



# St Lawrence Catholic Church

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**Pentecost Sunday**

**3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

**Readings: Parish Mass Book Year A, Volume 1:** (Missal Page: 288): Acts 2:1-11; Psalm 103; 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13; John 20:19-23

**Next Week: – Most Holy Trinity - Parish Mass Book Year A, Volume 2:** Page 83: Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9; Daniel 3;

2 Corinthians 13:11-13; John 3:16-18



## Come Holy Spirit fill the hearts of your people

Our spirit is our most precious possession.  
It is our greatest source of energy.  
However, while it can be very strong,  
it can also be very brittle.  
It can be an oak unmoved in a storm,  
or a frail reed swaying in the wind.  
It can be a piece of granite or a piece of china.  
What is it that enables the spirit to soar,  
and what is it that causes it to sink?  
Sadness weights it down; joy lifts it up.  
Criticism erodes it; praise builds it up.  
Failure shrinks it; success enlarges it.  
Despair causes it to wilt; hope breathes new life into it.  
Rejection wounds it; acceptance heals it.  
Hatred poisons it; love purifies it.  
Fear cripples it; solitude calms it; prayer strengthens it.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us.

Congratulations to all our young people who were Confirmed this weekend. May the Holy Spirit enlighten their minds and open their hearts and kindle in them the fire of your love.

**FR. JOHN**

## PARISH NOTICES

### UCM

The UCM will meet on Monday **5<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm** in the Parish Hall for Mass for all UCM members. It will be followed by refreshments.

### THE WHY COURSE.

The last session will be on Monday **12<sup>th</sup> June** at 7pm in the Parish Centre.

### CONFIRMATION

The Confirmation Thanksgiving Mass and presentation of Certificates will take place on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July at the 6pm Mass.

### PARISH BBQ

The annual parish BBQ will take place on **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July** after the 6pm Mass. Tickets on sale in the repository after Mass. Adults - £6.00, Children under 11 - £3.00.

### A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

The installation of the icon of St Lawrence will take place on **Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> July at the 12 noon Mass**, followed by lunch in the Parish Centre. The Icon is a gift to the Parish in thanksgiving from Helen Dejean. Fr. Chris will join us for the celebration and will bless the Icon. To help us celebrate this day we are arranging a Flower Festival and Art Competition.

### ART COMPETITION

Details of the Art Competition are now available on the table in the porch. Please speak to Bridget if you need further information.

### HEALTH & SAFETY – EVACUATION DRILL

Each year an audit is carried out on the Health & Safety aspects of the Church by Precision, a company appointed by the Diocese. These inspections have highlighted the lack of an Evacuation procedure and it was through these visits that Fr Chris and now Fr John have asked for assistance in forming an Evacuation Policy. Each Mass, Saturday 6pm, Sunday 9am, 11am, 1pm and 6pm together with the African and Filipino Masses will have their own Evacuation Teams. A meeting will be held on **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June** at 7.30pm to discuss the Evacuation Policy and the formation of teams. A representative from Precision will be in attendance. We will need many volunteers and I would be grateful if you could attend the meeting. As a reminder, the safety and wellbeing of Parishioners here at St Lawrence's is our collective responsibility, but ultimately the responsibility of our Parish Priest.

Next weekend, 10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> June, John Butcher will be giving a short talk at all Masses.

### A MESSAGE FROM ST LAWRENCE SCHOOL

As many of you are aware, Mr Rory McCormack is retiring as headmaster of St Lawrence school in July. We are hosting a summer BBQ to celebrate his retirement and we wish to invite all pupils, ex pupils, their families and the church congregation. All are welcome.

The summer BBQ is on **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July** in the school playground from 6.30 pm onwards.

### AN URGENT APPEAL FROM ST LAWRENCE SCHOOL

The School has been unsuccessful in obtaining funds for Drainage and Resurfacing Works for the second year running. The car park surface and walkway between the two buildings has deteriorated and the surfaces have very large potholes now and they are concerned that parishioners may fall and hurt themselves. The School Facilities Committee are appealing to any Parishioners that may be able to help them by filling in the potholes with either concrete or tarmac, thus enabling them to keep the walkway and car park open for the use of Parishioners on a Saturday and Sunday. If the potholes do deteriorate any further they may consider closing the car park at weekends.

### HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE GET TOGETHER

A reminder to all pilgrims who went to the Holy Land last month that there will be a get together in the Parish Centre after the 6pm Mass on **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June**.

