

This week at St Lawrence's



5th/6th May 2012

Fifth Sunday of Easter

(Missal Page 264)

Eucharistic Prayer II (Page 24)

Acts 9:26-31; Psalm 21; 1 John 3:18-24; John 15:1-8

Sixth Sunday of Easter (Missal Page 266): Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; Psalm 97; 1 John 4:7-10;
John 15:9-17

Dear Friends

Last weekend we celebrated the World Day of Prayer for Vocations – an appropriate day to begin our First Holy Communion celebrations this year. I have found this lovely prayer of Blessed John Paul II for vocations, and give it to you for your own prayers, not just on one day but over and over.

"Lord Jesus, once you called the first disciples in order to make them fishers of men. Continue to let resound today Your sweet invitation: "Come and follow me." Grant to young men and women the grace to respond to Your voice. Sustain our bishops, priests and consecrated souls in their apostolic work. Give perseverance to our seminarians and to all those living a life of total consecration to Your service. Enkindle in our communities a missionary zeal. Send Lord, workers into Your fields and do not let mankind be lost because of a lack of pastors, missionaries and people dedicated to the cause of the Gospel.

Mary, Mother of the Church, Model of Vocations, help us to say "Yes" to the Lord who calls each one of us to play our part in His plan of Salvation. Amen."

May God richly bless you in your vocation, as I know He does in mine.

Fr Chris

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THE SACRAMENTS

CONFIRMATION GROUP

We pray in a special way for our Confirmation Group who will be celebrating the Rite of Election at the 6pm Mass on Sunday in preparation for their Confirmation on Thursday 31st May,

The next Confirmation meeting will be on Thursday 10th May at 7pm.

BAPTISM

We extend a warm welcome to Beau-Kitty Parkes and Jasper Kevin Kamran as they are baptised this weekend and offer our congratulations to their families.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

We offer our warmest congratulations to the following children who make their First Holy Communion this weekend:

Saturday 5th May at 11 am

*Jakub Włodarczyk, Emma Rich, Luke Rich, Grace Dean,
Rae Nadine Pabroquez, Mateusz Mikolaj Sieczka,
Sophie Rodriguez, Alyssa Sotelo, Trisheni Fernando, Sofia Piletto,
Michael Moore-Saxton, Leanne Antido, Sedinam Kodjokuma,
Omar Rosello and Filip Mazur.*

Sunday 6th May at 9am

*Aoife Basquille, Alfie Waterer Dowling, Billy Cowdery,
Kelsey Morrison, Sophia Manoleris and Jason D'Souza.*

Sunday 6th May at 11am

*Faith Townsend, Brandon Rodrigo, Elío Abou-Chahine,
Jemimah Rutakirura, Ohene David Ahenkora, Oliver Pereira,
Frederico Barnor and Remi Walcott-Hinson.*

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

PARISH NOTICES

CENTENARY FUND

The Centenary Fund has been launched and donation slips are available in the porch.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP

The next meeting is on Tuesday 8th May at 7.30pm in the Presbytery.

PARISH MISSION ART GROUP

The Mission Art Group will meet on Wednesday 9th May at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre. Please contact Kate or Tanya for further information.

PRAYER GROUP

The St Lawrence Prayer Group meets every Thursday at 7.30pm in the Presbytery. New members are welcome.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The next meeting will be on Thursday 10th May at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. If you have any items for the Council please write a note to the Chair, Graham Baker and post into the presbytery by 12noon on the day.

May is the month of the Holy Rosary, 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 MISSION

Intercession for this week – please pray at home

Opening Doors – 23rd June – 8th July

Let us pray for all the young people in our Parish, that they may hear the Lord's invitation to experience life in its fullness and that they may not be held back because of fear of what their friends might say.

