

This week at St Lawrence's



14th/15th March 2015

Happy
Mother's Day



Fourth Sunday of Lent
(Missal Page 162– YEAR B Vol. 1)

2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23, Psalm 136; Ephesians 2:4-10; John 3:14-21
Fifth Sunday of Lent (Missal Page 169): Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 50;
Hebrews 5:7-9; John 12:20-30

Dear Friends

This weekend's celebration of Mothering Sunday will be bitter sweet for some. As we thank God for their love many of us miss them madly – while many others are pulling out all the stops, with cards, flowers, chocolates (even in Lent!) and a slap-up meal. So we should. A Mother's vocation is blest and beautiful, challenging and exhausting, but you would have it no other way. Thank God for you.

It is Vocation that we celebrate today, and in our exploration of the Seven Sacraments we focus on the two great Sacraments of Commitment, Covenant and Consecration – Marriage and Ordination. At the heart of both sacraments and both ceremonies are the simple words, "I do". They are easily said but they carry an enormous meaning and it takes a lifetime to live them out. They are, in fact, the total giving of our self to another, to love and to cherish, to honour and uphold, "...all that I am I give to you and all that I have I share with you". Whatever our vocation in life – married, single, ordained, consecrated – that vocation invites us to learn to live to love. That's the meaning of our Christian life. Further, as we live out our vocation we can be, in fact we already are, role models for the next generation. When our children and young people see happy and stable relationships it inspires and enables them to think positively about life-long relationships and commitment. When they see joyful and fulfilled priests and religious it can help them hear God's call in their own lives. When they see a Catholic life well lived, compassionate, merciful, holy and humble, they can aspire to live the same. We will never fully know the inference we have on another. Just be content to say or sing, "Here I am, Lord".

With all my love and prayers for you in your vocation.

Fr Chris

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

A DAY WITH MARY

On **Saturday 28th March** St Lawrence's will be hosting "A Day with Mary" – a day of instruction, devotion and intercession based on the message given at Fatima in 1917. The day starts at 9.30am with a video presentation in the School Hall; 10.45am Procession of Our Lady, Angelus, Crowning, Sung Litany, Mass; 12.30 Lunch; 1.30pm Exposition & Procession of the Blessed Sacrament, recitation of the Joyful and Luminous Mysteries, sermon, silent Adoration, meditations on the Passion; 3.35pm Tea break; 4.15pm sermon, recitation of the Glorious mysteries, Act of Consecration, Benediction and enrolments finishing at 5.30pm. There will be confessions and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament during the day. Please bring a packed lunch.

PARISH NOTICES

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

There will be Parish Pastoral Council meeting this **coming Tuesday, 17th at 7.30pm**. If you have any matters to raise with the Parish Pastoral Council please deliver them to the Presbytery by 12 noon on Tuesday.

LENTEN ALMS

Caritas has been created to help parishes to set up and run projects designed to give practical help to the poor, the hungry, the homeless, the lonely and the vulnerable in our diocese. But its 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.

MISSIO COLLECTORS

Please collect your magazines from the back of Church.

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. If anyone would like to join the Planned Giving Scheme using envelopes or standing order for your weekly offertory contribution please contact the Parish Office.

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 10/3/15: 122
Total amount pledged as at 10/3/15: £54,318.16
Total amount banked as at 10/3/15: £24,028.75

PILGRIMAGES 2015

LOURDES 2015

All spaces have now been filled. If you had expressed interest but had not yet collected or returned a form unfortunately you have missed out this year. Those who have paid in their deposits you should have received your confirmation and receipt.

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

MARY'S MEALS

We have received a letter thanking the parish for their generous support to their appeal last week. They say, "I am delighted to say that the parish managed to give 1000kg of unwanted clothes; there were also donations of £388.21 giving a **total contribution of £888.21** which is a very good result. The amount raised will feed 72 children who will not only get fed one good, nutritious meal every school day for a whole year, but will get an education too. Please let the parish know how grateful Mary's Meals is for its support".

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.

CLASSICAL CONCERT IN AID OF CARITAS WESTMINSTER,

8pm Wednesday 25th March at SS Anselm & Cecilia, Kingsway, WC2.

Rarely performed Psalm 51 by Bach (based on the famous 'Stabat Mater' by Pergolesi) will be played by the Venice Chamber Orchestra: L'OFFERTA MUSICALE, conducted by Riccardo Parravicini, with soprano Miranda Heldt and contralto Elena Traversi as soloists. Tickets £10 in advance at www.bit.ly/Bach51

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.

REST IN PEACE

PATRICIA KING RIP

We pray for the repose of the soul of **Patricia King RIP** who passed away recently. Her funeral will take place here on **Monday 23rd March** at 11.30am. Please keep in your prayers all the family that mourn her.

Mass intentions and other services this week:

Saturday 14th Lent Feria	10.30 11.45 12.00 12.30 12.30 - 14.30 17.00 18.00	LENT DAY OF PRAYER Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation Benediction Mary O'Connor and Family (Intentions) Stations of the Cross Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation Sacrament of Reconciliation Victor Frost RIP (Anniversary)
+ Sunday 15th Fourth Sunday of Lent MOTHERING SUNDAY	09.00 11.00 13.00 18.00	People of the Parish Christine & Michael Bigley RIP Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Joseph Pereira
Monday 16th Lent Feria	08.30 09.15 09.30	Eucharistic Adoration Morning Prayer Margaret Harries RIP (Third Anniversary)
Tuesday 17th ST PATRICK	08.30 09.15 09.30 10.00	Eucharistic Adoration Morning Prayer Maria Alves RIP Novena to Our Lady
Wednesday 18th Lent Feria	08.30 09.15 09.30 19.30	Eucharistic Adoration Morning Prayer David O'Connor RIP Stations of the Cross in Polish (Droga Krzyżowa)
Thursday 19th ST JOSEPH	08.30 09.15 09.30	Eucharistic Adoration Morning Prayer Celebrant's Intention
Friday 20th Lent Feria	06.45 08.30 09.15 09.30 10.00	Cina Rodrigues in Thanksgiving Eucharistic Adoration Morning Prayer Conceicao Fernandes (Birthday Intention) Stations of the Cross
Saturday 21st Lent Feria	11.00 11.45 12.00 12.30 17.00 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation Benediction Eily O'Connor RIP Stations of the Cross Sacrament of Reconciliation Intentions of the Lock Family
+ Sunday 22nd Fifth Sunday of Lent	09.00 11.00 13.00 14.30 18.00	People of the Parish Bernard and May Early RIP Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Mass led by the African Community Harry and Philomena Booker RIP

Sanctuary Lamp: Joseph Danladi (Intention)

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

7th/8th March: Envelopes £1034.62 Loose £944.67 Standing Orders £488.25 Total: £2467.54
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