

This week at St Lawrence's



7th/8th May 2011

Third Sunday of Easter

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Acts 2:14,22-33; Psalm 15; 1Peter 1:17-21; Luke 24:13-35

Dear Friends,

What a joyful weekend this is as our parish family celebrates our "one and only" Sister Mary's Golden Jubilee, 50 wonderful years in Religious Life as a Sister of Mercy. We congratulate her, thank her and assure her of our love and prayers for all that lies ahead. We celebrate not just the person that she is but the vocation in life that she has embraced and lives to the full. Next weekend, next Sunday, is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, a day that reminds us that God has a loving plan, a mission and a ministry for each of us. Our vocation in this life is to love and serve, and that will take a different shape for all of us, whether as a Sister, a Priest, a husband, wife, parent or single person. What counts is to see our life vocationally and to live it to the full. Each of you, and especially our young people discerning your vocation in life, just know that God has put you on this earth for a reason. True joy comes in discovering what that reason is.

God bless you all this Eastertide.

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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SPECIAL COLLECTION

PRIEST TRAINING FUND

In his message for next Sunday's Worldwide Day of Prayer for Vocations, the Holy Father has called on every Christian community throughout the world to encourage and support those who have said "yes" to God and "yes" to the Church.

This message is especially relevant to us in our diocese as over 40 men are now preparing for the priesthood at our seminary, compared to just 20 10 years ago.

While this is an answer to our prayers, it also means that the diocese must now raise the money needed to cover the cost of training this growing number of seminarians and the retiring collection today is for the Priest Training Fund.

This is a really important collection as training one seminarian costs £20,000 a year. This is because he will need to acquire a very wide range of skills before he is ordained. He will obviously need to explore, depend and develop his faith, but he also needs to be prepared in other, perhaps more practical, ways. There are no short cuts!

We can do two things to help. Firstly, we can offer our prayers and secondly, we can help by making a contribution to the Priest Training Fund.

We are, of course, all to aware of the financial pressures on so many of you in the current very difficult economic climate and all that we ask is that you give as much as you can afford as the Fund relies on our donations.

If you are a taxpayer, please complete the Gift Aid form on the back of the donation envelope as this will add 20p to every £1 that you give at no extra cost to yourself.

THE SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM

We extend a heartfelt welcome to babies Sia Margaret Singh, Tian Anthony Muhoozi, Marvyn De Guzman and Manuela Iris Fernhold and offer our congratulations to their families as these babies are baptised this weekend.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Starting next weekend, seventy-eight children from the parish will be making their First Holy Communion at parish Masses throughout the month of May. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers at this very special time.

Because some of these Masses will take place at noon on Saturday, there will be no Exposition or Morning Confessions on Saturdays during the rest of the month. Saturday Evening Confessions will take place as usual at 5 pm.

WELCOME TO ST LAWRENCE'S!

MASS & PARTY FOR NEW PARISHIONERS

If you are new to St Lawrence's parish, you are most welcome. Please fill in one of the yellow New Parishioner forms in the porch.

Every so often we dedicate a Mass for the intentions of new parishioners to ask for God's blessing on their stay with us and hold a little party to make them feel welcome. The 6 pm Mass next Sunday 15th May will be celebrated particularly for the intentions of new parishioners as we extend a very warm welcome to those who have joined our parish community in the past six months or so.

After the Mass, about 6.45 pm, there will a reception in the Parish Centre for all new parishioners and their families. If you've recently arrived at St Lawrence's please come along and introduce yourselves to our parish team. Feel free to bring a friend.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

UCM

The UCM meet again this Monday 9th May at 7.30 pm for a Bring & Buy Sale, (including plants).

BEREAVEMENT GROUP

Those who attended the recent bereavement training are reminded that they have a follow-up meeting this Tuesday 10th May at 7.30 pm in the presbytery.

PARISH COUNCIL

The PPC meet again this Thursday 12th May at 7.30 pm. If you have any issues you would like to bring to the attention of the PPC, please write a note to the Chair of the PPC, Graham Baker, and post it into the presbytery.

WEST LONDON JUSTICE & PEACE NETWORK

The next meeting of the West London Justice & Peace Network will take place on Saturday 21st May at 10 am at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church Centre, Botwell Lane, Hayes UB3 2AB and will include an update on the situation in Palestine from two members who have recently returned from there. All welcome!

THANK YOU

PHILOMENA BOOKER RIP

"My whole family would like to convey their thanks for the prayers, thoughts and Mass cards that we have received following the death of my mother, Mena. Everybody has been so kind!" *Geraldine Carter on behalf of the Booker Family.*

Mass intentions and other services this week:

Saturday 7th Easter Feria	11.00 11.45 12.00 17.00 17.15 18.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation/Exposition Benediction Lina Acoba (in thanksgiving) Sacrament of Reconciliation Rosary Rosaria Fernandes & Caraciolo De Sousa RIP (A)
+ Sunday 8th 3rd Sunday of Easter	09.00 11.00 12.45 18.00	Laurie Harvey RIP Evelyn Francis RIP Baptisms of Tian Muhoozi, Sia Singh, Manuela Fernhold & Marvyn De Guzman People of the Parish
Monday 9th Easter Feria	09.15 09.30	Morning Prayer Rebecca Onyuke RIP
Tuesday 10th Easter Feria	09.15 09.30 10.00	Morning Prayer Betty & Paul Palmer INT Novena to Our Lady
Wed 11th Easter Feria	09.15 09.30	Morning Prayer Martin Ferguson RIP
Thursday 12th Easter Feria	09.15 09.30	Morning Prayer Sean Boyle RIP
Friday 13th Our Lady of Fatima	09.15 09.30	Morning Prayer Ramir Consebido RIP
Saturday 14th St Matthias +First Mass of Sunday	12.00 17.00 17.15 18.00	Patrick Galligan RIP (A) (First Communion Mass) Sacrament of Reconciliation Rosary Michael Gilbert RIP (First Communion Mass)
+ Sunday 15th 4th Sunday of Easter	09.00 11.00 12.45 18.00	People of the Parish Derrick Juriansz RIP (First Communion Mass) Baptisms of Abigale Victoria Michalowicz-Smith, Rita Badejo & Penelope Samantha Davis New Parishioners' INT

Sanctuary Lamp: For the intentions of Patrick I Yakowa

**Thank you for your generosity in the Easter Collection
for the Priests who serve our Parish:**

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