

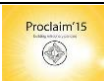
# This week at St Lawrence's



30<sup>th</sup>/31<sup>st</sup> July 2016

**Eighteenth Sunday of the Year  
(Missal Page 117 – YEAR C Vol. 2)**

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23; Psalm 89; Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11; Luke 12:13-21  
Next week: 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year (Missal Page 121): Wisdom 18:6-9; Psalm 32;  
Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19; Luke 12:32-48



## A Reason to Come or to Come Back

As we take a little break from our Sacramental preparation programmes in the parish, it is a good time to reflect on what we do as a Church and why we do it. It is a great privilege to walk with people on their faith journey and we learn so much about our faith from one another.

I hope, like me, you find great joy in welcoming the friends and families of those receiving sacraments to our Church. I expect many people, who for whatever reason have become disconnected not just from the Church but also from God, hunger for the Eucharist as they attend a First Holy Communion celebration. This hunger is one of many reasons people come back to the Catholic Church. This hunger to reconnect with Jesus Christ through the Church might also happen at a baptism, wedding or funeral.

We live in a world of constant change as is evident all around us; you can't have failed to notice how fast the political and economic world is changing. And in this world of change the message of Jesus remains constant offering those who will hear it meaning to life and a beacon of hope in a troubled world. Coming to Church or coming back to church might involve some pain and heartache, it might involve some letting go and moving on. Hopefully it will also involve some laughter and a sense of belonging. Coming back to Church is not so much an event as a process that might take weeks, months or even years.

Many people long to recapture the simple faith of childhood, the faith they learned about in their First Holy Communion or Confirmation preparation. It is easy to lose sight of the simple truths we learn as children, that God made us because **he loves us**, he died on the cross because **he loves us**, he becomes present on the altar every time we celebrate Mass because **he loves us**, and he wants us to share eternal life with him because **he loves us**. We are indeed made by God and for God and all we do should be for the **Glory of God**.

Wishing you all a joyful and safe summer time

**Bridget**

## SACRAMENTS

### BAPTISM

We offer a warm welcome to Connor James Bundy who will be baptised this weekend and extend our warmest congratulations to his family.

### CONFIRMATION

If you missed the Confirmation enrolment dates earlier this month, there will be another opportunity in September. You must be in Year 9 or above in September 2016, live in the parish of St Lawrence and attend weekly Sunday Mass here. Please come to the Church on **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September – 3.45-5.00pm** to complete an application form and meet with Bridget.

### CONFIRMATION THANKSGIVING MASS

The Confirmation Thanksgiving Mass will take place on **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September at 6.00pm**. Your Confirmation Certificates will be presented at the end of Mass followed by refreshments.

## PARISH NOTICES

### EARLY BIRD MASS AND CAFOD COFFEE MORNING

The First Friday Early Bird Mass will take place on **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> August at 6.45am**. The CAFOD Coffee morning takes place after the 9.30am Mass.

### CAKE SALE

Denise will be having a cake sale after the 9am and 11am Masses **next Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August**.

### A LITTLE APPEAL FROM FR CHRIS

Any men in the parish who might be able to assist at funerals, setting up and serving. This might suit those who are retired, or otherwise have time on their hands. Please speak to Fr Chris if you are interested.

### ST LAWRENCE 2016 PILGRIMAGE TO ROME – FINAL REMINDER

A reminder to all those booked to go to Rome in October. The final balance must be received by Pax Travel at the latest by the **10<sup>th</sup> August 2016**. Pax will not be sending them a reminder. Please note that Pax Travel have moved and their new address is: **Pax Travel Ltd**, Second Floor, 102 Blundell Street, London, N7 9BL Tel: 0207 485 3003 | Fax: 0207 485 3006

### APPEAL FOR CLEANERS

Ann Smith is appealing to anyone, male or female, who has an hour to spare to help with cleaning the Church, especially during the holiday period. The cleaning is done on a Wednesday after the 9.30am Mass.

### CELEBRATION BRICKS

'Celebration Bricks' can celebrate a birth, marriage, life of a dear one, an achievement, a blessing or simply YOU or your family leaving a legacy of your connection with this community. There are two options available:

*Option 1 – single brick, two lines per brick – 16 characters per line – £50.00 a brick.*  
*Option 2 – double brick, four lines per brick – 16 characters per line – £100.00 a brick.*  
See samples of the brick tile at the back of Church. Pink leaflets with detailed information including an order form are available at the back of Church. So far we have raised just over £2,500.00. We hope to put in the first order the week commencing 8<sup>th</sup> August. If you are thinking of buying a brick and would like to be in the first batch of orders please hand in your application by 7<sup>th</sup> August.

*We welcome back all our pilgrims from World Youth Day and Lourdes who get back this weekend. We trust they had a prayerful, spiritual and an enjoyable time.*

## REST IN PEACE

### TERESA GIBSON NEE BATTEN RIP (ALSO KNOWN AS TESS)

We pray for the repose of the soul of Teresa Gibson nee Batten RIP who died recently. Please keep in your prayers her husband and all who mourn her. Her funeral will take place on **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> August at 4pm** at Hanworth Crematorium, Ogden Chapel.

### \*\*\*\* A BIG ANNOUNCEMENT! \*\*\*\*

Everyone is invited to the Solemn Blessing and Grand Opening of our new Parish Centre by Cardinal Cormac Murphy O'Connor on **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September** at 12noon, starting with a Mass of Thanksgiving in Church and then the ceremony and a reception. Put this date in your diary today.

