject all that contributes to a culture of death,  
and to work with others of goodwill  
in promoting the culture of life.  
Bring us ever closer to your Son,  
so that we may know the fullness of life that he offers us  
and come to know that life more perfectly,  
with you, and all the angels and saints,  
in the eternal life of Heaven. Amen.*

### 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

### 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 26<sup>th</sup></b> Sts 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 and Juan-Carlos Garcia-Vershay, 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>
<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup></b> Feria	09.15	Morning Prayer
	<b>09.30</b>	<b>Valmo Fontana RIP</b>
<b>Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup></b> St Martha	09.15	Morning Prayer
	<b>09.30</b>	<b>Gerry Ward (Intention)</b>
	10.00	Novena to Our Lady
<b>Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup></b> Feria	09.15	Morning Prayer
	<b>09.30</b>	<b>Phyliss Osborne RIP</b>
<b>Thursday 31<sup>st</sup></b> St Ignatius of Loyola	09.15	Morning Prayer
	<b>09.30</b>	<b>Luis Caetano Monteiro RIP (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)</b>
<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup></b> St Alphonsus Ligouri	<b>06.45</b>	<b>Deceased members of the Mwaura Family</b>
	09.15	Morning Prayer
	<b>09.30</b>	<b>Austin Mahon RIP</b>
<b>Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup></b> Feria	11.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	11.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	11.45	Benediction
	<b>12.00</b>	<b>Roy Hussey RIP (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)</b>
	17.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
+ First Mass of Sunday	<b>18.00</b>	<b>Harry &amp; Philomena Booker RIP</b>
<b>+ Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup></b> 18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year	<b>09.00</b>	<b>Holy Souls – Lourenco Family</b>
	<b>11.00</b>	<b>Ian Dias RIP</b>
	<b>13.00</b>	<b>Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)</b>
	<b>18.00</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b>

**Sanctuary Lamp: Michael Matthews RIP**

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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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