

This week at St Lawrence's



23rd/24th May 2015



PENTECOST SUNDAY
(Missal Page 286– YEAR B Vol. 1)

Acts 2:1-11; Psalm 103; 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13; John 20:19-23
THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (Year B Vol. 2 Missal Page 83): Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40;
Psalm 32; Romans 8:14-17; Matthew 28:16-20

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This week is the great feast of Pentecost. The readings tell us that on Pentecost day the disciples heard a strong driving wind, saw tongues of flames, and then received amazing gifts of the Spirit, enabling them to proclaim and witness. But, I ask to myself, why? Why did they have to receive the Spirit to do that? The answer I found is this: because they were poor men, like you, like me; they'd been casting their nets in the lake or collecting taxes at the gates of the city. We may remember that amongst them all there was not even a learned man, and the one whom they called Master was dead and buried in a tomb. But then he was raised from the dead and ascended into heaven from where now he directs operation more fully and completely by sending forth his powerful Spirit. And the Spirit will empower and encourage his followers.

YES, they will be fortified, because they had a heart in their breast, like you, like me, gripped by a fear cold as ice, eyes that were dry, unable to cry anymore and faces pale with fever. They surely were thinking about their lost friend, about the woman left at the door of the house, about the cross standing at the top of the hill. Then suddenly ... the wind shook the door of the house, it entered wildly into the room, and they had eyes and voices of fire; they rushed out to sing their joy in the street. And today they are telling you and me: *'Man, you who wait hidden in shadow, the voice that is calling is really for you; it brings you joy, it brings you good news: the Kingdom of God has already come!'*

This is what happens at Pentecost. The Church receives spectacular charisms of miracle-working, healing, and the speaking in tongues, and such gifts are given to us for one reason: *the building up of the Body of Christ*; we participate in the reign of Christ whenever we act in accordance with the Holy Spirit. Therefore, today if you feel a breeze from heaven, a wind shaking the doors of your heart, do not be afraid, but listen, it's a voice that is calling you, inviting you to travel afar; and there will be a fire arising in the man who is waiting, in him who cherishes hopes of love. May God bless you all. Pray for me.

Fr Fortunato

SACRAMENTS

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

We offer our warmest congratulations to the following children who will be receiving their First Holy Communion this weekend -

Saturday 23rd May at 12.00noon

Alan Jonathan Sam Pratheepan, Alisha Teresa Baptiste,
Anton-Kartel Davies De Vera, Chimaobi George Osuji,
Ellen Teresa Rainsford, Esha Liyanage, Giorgia Lucia Piletto,
Isaac Fernandes, Joshua Fernandes, Molly Daphne Robins,
Pearse Patrick Bates, Piotr Nowak, Poppy Mia Brady,
Tiffany Anne De Lima, Victorito Clyan Rodriguez,
Princess Zatali Zea Nykila Catherine Small

Saturday 23rd May at 6.00pm

Christopher Cierpich, Henry Willaim Johnson, Marlon Dias,
Shea Nathaniel Bundy, Kian Vicente Godinho

We pray that they will continue to grow in the love of the Lord.

PARISH NOTICES

UCM

The UCM are holding their annual Retreat on **Friday 29th May** commencing with 9.30am in Church. Sr. Katherine and Fr. Chris will both give talks during the day which will end with Benediction at 2.45pm approximately, followed by general discussion. Could each member bring a picture, small statue or symbol of Our Lady to the Retreat. Members and any ladies of the Parish wishing to attend the day, just join in the UCM prayers which will follow the Mass. A charge of £5.00 will be made for the day. Tea and coffee will be provided but please bring your own packed lunch.

PARISH BARBECUE

The Parish Barbecue will take place on **Saturday 20th June** in the Parish Centre, more details to follow shortly. Please mark this date in your diary.

THE LIFE OF CHRIST

On **Tuesday 23rd June** we are hoping to travel to Guildford for the amazing five-hour open air version of the Life of Christ. The performance starts at 10.00am and finishes at 4.00pm, and adult tickets are £18.00. If you would like to go please give your name, contact details and full payment to the Parish Office and we will let you know the travel plans. The closing date for bookings is Thursday 28th May.

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA RECRUITMENT

The Feltham and Cranford Council of the Knights of St Columba will have a Recruitment Drive in this Parish next week. The Knights of St Columba are one of the oldest Catholic organisations for men in this country having been founded in Glasgow in 1919 when conditions for the Catholic Community were very different to what they are now. Members of the KSC will speak at all Masses next Sunday and will be available at the back of the Church after all Masses and would like to speak to any male over the age of 16 who is interested in joining.

St Lawrence's Youth Club will be serving Brunch/Lunch in the Parish Centre after the 9am and 11am Masses.

THANK YOU

Thank you all for your generosity. The following amounts were raised for:

World Communications Day - £122.78

CAFOD - First Friday - £38.30, Table top plant sale - £181, Lent box - £5.59 Donation - £60 (total £284.89 and this amount qualifies for the Government's pound for pound match)

CAFOD Nepal Appeal - £711.66

REST IN PEACE

PENELOPE BROWN RIP

We pray for the repose of the soul of **Penelope Brown RIP** who died during the week. Penelope was the daughter of the late Bruce Brownlie. Funeral arrangements to follow. Please also keep in your prayers all the family and friends who mourn her.