## OTHER

### RETREAT AND HEALING SERVICE

Dr Jayanand, an international and inspirational preacher for over 30 years will be holding a retreat with prayer and healing over 3 days at St Lawrence's from **8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> June**. On 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> June from 5pm to 8pm and on 10<sup>th</sup> June after the 6pm Mass. We are fortunate to have him here for 3 days enabling as many people to come for one day, two or all three days. Please see flyer on notice board for further details or contact George Fernandes.

### CELEBRATE TWICKENHAM

**17-18 June 2017** at St Mary's University, Twickenham. For more details please visit [www.celebrateconference.org](http://www.celebrateconference.org) or call 07778 12427/07717 473160 or email [Twickenham@celebrateconference.org](mailto:Twickenham@celebrateconference.org)

### A FESTIVAL OF HOPE – SPIRIT IN THE CITY

At Leicester Square from **9-10 June**. Theatre, music, workshops, prayer, talk. Please see poster or take a leaflet at the back of Church.

[www.spiritinthecity.org](http://www.spiritinthecity.org) or email: [info@spiritinthecity.org](mailto:info@spiritinthecity.org) or call 020 7440 2663.

### ST JOHN BOSCO SUMMER CAMP

Boys Camp 8-13 years old (Week 1: 22-29 July; Week 2: 29 July - 5 August); Girls Camp 9-12 years old – 5-23 August. Cost: £145. This is a camping holiday with a range of activities. See poster on notice board or visit the website [www.svpboscocamp.org.uk](http://www.svpboscocamp.org.uk)

### MESSAGE FROM THE CAFOD GROUP

Pope Francis reminds us that we have a shared responsibility for others and the world, and calls us to join a new dialogue about the future. Britain has a proud record in looking outwards, and in working with others to tackle climate change and poverty. This election, CAFOD is asking you to stand up for the common good, and to encourage your candidates to do the same. Find out more and email your candidates at [cafod.org.uk/election](http://cafod.org.uk/election)

### CARITAS

This week **1<sup>st</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> June** is National Volunteers Week. Why not use your gifts and talents to volunteer? To register for a free Caritas Volunteer Service account visit [www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/volunteer](http://www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/volunteer), and find the right volunteering role for you!

## REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the souls of **Geraldine Ward (Gerry) RIP** who died recently. Please also keep in your prayers her families, friends and all who mourn them.

**Geraldine Ward (Gerry) RIP** – Requiem Mass here on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June** at 2.30pm.

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

27-28 May: Envelopes £774.03; Loose: £758.84

Standing Orders: £628.00 **Total: £2,160.87**

Parish Centre Building Fund: £163.85

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup>	11.00-11.30 11.45 12.00 13.00  15.00 17.00 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation Benediction Jazzlyn Fernandes (Birthday Intention) Baptism of Brooke Rose Sheridan Christopher-Moore SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION Sacrament of Reconciliation SACRAMENT CONFIRMATION
Sun 4 <sup>th</sup>	09.00 11.00  13.00 18.00	Kathleen Williams RIP (Anniversary) Deceased members of the Fernandes & Dias Families RIP Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Bette Griffiths RIP
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup>	09.30 14.30	Alfred & Aida Simoes RIP REQUIEM MASS – GERRY WARD RIP
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup>	09.30	Albert Fowles RIP (Anniversary)
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup>	09.30	Sr Mary Horgan (Intention)
Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup>	09.30 17.00	Mr & Mrs Gregorio Fernandes in Thanksgiving Retreat & Healing Service
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup>	09.30 17.00	Valentino Dias RIP (First Anniversary) Retreat and Healing Service
Sat 10 <sup>th</sup>	11.00-11.30 11.45 12.00 12.45  14.15  17.00 18.00 19.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation Benediction Justa Araujo e Fernandes RIP Baptisms of Oriana Cieslik, Lucas Monteiro Ferreira, Valentina Stefankova and Noah Sivert FIRST HOLY COMMUNION – POLISH COMMUNITY No Sacrament of Reconciliation The intentions of the Power Family Retreat & Healing Service
Sun 11 <sup>th</sup>	09.00 11.00 13.00 18.00	Leon Wasilewski RIP Christopher Maple in Thanksgiving Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Starina D'Souza RIP
Sanctuary Lamp: Paula, Bradley & Ryan (Intentions)		

**Sunday Mass: 6pm (Vigil Mass), Sunday 9am, 11am, 1pm (Polish) & 6pm. Weekday Mass: Monday-Friday 9.30am; Saturday 12noon Morning Prayer: Monday-Friday 9.15am, Novena to Our Lady: Tuesdays 10am, Exposition and Benediction: Saturdays 11am, Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) – Saturday 11am and 5pm**