

This week at St Lawrence's



11th/12th October 2014

28th Sunday of the Year
(Missal Page 140 – YEAR A Vol. 2)

Isaiah 25:6-10 ; Psalm 22; Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20; Matthew 22:1-14

29th Sunday of the Year (Missal Page 143); Isaiah 45:1,4-6; Psalm 95; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5;
Matthew 22:15-21



Dear Friends

This week we begin the traditional and very beautiful observance of *Quarant'ore*, the forty hours devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. From Thursday 16th until Monday 20th the Church will be open for your personal prayer in the presence of the Lord, what Saint John Paul II described as a one-to-one encounter with Jesus Christ in Eucharistic Adoration. There will be extra Masses at 12.15pm and 7.00pm on Thursday, Friday and the following Monday. All the Juniors at St Lawrence's School will be coming in for their own prayer time, and our young people preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation will be attending the evening Mass on Thursday.

Our church is a House of Prayer, and none more so than in the stillness of our family prayer time, where two or three are gathered in the Lord's name. There is a sign-up sheet in the Church porch for keeping watch. Please fill in the gaps.

I invite you to share in this wonderful opportunity for a little silence, for bringing yourself to the Lord and carrying loved ones and the needs of the whole world to Him in your heart.

Finally, some more words, an inspiration and an invitation from St John Paul II:

'The Eucharist is the presence of the Sacrament of Christ, who gives himself to us because he loves us. He loves each one of us in a unique and personal way in our practical daily lives: in our families, among our friends, at study, work, relaxation. He loves us when he fills our days with freshness, and also when, in times of suffering, he allows trials to weigh upon us: even in the most severe trials, he lets us hear his voice. Yes, dear friends, Christ loves us and he loves us for ever! He loves us even when we disappoint him, when we fail to meet his expectations for us. He never fails to embrace us in his mercy. How can we be not grateful to this God who has redeemed us, going so far to accept the foolishness of the Cross? To God who has come to be at our side and stayed with us to the end?'

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

QUARANT'ORE - FORTY HOUR DEVOTION

On **Thursday 16th October**, we begin the forty hour devotion of the Blessed Sacrament which will end on **Monday 20th October**. The times of the various services are in the insert in this newsletter and on the notice board.

We need at least two people for each hour of Adoration. There are sign-up sheets in the porch for you to put your name when you will be able to be here.



SACRAMENTS

CONFIRMATION 2015

The next session for Candidates in the first group is on **Thursday October 16th** at 7.00pm in Church for Mass.

"WALK WITH JESUS" MONDAY GROUP

The "Walk with Jesus" programme for the Monday group takes place every Monday from 5.00pm-6.00pm in the Parish Centre.

EXPLORING THE CATHOLIC FAITH

The next session will be on **Monday 13th October at 7.00pm** in the Presbytery.

PARISH NOTICES

PARISH AUTUMN FAITH SHARING COURSE – "JESUS, MY LORD"

The faith sharing programme commences this week and will run for six weeks. If you have joined a group, Group Leaders will have book for you. Programme booklets can be used by individuals, by family groups or within faith sharing groups, and are available at the back of Church. Cost £1.50 each.

ZIMBABWEAN COFFEE AND CAKE SALE

On **Sunday 16th November** after the 9am and 11am Mass there will be a Coffee and Cake sale in aid of Zimbabwean Orphans. Donations of cakes would be helpful. Please speak to Helen Hurley for more information or offers of help.

THANK YOU

The Race Night was a huge success and an evening of great fun. A total of £409.10 was raised - thank you to all who supported the event.

CAFOD FAST DAY-THANK YOU

Thank you to all for your support to CAFOD. The collection raised £589.91; CAFOD Cake sale and 1st Friday Coffee morning raised £229.21.

CALLING ALL GOLFERS

Would you like to be part of a team playing in aid of a local Catholic charity? If so, please have a word with Fr Chris or drop your details into the Parish Office.

ST LAWRENCE'S SCHOOL GOVERNORS

The Governing Body are looking to recruit someone with legal experience (ideally someone who currently does not have a child in St Lawrence's School). Please see Fr Chris for more details.

ST LAWRENCE'S PRAYER GROUP

The Prayer Group meets every **Thursday from 7.30pm to 9pm** in the Presbytery. A time of prayer and thanksgiving. Reflecting on scriptures. Intercessory prayers for the parish and wider community. New members welcome, come and see.

HELP WANTED

We are looking to recruit a volunteer gardener/groundsman for the Church. If you have any time to spare please contact the Parish Office for details.

STORAGE NEEDED

Do you have any spare garage/shed space for items needing to be stored from the old Parish Centre? We have an immediate need to store 6 collapsible garden tables and 25 garden chairs. Please contact the Parish Office if you can help.

REST IN PEACE

VALERIE GILL RIP

We pray for the repose of the soul of Valerie Gill RIP whose funeral service will take place here on **Friday 17th October at 12.15pm**. Please also keep in prayer her husband Neville, son Martin and all the family and friends who mourn her.

