

This week at St Lawrence's



16th/17th November 2013

Thirty Third Sunday of the Year
(Missal Page 164 – YEAR C)

Malachi 3:19-20; Psalm 97; 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12; Luke 21:5-19

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (Missal Page 167): 2 Samuel 5:1-3; Psalm 121;

Colossians 1:12-20; Luke 23:35-43



Dear Friends

THE VATICAN QUESTIONNAIRE

In your newsletter this week you will see a long questionnaire in preparation for a special Synod of Bishops next year in Rome. Their theme is simple but huge – “Pastoral challenges of the Family in the context of Evangelization”. The questionnaire covers a number of areas:

- ♦ The Catholic understanding of marriage
- ♦ Marriage preparation
- ♦ Prayer in the Family
- ♦ Marriage breakdown
- ♦ Co-habitation
- ♦ Divorce and second marriages
- ♦ Same sex unions
- ♦ Openness to life and birth control
- ♦ Faith in the family

The invitation to everyone is simply this – take the survey but don't feel you have to respond to each and every question. The timescale for this is tight with a closing date for responses of 6th December. But the opportunity is unique and the invitation to “have your say” is something to grasp with both hands. Which reminds me to get the computer on!

God Bless

Fr Chris

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NOVEMBER – THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

NOVEMBER LISTS

Available at the back of Church, please fill in and place in the Book of Remembrance at the foot of the altar.

MASS

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

We extend a warm welcome to Joey Nicholas Mendes Allen, Joshua Narayan, Annabella Pina, Lena Bulczynska and Annora Fernandes Calisto who will be baptised this weekend and offer our warmest congratulations to their families.

CONFIRMATION

The next meeting will be on **Thursday 21st November** at 7pm in the School Hall.

PARISH NOTICES

ZIMBABWEAN COFFEE AND CAKE SALE

This Sunday after the 9am and 11am Mass there will be a Coffee and Cake sale in aid of Zimbabwean Orphans.

UCM

The UCM will meet on **Monday 18th November** to talk and share our own Hobbies. We are always pleased to welcome new members.

GOOD NEIGHBOUR DAY” – Saturday 23rd November

As part of the Hounslow Borough and Hounslow Friends of Faith initiative, “Good Neighbour Day”, we will be throwing our Church and Parish Centre doors open to the wider community next Saturday between 1.30pm and 3.30pm. See posters and leaflets in the Church porch for details. All are welcome.

QUIZ NITE

The Social Committee are organising a Quiz Nite in the Parish Centre on **Saturday 23rd November** at 7pm. Tickets on sale in the Repository.

IMPORTANT PARKING NOTICE

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE SCHOOL CAR PARK WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR CHURCH PARKING NEXT SUNDAY MORNING, 24TH NOVEMBER, NOR WILL THERE BE ACCESS VIA VICTORIA ROAD FOR PEDESTRIANS DUE TO THE SCHOOL FAYRE.

ST LAWRENCE'S SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Sunday 24th November 10am – 3pm

Come and join in all the “Fun of the Fayre” next Sunday. There will be all the usual stalls, great Christmas Gift ideas and refreshments throughout the day. If anyone has any decent quality jumble for the Fayre please get it to the school this week.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE MEETING

The Social Committee will meet on **Tuesday 26th November** in the Presbytery at 7pm.

9AM CHOIR

Calling all instrumentalists and singers. We would love to welcome some new members to the 9am Music Group. All you need to do is come up to the Choir loft after 9am Mass on any Sunday, or ring Theresa for more information.

RAFA BAND CONCERT

The RAFA (Royal Air Force Association) are performing a Family Christmas concert here in St Lawrence's Church on **Friday 6th December** at 7.30pm. Tickets available from the Repository or Parish Office. Adults £10.00, children free (accompanied by an adult) but will require a ticket. This promises to be an evening to remember, so early booking advised!!



SOLEMN MASS TO CLOSE THE YEAR OF FAITH

This will be celebrated by Archbishop Vincent Nichols next **Sunday, 24th November** at 5.30pm in Westminster Cathedral. Everyone is invited to this, especially young people, youth leaders, catechists and liturgy leaders. It promises to be a celebration to remember!

RECEPTION SIGNING

THURSDAYS: November, 21st December 5th, 12th - **3.30pm to 4.30pm**

Please come with your child and wait in the Church.

