

This week at St Lawrence's



7th/8th March 2015

Third Sunday of Lent
(Missal Page 154- YEAR B Vol. 1)



Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 18; 1 Corinthians 1:22-25; John 2:13-25
Fourth Sunday of Lent (Missal Page 162): 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23, Psalm 136;
Ephesians 2:4-10; John 3:14-21

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

"You need not fear the scourge that wreaks havoc at noon." Do you know these words from Psalm 90? Are there things that *"wreak havoc"* or cause turmoil, or bring chaos, in your life at noon, or at any other time? **"You need not fear!"** These words, assuring us of God's protection, have given strength and courage to many people as they faced the fears and terrors, that at times threatened to completely overwhelm their life. What is your experience? Have these words rescued you? And what precisely is the *"scourge that wreaks havoc at noon?"* What is this noon day devil? Whatever it might be, we know that when the devil attacks us he robs us of all spiritual peace. Prayer becomes dry and a slog. The Word of God is heavy. All religious exercises and duties just turn us off. We no longer feel any attraction to the things of God; doubts invade us; cynical thoughts multiply. And temptations, especially temptations of flesh, are given into with *gusto!* The devil attacks us when we are at our weakest and most tired, which for some of us is called Lent! When he attacks, do not panic. Keep calm. Do not get *'agitato!'*

Why? Because, in front of our habitual fears and sins the Church comes to snatch us from the grip of the devil and leads us into God's embracing and healing love. ***Are you in need of healing love?*** The Church believes that all of us are. Therefore this weekend, as we consider two other of God's priceless gifts: the *Sacrament of Reconciliation* and the *Anointing of the Sick*, let us think what it is that truly needs cleansing in our life. What it is that needs healing. Let us restore and deepen our relationship with God.

These sacraments can help those of us who feel that our sins are too terrible, or too embarrassing to name, or those who feel their sins are so repetitive. The *Sacrament of Reconciliation* can help those of us who find going to confession very difficult. They can help those who may have had a bad experience of confession in the past. **"You need not fear!"** We can put all these fears aside and together rejoice and experience God's healing love in the midst of our chaotic life. May God Bless you all!

Fr Fortunato.

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

LENT DAY OF PRAYER - SATURDAY 14th MARCH

(visiting priests for Confession morning and afternoon)

10.30am – 11.45am – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation

11.45am - Benediction

12.00noon – Holy Mass

12.30pm – Stations of the Cross

12.30pm - 2.30pm – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation

Soup lunch will be available in the Parish Centre from 1.00-2.00pm. Proceeds to CAFOD

PARISH NOTICES

UCM

The UCM will meet on **Monday 9th March** at 7.30pm for a *Bring & Buy* sale and we will also enjoy a short "Beetle Drive". Come and enjoy the evening.

REMINDER

Please note that during Lent, there will be Eucharistic Adoration, Monday to Friday at 8.30am and an early bird Mass every Friday at 06.45am.

LENTEN ALMS

While a growing number of parishes are now running projects designed to give practical help to the poor, the hungry, the homeless, the lonely and the vulnerable in our diocese, many more would like to get involved but need help to get started. To assist with this the Diocese of Westminster has set up Caritas – which supports parishes in three ways:

- Initiating new projects
- Providing "seed" funding to get projects started in parishes
- Building expertise and skills within parishes

Caritas is a charity and this work is only possible if it receives donations, which is why parishioners in every parish in our diocese are being asked to consider making a Lenten Alms contribution to Caritas this year. You can get more information about Caritas (and make an online donation) at www.rcdow.org.uk/caritas. A collection for Caritas will be taken up at the 8pm Mass on Holy Thursday.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS TRAINING DAY

A training day for Eucharistic Ministers has been organised for **Saturday 21st March** starting with Mass at 12.00noon, followed by a *bring and share* lunch. The Training will follow and take place between the Parish Centre and the Church with a finish time of 4pm. All Eucharistic Ministers are required to attend. If you are unable to attend please let Fr Chris know so that we can see you at another time.

CALLING ALL READERS

New Readers Rotas are available in the church porch.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

For all parishioners on the Planned Giving Scheme who give to the parish each week using the envelopes your new boxes are available for collection in the side aisle of the Church.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Fr Gerry will be celebrating his 80th birthday on Saturday 18th April with a special Mass here at 12 noon, followed by a big party in St Lawrence's School. Details of how we can help prepare for this celebration will follow shortly.