OTHER

CHURCHES TOGETHER AUTUMN MEETING

The autumn meeting of The Churches Together takes place on **Monday 13th October** at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. All are welcome to attend.

THE ANNUAL TWO CATHEDRALS' PROCESSION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

takes place on **Saturday 18th October**. The procession will begin at 1.30pm at Westminster Cathedral making its way across Westminster Bridge to St George's Cathedral in Southwark where Benediction will be given at approximately 2.45pm. One of the intentions for this year's walk will be to pray for peace in Iraq, Syria and throughout the Middle East. This year the procession will be led by Bishop Nicholas Hudson, who served as a priest in Southwark and was ordained this year as Auxiliary Bishop for Westminster. All are invited to come and witness to the Faith and honour the Lord's presence in the Blessed Sacrament.

VOCATION DISCERNMENT GROUP for adults (18-30's) meets on **Friday 24 October**, 7-9pm in the Hinsley Room next to Westminster Cathedral. Fr Matt Blake ODC on: "St Teresa of Avila and Carmelite Spirituality" For more info contact Fr Richard at richardnesbitt@rcdow.org.uk **"COME AND SEE"** day at Allen Hall seminary for men (18+) discerning a calling to the priesthood on **Saturday 25 October**. A chance to join the seminary community for its annual Douai Martyrs celebration and reflect on our own calling to witness to Christ today. For more info and to book a place, contact Fr Richard at richardnesbitt@rcdow.org.uk

ST FRANCIS XAVIER FEAST

On **30th November 2014**, West London Goans will be celebrating the Feast of St Francis Xavier, the patron saint of Goa, at St Lawrence's School Hall from 1pm - 7pm. Tickets £12.00 (£13 after 20 November) include a 3 course meal and dancing to a live band and disco. Contact Tessy D'Mello 01784 433302, Jonelle Afonso 020 8844 2634 or Mary D'Souza after 9.30am Mass. See poster on notice board for more details.

SECONDARY SCHOOL FORM SIGNING

Dates for Fr Chris to sign Secondary School Transfer Forms:

Tuesday: October 14th, 21st and 28th
From 3.30pm to 4.30pm

Please come with your child and wait in the Church and bring all the forms you need Fr Chris to sign with you.

October 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.



NOVEMBER

BLESSING OF GRAVES

Fr Chris and Fr Fortunato will be available on Sunday 2nd November to pray over and bless the graves of parishioners buried in local cemeteries. If you would like to have the grave of a loved one blessed, just turn up and wait by the main gates of the cemetery for Fr Chris or Fr Fortunato.

Hatton Cemetery – 12.45pm; Bedfont Cemetery - 1.15pm;

Feltham Cemetery – 2.00pm; Hanworth Crematorium – 2.45pm (for those whose ashes are buried there); Borough Cemetery – 3.30pm and Hounslow Cemetery – 4.00pm.

Mass intentions and other services this week:

Saturday 11th St John XXIII	11.00 11.00 11.45 12.00 14.00 18.00 19.30	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation Benediction Esther Kusi-Appiah RIP Wedding of Natalia Bazylak and Shudarsan Protob Roberto Ordon RIP (Anniversary) "Joy of the Lord" Concert
+ Sunday 12th 28 th Sunday of the Year	09.00 11.00 13.00 18.00	Susan Hussey (Intentions) Barbara May Light RIP Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) People of the Parish
Monday 13th ST EDWARD THE CONFESSOR	09.15 09.30	Morning Prayer Celebrant's Intention
Tuesday 14th Feria	09.15 09.30 10.00	Morning Prayer Gabriel Danladi RIP (Anniversary) Novena to Our Lady
Wednesday 15th St Teresa of Jesus	09.15 09.30	Morning Prayer Ramona Ugowe in Thanksgiving (Birthday)
Thursday 16th Feria	08.30 09.15 09.30 10.00 12.15 12.45 19.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Morning Prayer Alex Soares RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Mary Crawley (Intention) Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Miles Hamlin RIP
Friday 17th St Ignatius of Antioch	08.30 09.15 09.30 10.00 12.15 13.30 19.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Morning Prayer Avelina Edwards (Intention) Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament REQUIEM MASS - VALERIE GILL RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Tony Doherty RIP
Saturday 18th ST LUKE	10.00 11.00 11.45 12.00 12.30 17.00 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation Benediction Isaura & Henry Brito RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation People of the Parish
+ Sunday 19th 29 th Sunday of the Year	09.00 11.00 13.00 18.00	Dermot Doran RIP (Anniversary) Frank O'Connor RIP Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Carafino Braganca RIP (Anniversary)

Sanctuary Lamp: Valerie Gill RIP

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

4th/5th October: Envelopes £1030.86, Loose £887.30, Standing Orders £420.00 Total: £2338.16
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