## OTHER

### AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED - 10K SPONSORSHIP

If you haven't already done so, please drop in your sponsorship monies asap to the parish office - envelopes for this are on the porch table, along with race photos. *Helen McIldowie-Jenkins*

### AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED (UK) –

the Catholic charity which supports Christians who are persecuted, oppressed or in pastoral need – is seeking a new **Press & Digital Media Officer**. Based in Sutton, the post's primary role involves producing high-quality written work for both print and online. For a full job description and to apply please visit our website <http://www.acnuk.org/jobs-and-volunteering>. **Closing date:** Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2016. **Interviews:** Friday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2016.

### MASS FOR WORKERS AND VOLUNTEERS

As part of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, His Eminence the Cardinal Vincent Nichols will be celebrating a Mass for Workers and Volunteers on **Saturday 10 September** at 2.00pm at Westminster Cathedral. Everyone is welcome and the mass will be signed for those with hearing difficulties. See notice board for further details.

### A SPECIAL KIND OF RETREAT...

A Foyer de Charité Retreat will be held at St. Joseph's, Ashurst, in the New Forest near Southampton, from **Sunday 2 Oct. (6pm) – Saturday 8 Oct. (2pm)**. The theme is **God's Plan for the Fullness of Time**, and the preacher will be Mgr. Keith Barltrop, with help from Foyer members and past retreatants. Foyer retreats are held mainly in silence, with three talks a day, and offer a holistic way of deepening our faith in the Church's teaching and our life in Christ. The Foyers are communities of consecrated lay people living with a priest in order to help others grow closer to Christ and live the Catholic faith more fully. For further information or to book a place, contact Mgr. Barltrop: [keithbarltrop@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:keithbarltrop@rcdow.org.uk); 07879 953953; St. Mary of the Angels, Moorhouse Road, Bayswater, London W2

### FELTHAM COMMUNITY CHAPLAINCY TRUST (FCCT)

are looking for volunteers to mentor young imprisoned men. It is possible for this ministry to fit in with your existing commitments. No experience is required, just a passion for Christ and his teachings. Full training is provided. Contact FCCT directly for more information on 020 8844 5585 or [ccfeltham@hmprgsi.gov.uk](mailto:ccfeltham@hmprgsi.gov.uk)

### A NEW WAY TO SUPPORT THE PARISH

**Text Giving through your mobile phone! Safe, Easy, Anytime –  
No Sign-up or Follow-up  
Text to: 70800 PARISH FELTHAM**

**Perfect for visitors, those who carry no cash and those who give "Loose Coins",  
or parishioners who just want to add an offering.  
(new leaflets available at the back of Church)**

## Mass intentions and other services this week:

<b>Saturday 30<sup>th</sup></b> Feria	11.00 11.00 -11.30 11.45 12.00 15.00 17.00 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation Benediction <b>Ahonli Family in Thanksgiving</b> Baptism of Connor James Bundy Sacrament of Reconciliation <b>People of the Parish</b>
<b>+ Sunday 31<sup>st</sup></b> Eighteenth Sunday of the Year	09.00 11.00 13.00 18.00	<b>Kevin Laporte RIP</b> <b>Michael Doherty (Sick)</b> <b>Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)</b> <b>Ian Webb (Birthday Thanksgiving)</b>
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup></b> St Alphonsus Ligouri	09.15 09.30	Morning Prayer <b>Philomena and Harry Booker RIP</b>
<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup></b> Feria	09.15 09.30 10.00	Morning Prayer <b>Sr Mary Gorman (Intention)</b> Novena to Our Lady
<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup></b> Feria	09.15 09.30	Morning Prayer <b>Celebrant's Intention</b>
<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup></b> St John Vianney	09.15 09.30	Morning Prayer <b>Macito Fernandes RIP</b>
<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup></b> Feria	06.45 09.15 09.30	<b>Maura Norris RIP</b> Morning Prayer <b>Gregory Coutinho &amp; Alleluia D'Souza RIP</b>
<b>Saturday 6<sup>th</sup></b> TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD	11.00 11.00 -11.30 11.45 12.00 12.45 15.45 17.00 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation Benediction <b>Helen &amp; Victor Dejean in Thanksgiving</b> Baptism of Storm Young Marriage of Victor Dejean and Helen McIldowie-Jenkins Sacrament of Reconciliation <b>Harry Haldane RIP</b>
<b>+ Sunday 7<sup>th</sup></b> Nineteenth Sunday of the Year	09.00 11.00 13.00 18.00	<b>Edmund Nangle RIP</b> <b>For the deceased members of the Vipers Family</b> <b>Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)</b> <b>People of the Parish</b>

### Sanctuary Lamp: World Peace

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

Envelopes £959.05 Loose £897.27 = Total £1856.32

**PARISH CENTRE UPDATE: MONEY BANKED AS AT 19/7/2016 – £79,685.93 (Update Next Week)**

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**Parish Priest:** Fr Chris Vipers

**Parish Sisters:** Sr. Katherine O'Reilly, Sr. Nora Gorman, Sr. Mary O'Malley

**Pastoral Assistant:** Bridget Brinkley

**Parish Secretary:** Florie Fernandes

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