

This week at St Lawrence's



12th/13th March 2011

First Sunday of Lent (Year (A))

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Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Psalm 50; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

Dear Friends,

Next year, 2012, is a big year: Her Majesty the Queen celebrates her Diamond Jubilee, and Britain is hosting the Olympic Games and Paralympics. Here at St Lawrence's we mark the 100th anniversary of the first Mass being said in Feltham and the 80th anniversary of the opening of our church. To celebrate, we would like to hold a series of special events and activities throughout 2012 for everyone in our parish and school community, and in the wider community, and need your ideas and input. We are already planning to hold a two week parish and school Mission. What else should we do?

Everyone is warmly invited to share their ideas on how we should celebrate this special year in our parish's life at an Open Meeting on Tuesday 15th March at 7.30 pm in the parish centre. See you there!

God bless you this Lent and may it be a spiritual Springtime for us all.

Fr Chris

Sunday Mass Times

Saturday 6 pm (Vigil Mass), Sunday 9 am, 11 am & 6 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday 11 am & 5 pm

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LENT - A TIME OF GRACE AND RENEWAL OF OUR FAITH

FAITHFUL PILGRIM – FAITH SHARING PROGRAMME FOR LENT

The new Lenten Faith Sharing Programme, Faithful Pilgrim, starts this week and it's not too late to join a parish group – please write your name on the sheet next to the Faithful Pilgrim booklets at the back of the church and someone will get back to you in the next day or so. The booklets can be used for your own private prayer and reflection or shared in the family. More details at the back of the church.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During Lent we shall continue our custom of having Stations of the Cross after the morning Mass on Fridays and the midday Mass on Saturdays.

CAFOD

LENT FAST DAY – Friday 18th March

Our faith tells us Lent is a time for transformations. This Lent, CAFOD is asking us to create amazing transformations in the lives of some of the world's poorest families. Amparo, a mother from Colombia, was forced from her home by guerrilla soldiers. Today, with CAFOD's help, she is starting life again. To help Amparo, and many others in need, please give what you can at Fast Day in the attached envelope. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Fast Day Prayer – A Beacon of Hope

God of light,
spark in us the desire
for an end to poverty and injustice,
and let our actions shine like
a beacon of hope
as we reach out in solidarity
to others around the world.

Help us to bring about a world
where all people have the opportunity
to be creative, use their skills
and work in dignity,
growing in confidence,
and transforming lives.

And may all our work reflect your glory
and your unending love.

Amen.

LENT COLLECTION BOXES

As last year, we also have some individual collection boxes which you can pick up from the back of the church to put in any donations throughout the whole of Lent. The boxes will be collected in after Easter.

THE SACRAMENTS

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Please pray for the Lord's blessing on the lives and pilgrimage of faith of the Catechumens to be baptised, and the Candidates to be received into the Church this Easter as they are formally elected and welcomed by Archbishop Vincent at the Cathedral this weekend. They are: Ruolan Alley, Sonia Kinnear, Edward Campbell, Richard Alley, Mark Hazlehurst, Chantel Kryza, Catherine Trott and Nicola Irene Yeh.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Our First Communion families are reminded that the children need to bring their workbooks to Mass next weekend 19th/20th March for another of their special Eucharistic celebrations.

THANKSGIVING FOR MARRIAGE

Archbishop Nichols would like to invite couples celebrating their 10th, 25th, 40th, 50th or 60th+ wedding anniversaries in 2011 to a special Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 11th June. Details need to be submitted to the Diocese before the end of March, so please let the Parish Office know your names, wedding date, full postal address, telephone number and e-mail if you have one as soon as possible if you would like to be included on the invitation list.

STRICTLY COME DANCING!

SALSA NIGHT

St Lawrence's Youth Club (SLYC) are holding a Salsa Night on Friday 18th March at 6 pm in the parish centre. All young people aged 14+ will be most welcome.

LINE DANCING

The Social Committee are holding a Line Dancing Evening on Saturday 9th April from 7 pm to 10.30 pm in St Lawrence's School Hall. Tickets cost £3 (adults) and £1.50 (children 11 years old & under) and will be on sale from next weekend. A Ploughman's Supper will be included but you are asked to bring your own alcohol.

(Hope no-one has given up dancing for Lent!)

Mass intentions and other services this week:

Saturday 12th Lent Feria	11.00 11.45 12.00 12.30 17.00 17.15 18.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation/Exposition Benediction Josephine Cruz RIP Stations of the Cross Sacrament of Reconciliation Rosary Jean Lock RIP (A)
+ Sunday 13th First Sunday of Lent	09.00 11.00 18.00	Deceased Members of the Harvey Family Rita Weston RIP (A) People of the Parish
Monday 14th Lent Feria	09.15 09.30	Morning Prayer Patrick Badejo INT
Tuesday 15th Lent Feria	09.15 09.30 10.00	Morning Prayer Kathleen Flanagan RIP (A) Novena to Our Lady
Wednesday 16th Lent Feria	09.15 09.30	Morning Prayer Anacleto De Mello RIP
Thursday 17th St Patrick	09.15 09.30	Morning Prayer Jim Hickey RIP (A)
Friday 18th Lent Feria CAFOD Fast Day	09.15 09.30 10.00	Morning Prayer Clara Monteiro RIP (A) Stations of the Cross
Saturday 19th St Joseph	11.00 11.00 11.45 12.00 12.30 17.00 17.15 18.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Benediction Manuel Gonçalves RIP Stations of the Cross Sacrament of Reconciliation Rosary Barbara & Lawrence Applegarth (in thanksgiving – 45th Wedding Anniversary)
+ Sunday 20th Second Sunday of Lent	09.00 11.00 18.00	Deceased members of the Thomas & Mann Families People of the Parish Mary Galligan INT

Sanctuary Lamp: Franca Omoniyodo INT

Thank you for your generosity in the Offertory Collection last week:
Envelopes £1359.95, Loose £817.05, Standing Orders £265, Total: £2442.00
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Mass intentions and other services this week:

Saturday 19th Feria +First Mass of Sunday	11.00 11.00 11.45 12.00 12.30 17.00 17.15 18.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Benediction Patrick Galligan RIP Baptism of Patrick Stokes Sacrament of Reconciliation Rosary For the intentions of the Senior Citizens' Party helpers
+ Sunday 20th Seventh Sunday of Year	09.00 11.00 18.00	Maureen Cruttenden RIP Evelyn Francis RIP People of the Parish
Monday 21st Feria	09.15 09.30	Morning Prayer Morgan Netto RIP (A)
Tuesday 22nd Chair of St Peter	09.15 09.30 10.00	Morning Prayer Derrick Juriansz RIP Novena to Our Lady
Wednesday 23rd St Polycarp	09.15 09.30	Morning Prayer William Griffith RIP
Thursday 24th Feria	09.15 09.30	Morning Prayer Juan Andrade De Sousa RIP
Friday 25th Feria	09.15 09.30	Morning Prayer Derrick Juriansz RIP
Saturday 26th Feria +First Mass of Sunday	11.00 11.45 12.00 17.00 17.15 18.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation/Exposition Benediction Christina & Augustine Stckpoole RIP (A) Sacrament of Reconciliation Rosary Ray Palmer RIP
+ Sunday 27th Eighth Sunday of Year	09.00 11.00 12.45 18.00	Deceased Members of the Holland Family Derrick Juriansz RIP Baptisms of Micaela Antido, Tristan Asamoah, Zara Pires & Joshua Samson People of the Parish