A WARM WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS

NEW PARISHIONERS MASS & PARTY

On Sunday 13th May the 6pm Mass will be celebrated for the intentions of new parishioners as we extend a very warm welcome to all those who have recently joined our parish community. After the Mass there will be a little reception in the Parish Centre for all new parishioners and their families. A friendly invitation is extended to all those who are new to St Lawrence's.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

PRIEST TRAINING FUND

Thank you for helping with the Priest Training Fund. Last weekend this parish raised £686.42 and all of this money will be used to encourage vocations and to fund the training of men for the priesthood. If you have not yet made a donation, please give as much as you can. You will find envelopes at the back of Church. You can also make a donation online by visiting www.rcdow.org.uk/donations.

OTHER

MASS IN SUPPORT OF MIGRANT WORKERS

The annual Mass in support of Migrant workers will take place on Bank Holiday Monday, 7th May at 10.30am at Westminster Cathedral. Please see poster on notice board for further details.

PAX CHRISTI PEACE ICON

St Vincent de Paul Justice and Peace Group invite you to come and pray for peace at St Vincent de Paul R.C. Church, 2 Witham Road, Osterley, TW7 4AJ from 5th – 14th May inclusive. Church open between 11.00 am and 5.00 pm daily for private prayer. Prayer Service on Thursday 10th May at 7.30 p.m. followed by refreshments in the hall afterwards. See poster on notice board.

OUTING

THE LIFE OF CHRIST - An Open Air Play in Three Acts at Wintershall.

Fr Chris plans to take a group to this amazing production set in the beautiful grounds at Wintershall, near Guildford on Wednesday 20th June. The play starts at 10am and finishes at 4pm with a break for lunch. Please note that the coach and car park are a 10 minute walk from Act 1. There is no seating as it is in the open air so you may like to bring a rug or folding chair to sit on and also be prepared for rain or sunshine! One would also be required to bring a packed lunch and refreshments as they have very limited light refreshments available. If you are interested in attending, please see Florie in the Parish Office with your payment of £15.00 for the show. Depending on the numbers, a coach will be arranged which will be an additional £10-£15. Places will only be guaranteed on receipt of payment. **Closing date: Monday 21st May.**

Mass intentions and other services this week:

Saturday 5th Easter Feria	11.00 17.00 18.00	Patrick Galligan RIP (A) (First Holy Communion Mass) Sacrament of Reconciliation Vilma Martin in Thanksgiving
+ Sunday 6th 5 th Sunday of Easter	09.00 11.00 12.45 18.00	People of the Parish (First Holy Communion Mass) John Thompson RIP (First Holy Communion Mass) Baptisms of Beau-Kitty Parkes and Jasper Kevin Kamram David Hemlee RIP (Confirmation - Rite of Election)
Monday 7th Easter Feria	09.15 09.30	Morning Prayer Millie D'Souza in Thanksgiving
Tuesday 8th Easter Feria	09.15 09.30 10.00	Morning Prayer Kitty O'Shea Briant and Kevin O'Shea RIP Novena to Our Lady
Wednesday 9th Easter Feria	09.15 09.30	Morning Prayer Mary Burke (Intention)
Thursday 10th Easter Feria	09.15 09.30	Morning Prayer Nora and William Holland RIP
Friday 11th Easter Feria	09.15 09.30	Morning Prayer George and Brigida Fernandes for Good Health
Saturday 12th Easter Feria	11.00 17.00 18.00	Hyson Estrochio for Good Health (First Holy Communion Mass) Sacrament of Reconciliation People of the Parish (First Holy Communion Mass)
+ Sunday 13th 6 th Sunday of Easter	09.00 11.00 12.45 18.00	Mary and Gabriel D'Souza in Thanksgiving (First Holy Communion Mass) Michael and Christine Bigley RIP (First Holy Communion Mass) Baptisms of Thomas Oliver Abreu, Ethan Jeffreys and Alex Jasinski Eliza Yeeles INT (Mass for New Parishioners)

Sanctuary Lamp: Raphael Danladi (Intention)

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