



# St Lawrence Catholic Church

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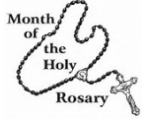
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*The Ascension of the Lord*

27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> May 2017

**Readings: Parish Mass Book Year A, Volume 1:** (Missal Page: 272): Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 46; Ephesians 1:17-23; Matthew 28:16-20

**Next Week: – Pentecost Sunday:** Page 288: Acts 2:1-11; Psalm 103; 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13; John 20:19-23



## An Enduring Friendship

Friendship is one of life's greatest blessings – it was wonderful to see the children making their First Holy Communion with their friends. Next Saturday a large number of our young people will be Confirmed at 3pm and 6pm by Bishop John Wilson, Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster. Their friendships will be enriched by a mutual celebration.

Friendships were very evident during the many funerals we have had recently. True friendship is what we all long for and treasure always.

Before Jesus returned to the Father, he promised his friends such enduring friendship. He was sending them out to Baptise and so to sustain them he gave them an unconditional guarantee that he will be with them in all the circumstances of their lives.

For us too, it is a reassuring promise of his enduring friendship, a promise given to us by Jesus on this Ascension Day.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the families who lost loved ones in the Manchester bombings. Young people and children with their friends going out for an evening entertainment and fun sadly were never to return home. May the Lord console them and be with them in their time of loss and grief.

**FR. JOHN**

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

## PARISH NOTICES

### BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

A warm welcome to Roel Rosario Rodrigues, Oliver Tognon, Fabiola Gonsalves and Mia Grace Benoit-Lesniowska who will be baptised this week and offer our congratulations to their families.

### CAFOD FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE MORNING

There will be a coffee morning in aid of CAFOD after the 9.30am Mass on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

### CONFIRMATION

The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June** at 3pm and 6pm. The rehearsal will take place on **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May and Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June** at 7pm. Please keep our 70 youngsters in your prayers

### THE WHY COURSE.

The next sessions are on Monday **29<sup>th</sup> May** and **12<sup>th</sup> June** at 7pm in the Parish Centre. 'The WHY course' covers three topics, Why God? Why Christ? and Why the Church?

This course is open to everyone even if you have never been part of a faith learning course. You can still join the sessions. If you need more details please contact Bridget at [bridgetbrinkley@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:bridgetbrinkley@rcdow.org.uk) or the parish office

### 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.

### 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.

### PRECIOUS GASHU

One of our parishioners, Precious Gashu is going as a volunteer to Lourdes this year and is seeking sponsorship. There is a form at the back of Church if you would like to sponsor her.

## OTHER

### 'THY KINGDOM COME' - Praying the Pentecost Novena

Join Catholics throughout England and Wales who are praying the Pentecost Novena (24<sup>th</sup> May to 4<sup>th</sup> June) for the faith of their loved

ones to be stirred by the Holy Spirit. Please take a prayer leaflet from the porch.

### RETREAT AND HEALING SERVICE

Dr Jayanand, an international and inspirational preacher for over 30 years will be holding a 3 day retreat and healing service 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. 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)

### GROWING IN FAITH NEWSLETTER

Please take a copy of the Spring 2017 Growing in Faith newsletter from the back of Church.

### THE GENERAL ELECTION 2017

The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales have produced a letter to Catholics re the General Election. Please take a copy from the back of Church.

## REST IN PEACE

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

**Lisa Young RIP** – Funeral Service at Hanworth Crematorium on **Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May** at 2.00pm.

**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:

20-21 May: Envelopes £882.10; Loose: £1,326.12  
Standing Orders: £628.00 **Total: £2,836.22**

Parish Centre Building Fund: £801.54

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 27 <sup>th</sup>	11.00-11.30 11.45 12.00 12.45	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation Benediction Thomas Mendes RIP Baptisms of Roel Rosario Rodrigues, Oliver Tognon, Fabiola Gonsalves and Mia Grace Benoit-Lesniowska
	14.30 17.00 18.00	Flores de mayo & Santacruzán and Mass in Tagalog for the Filipino community Sacrament of Reconciliation Barbara May Light RIP
Sun 28 <sup>th</sup>	09.00 11.00 13.00 14.30 18.00	Sr Nora Gorman (Intention) Christine Cahalane RIP (Anniversary) Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Mass led by the African Community Bridie McDonald and Family (Intention)
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup>	10.00	Frank O'Connor RIP
Tues 30 <sup>th</sup>	09.30	Private Intentions
Wed 31 <sup>st</sup>	09.30	Bernard Omogui Ugowe RIP
Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup>	09.30	John Igboanugo RIP
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup>	09.30	Ermelinda & Edgar Cota Cruz RIP
Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup>	11.00-11.30 11.45 12.00 15.00 17.00 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation Benediction Jazzyln Fernandes (Birthday Intention) SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION No 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
Sanctuary Lamp: Ann Firmin (Get Well Intention)		