ADVENT CHILDREN'S WORKSHOP

**SUNDAY 1st DECEMBER - 2-30pm – 4.30pm PARISH CENTRE
AND 4.30pm -5.00pm IN THE CHURCH**



For the workshop we need the following, if you are able to donate items please bring to the Parish Office. There will be a £1 fee which will go towards the costs of the workshop and all profit will go to the charity DePaul UK. All children must be signed in when attending this workshop. The workshop is aimed at children from 2 – 12 years old. All children under 5's must be accompanied by an adult who will need to stay with them throughout the event. The event will be held in the Parish Centre and it will finish with the children being returned to the church for a small service.

The workshop will enable the children to make Advent and Christmas crafts. There will also be songs and prayers. Some of the items that are made from this event will be displayed in the church throughout Advent and Christmas.

Adults who want to come and assist with the event - please contact Kate Taylor

OTHER

CAFOD'S PHILIPPINES TYPHOON HAIYAN APPEAL

We have all seen the devastating images of suffering and grief following the typhoon. Millions of people now urgently need our prayers and our financial support to survive the aftermath of the typhoon and to re-build their lives for the future. CAFOD are working with *Catholic Relief Services* and with *Caritas Philippines* to provide the most urgently needed aid: food, emergency shelter and essential household goods for people who have lost everything. With water supplies disrupted they shall also provide clean water and sanitation to prevent the spread of disease. Over the next two weekends there will be a special collection after Mass for CAFOD's emergency response. You can also donate online at cafod.org.uk/typhoon or by calling CAFOD on 0500 858885.

CAN A DIVORCED PERSON MARRY IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?

To talk about this and answer any questions you may have such as: 'Do non Catholics who have married before in a Register Office need an annulment to marry a Catholic?' 'Will it cost a lot of money?' 'If a marriage has been consummated can annulment still be sought?' Mgr. John Conneely, Judicial Vicar of the Westminster Tribunal, will be speaking about the subject of 'ANNULMENTS' on **Thursday 21 November** at 7:30 at SS Michael and Martin's, Hounslow.

PILGRIMAGES 2014

PARISH PILGRIMAGE - MALTA

Our 2014 parish pilgrimage will be to Malta. We will leave on **Monday 28th April 2014** and return on **Saturday 3rd May 2014**. The cost of the pilgrimage will be £667 and will be for 5 nights on a half board basis. If you are interested in going on this pilgrimage can you please put your name on the sheet at the back of the Church. There is also a copy of our proposed itinerary. There will be a meeting in the Parish Centre to give you further details on **Saturday 23rd November at 10:30 am**. If you have any queries please speak to Fr Chris or Florie in the Parish Office.

LOURDES 2014

We will be travelling by coach next year to join the Westminster Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, **20th-26th July**. Full details will be available after Christmas.

ECUMENICAL PILGRIMAGE TO SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELLA AND FATIMA (St Lawrence's and St George's Hanworth) – 9th to 14th September 2014

Brochures are available for this in the Church porch and pilgrimage letters and booking forms can be obtained from the Parish Office. Early booking essential!

Mass intentions and other services this week:

Saturday 16th St Edmund of Abingdon	11.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	11.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	11.45	Benediction
	12.00	Beryl Barry RIP
	12.45	Baptisms of Joey Nicholas Mendes Allen, Joshua Narayan, Annabella Pina, Lena Bulczynska and Annora Fernandes Calisto
+ First Mass of Sunday	17.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	18.00	Nigel Owen RIP
+ Sunday 17th 33rd Sunday of the Year	09.00	People of the Parish
	11.00	Esther Kusi-Appiah RIP
	13.00	Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)
	18.00	Mass for the Bereaved
Monday 18th Feria	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Rita Wallace RIP
Tuesday 19th Feria	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Aida and Alfred Simoes RIP
	10.00	Novena to Our Lady
Wednesday 20th Feria	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Celebrant's Intention
Thursday 21st The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Esther Kusi-Appiah RIP
Friday 22nd St Cecilia	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Sr Martha O'Leary RIP
Saturday 23rd Feria	11.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	11.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	11.45	Benediction
	12.00	Esther Kusi-Appiah RIP
	17.00	Baptism of Kylie Szescilo Moreira Ribeiro
	17.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
+ First Mass of Sunday	18.00	People of the Parish
+ Sunday 24th OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE	09.00	Kevin Guiney RIP (Anniversary)
	11.00	Deceased members and friends of the 11am Choir RIP
	13.00	Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)
	14.00	Mass led by the African Community
	18.00	Celebrant's Intention to mark the end of the Year of Faith

Sanctuary Lamp: Deceased Members of the Pereira Family RIP

Sunday Mass Times

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

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

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