STARINA D'SOUZA RIP

Our deepest sympathy to Jose & Lourdes D'Souza (9am Choir), Eva and Jewela on the death of their daughter and sister Starina who passed away in Goa last week. Please keep them in your prayers at this difficult and sad time.

OTHER

GATHERING FOR YOUTH

There will be a Gathering for the Youth of our Deanery at St Michael and St Martin Church, 94 Bath Road, Hounslow which will be celebrated by our Episcopal Vicar on **Sunday 24th May** (Pentecost Sunday). There will be **Mass at 6pm** followed by an informal gathering in the **Parish Centre** with refreshments.

SPIRIT IN THE CITY FESTIVAL – Celebrating 10 years

The biggest Catholic Faith Celebration in West End Churches in the heart of London **10-13 June 2015**. Come and join us for the four-day celebration of our Catholic faith, including: a Theatre Drama, uplifting presentations, workshops, Eucharistic street processions, prayer, reflections of the theme of Rejoice in Hope. On **Saturday 13th June**, outdoor celebration in Leicester Square with live music on stage, workshops, prayer, reconciliation services and Mass. For detailed programme pick up a leaflet from the back of church or visit www.spiritinthecity.org.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2016

Pope Francis has invited young people from all over the world to join him in Poland next year. Our own diocese are arranging a pilgrimage for this event from **19th – 31st July**. The cost is £750.00, including travel by coach and accommodation, and is open to young people who will be aged 18 or over by 19th July 2016. To indicate your interest in this pilgrimage please print your name and contact number on the list in the Church porch. Get your name in early before the list closes!

FOUNDATION DEGREE IN HEALTHCARE CHAPLAINCY

St Mary's University, Twickenham is recruiting students to begin its successful Foundation Degree in Healthcare chaplaincy. This part time two year course provides Priests, Religious and lay people with a recognised NHS qualification to be appointed as a Roman Catholic Hospital Chaplain. Supported by the Diocese of Westminster and the Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales, the Foundation Degree combines pastoral experience with Theological learning to equip chaplains and volunteers to work on behalf of the Church serving patients and staff within the NHS. For more details or to enrol for October, please email the Cardinal's Advisor for Healthcare Chaplains: Fr Peter Scott at peterscott@rcdow.org.uk.

STOREHOUSE FOOD BANK

Storehouse was started in 1996 by Riverside Vineyard Church who support those in the community who were struggling by themselves. Some suggestions for suitable items for the shopping list are available in the Church porch. This week they desperately need tinned meat and vegetables. A collection box will be in the Church each weekend and will be emptied and taken to Storehouse each week.

Mass intentions and other services this week:

Saturday 23rd Easter Feria	12.00 15.00 17.00 18.00	First Holy Communion First Holy Communion – Polish Community Sacrament of Reconciliation First Holy Communion
+ Sunday 24th PENTECOST SUNDAY	09.00 11.00 13.00 14.30 18.00	People of the Parish Christine Cahalane RIP (Anniversary) Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Special Pentecost Mass led by the African Community Marveline Toussaint RIP (Anniversary)
Monday 25th St Bede the Venerable Weekday Lectionary: Yr 1 Wk 8	09.15 09.30	Morning Prayer Sabina Alvares RIP
Tuesday 26th St Philip Neri	09.15 09.30 10.00	Morning Prayer Fr Gerry Burke (Intentions) from the UCM Novena to Our Lady
Wednesday 27th ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY	09.15 09.30	Morning Prayer Sr Nora Gorman (Intentions)
Thursday 28th Feria	09.15 09.30	Morning Prayer Ester C Kimpo RIP (9th Anniversary)
Friday 29th Feria	09.15 09.30	Morning Prayer Frank O'Connor RIP
Saturday 30th Feria	11.00 11.45 12.00 12.45 17.00 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation Benediction First Holy Communion Baptisms of Sean Lucas Rodrigues Bordale, Maizie Rae Smith, Mia Camelo and Emily Navalha Sacrament of Reconciliation People of the Parish
+ Sunday 31st THE MOST HOLY TRINITY	09.00 11.00 13.00 18.00	Steffie-Grace Rosario in Thanksgiving Barbara May Light RIP Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Maria Rufina de Conceicao Cabral de Almeida RIP

Sanctuary Lamp: Austin Mahon RIP

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

16th/17th May: Envelopes: £1124.73 Loose: £887.41 Standing Orders: £548.42 Total: £2560.56
Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trustees: Registered Charity No. 233699-

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

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May is the month of Our Lady, an inspiration to discover the Rosary afresh and to use it more in our own personal and parish prayer life. Our Church Repository has Rosaries, prayer books and prayer cards to help us on that path.



PARISH CENTRE BUILDING FUND UPDATE AS AT 19/05/15

Our Target £250,000.00

No. of pledges:	139	Bucket Appeal:	£1,713.19
Total amount pledged:	£56,238.31	Total amount banked:	£28,627.77