PARISH CENTRE BUILDING FUND UPDATE

Our Target **£250,000.00**

No. of pledges as at 3/3/15: 122 Total amount pledged as at 3/3/15: £54,318.16
Total amount banked as at 3/3/15: £23,046.36

PILGRIMAGES 2015

LOURDES 2015

Once again we will be travelling by coach to join the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, **25th July to 2nd August**. On the way to Lourdes we will be visiting the shrine of St Martin of Tours and on the return journey we will be stopping in Rocamadour and St Bernadette's shrine in Nevers. Price £699 per person plus insurance. Single supplement £186. Price includes full board whilst in Lourdes and half board at stops on route. **If you have not returned your forms please do so as soon as possible to guarantee a place on the coach.**

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

Booking forms are available for the 5th diocesan pilgrimage to the Holy Land. **3rd-11th November 2015**. Price £1495 per person sharing. £275 single supplement. Full board. Contact Gerald Daly 020 7798 9173; geralddaly@rcdow.org.uk

OTHER

SPEC

SPEC is part of Westminster Youth Ministry. Each Year a number of young adults (aged 18-25) join the resident community for a year as volunteer missionaries helping the community in its primary mission of retreat ministry for children and young people in the parishes and schools of the Diocese of Westminster. Perhaps this is the ideal opportunity for you – or someone you know – to combine a year of service with a year of formation in faith in a supportive Catholic community. More details are available at <http://dowym.com/spec/>; email: spec@rcdow.org.uk; phone 020 3757 2500; facebook: speccentre; twitter: @SPEC_Community.

AMAZING GRACE

Notre Dame de France Church, Leicester Square, welcomes Saltmine Theatre's production of AMAZING GRACE - a play in two parts, for its London premiere, on **Tuesday 10th March 2015** at 7.30 pm. Amazing Grace tells the inspiring story of John Newton: from slave ship captain to church leader and author of the famous hymn. A powerfully moving performance about slavery, freedom and the remarkable power of love and grace to transform a life. An evening not to be missed! Tickets: £10.00-£12.00* book online: www.bit.ly/aagtickets or T: 020 7440 2663, email: info@spiritinthecity.org

FAMILIAS 2015

The Familias 2015 event is to be hosted at Vaughan House on the **19th March**, in conjunction with **Papyrus**, the national charity which aims to spread awareness of the problem of young suicide and work towards preventing it. Please see flyer on notice board and booking forms at the back of the church, if you wish to go

CHISWICK BAROQUE PRESENTS "MUSIC AND SILENCE"

at **St. Vincent de Paul Church**, 2 Witham Road, Isleworth TW7 4AJ. **Thursday 19 March** at 8.00 pm. An hour and a quarter of musical meditation where music arises out of and falls back into silence, providing a space for personal reflection. Contemplative music for five unaccompanied voices including works by Bach, Bruckner Byrd, Lassus, Schutz, Tallis, Tchaikovsky, Vaughan Williams, Victoria, and Harper. To be followed by light refreshments. Donation: £6 in aid of Nursery Project, Turkana Kenya.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

There is a healing weekend for people who find themselves single again following divorce, separation or the death of a partner from **20th to 22nd March 2015** at the Emmaus Centre, West Wickham, Kent. For more information please ring Freda on 01322-401243 or Sandra on 01293-783965.

NURSERY SCHOOL FORM SIGNING

Fr Chris will be available to sign Nursery School Forms on the following Tuesdays from 3.45pm to 5.00pm: **March 17th, 24th, April 21st, 28th**. Please come with your child and wait in Church and bring all the necessary paperwork with you.

Mass intentions and other services this week:

Saturday 7th Lent Feria	10.45	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation
	11.45	Benediction
	12.00	Sr Theresa Whooley (Intention)
	12.30	Stations of the Cross
	17.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
+ First Mass of Sunday	18.00	Peter Ward, John & Bridie Kehoe RIP
+ Sunday 8th Third Sunday of Lent	09.00	Special Intention
	11.00	Mary Lucey RIP
	13.00 18.00	Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) People of the Parish
Monday 9th Lent Feria	08.30	Eucharistic Adoration
	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Patrick Adebowale Badejo and Family (Intentions)
Tuesday 10th Lent Feria	08.30	Eucharistic Adoration
	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Private Intention
	10.00	Novena to Our Lady
Wednesday 11th Lent Feria	08.30	Eucharistic Adoration
	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Celebrant's Intention
	19.30	Stations of the Cross in Polish (Droga Krzyzowa)
Thursday 12th Lent Feria	08.30	Eucharistic Adoration
	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Estevam & Clara Monteiro RIP (Anniversary)
Friday 13th Lent Feria	06.45	Bartholomew Fernandes RIP
	08.30	Eucharistic Adoration
	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30 10.00	Colin Shrubbs RIP Stations of the Cross
Saturday 14th Lent Feria	10.30	LENT DAY OF PRAYER Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation
	11.45	Benediction
	12.00	Mary O'Connor and Family (Intentions)
	12.30	Stations of the Cross
	12.30 -14.30	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation
	17.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	+ First Mass of Sunday	18.00
+ Sunday 15th Fourth Sunday of Lent	09.00	People of the Parish
	11.00	Christine & Michael Bigley RIP
	13.00	Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)
	MOTHERING SUNDAY 18.00	Joseph Pereira

Sanctuary Lamp: Joseph Danladi (Intention)

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

28th February/1st March: Envelopes £978.00 Loose £874.15 Standing Orders £480.92 Total: £2333.07
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