

This week at St Lawrence's



7th/8th September 2013

Twenty Third Sunday of the Year
(Missal Page 133 – YEAR C)

Wisdom 9:13-18; Psalm 89; Philemon 9-10, 12-17; Luke 14:25-33

Twenty Fourth Sunday of the Year (Missal Page 136): Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14; Psalm 50;

1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-32



THE YEAR OF FAITH OCTOBER 2012-NOVEMBER 2013

Here in St Lawrence's we had many opportunities to deepen our faith – witness it in daily life – and celebrate it as a parish community. For all this we give thanks.

As we enter into the final season – September to November 2013, we are invited to take part in the Diocesan theme "Prayer through Life". Our faith is nourished by daily prayer and in prayer we come to know Jesus who leads us to the Father whom we can call "ABBA FATHER". I offer you

A) an Ignatian method of prayer in daily life, choose your:

1. Time for Prayer (10-15 minutes)
2. Place (preferably in your home)
3. Have a Bible at hand

Suggested scripture passages:

Luke 10: 38-42 – *Martha and Mary*; Mark 4:35-41 *Calming of the storm*; Mark 10:46-52 – *The Blind Man*; Psalm 46 – *Be still and know that I am God*; Psalm 23 – *The Lord is my Shepherd*.

B) Personal Prayer Time

The Presence of God

As I sit here, God is present, breathing life into me and into everything around me. For a few moments, I sit silently, and become aware of God's loving presence.

Freedom

I ask for the grace to let go of my own concerns and be open to what God is asking of me.

Consciousness

How do I find myself today? Where am I with God? With others?

The Word

I take my time to read the Word of God, slowly, a few times, allowing myself to dwell on anything that strikes me. (Choose a scripture passage).

Conversation

Remembering that I am still in God's presence, I imagine Jesus himself standing or sitting beside me, and say whatever is on my mind, whatever is in my heart, speaking as one friend to another.

Conclusion

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Try this method of prayer for yourself. It will make all the difference – leading you to a safe place of peace with Jesus as your friend and guide.

Sr. Katherine

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS

We extend a warm welcome to Cian Michael John Francis Howard, Olivia Onyinye Udeh, Tamika Takunda Magume and Frances Maria McDonagh who will be baptised this weekend and offer our warmest congratulations to their families.

CONFIRMATION

If you are in Year 9 or above and would like to be prepared to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2014 please register with Bridget Brinkley at one of the following times.

Tuesday 10th, Thursday 12th September – 4.30pm to 6.30pm

Please come to the Church where you will be asked to complete a registration form.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN EXPLORING THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

If you, or someone you know, would like to find out more about the Catholic faith or you would like to prepare to receive the Sacraments you missed as a child, please contact Bridget Brinkley at the parish office or by email bridgetbrinkley@rcdow.org.uk.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The first preparation session for Children will be on **Saturday 14th September** in St Lawrence's School at 9.45am and the Parents Session will be on **Tuesday 10th September** at 2.00pm or 7.00pm (PLEASE NOTE NEW TIME).

The next Children's Mass will be on **Saturday 14th September** at 6pm and parents are encouraged to attend this Mass.

PARISH NOTICES

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The Children's Liturgy group is open to children who are in reception class and above. It takes place during three of the Sunday Masses in the Parish Centre – Saturday 6pm, Sunday 9am and 11am. The Liturgy group recommence this weekend. Children's Liturgy catechists are asked to please collect their rotas from the Presbytery.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School programme for children attending non-Catholic schools begins this Sunday. It takes place at 10am in St Lawrence's School. Children aged 6 (school year 2) and above are invited to attend. Please bring your child along and see Bridget Brinkley for more details.

UCM

The UCM will meet on **Monday 9th September** at 7.30pm. We welcome back all members and any lady of the parish who would like to come along.

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. Interspersed prayers for the parish and wider community. New members welcome, come and see.

CATHOLIC ASSOCIATION FOR RACIAL JUSTICE (CARJ)

The Association tackles racial discrimination within the Church and within Society. They work to ensure that racial inequality and the racism that causes it are eradicated. There will be a second collection for Racial Justice after all Masses this weekend.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

The next meeting will be on **Friday 13th September** at 6.30pm

SPECIAL COLLECTION – HOME MISSION SUNDAY

Home Mission Sunday takes place on Sunday 15th September when we are invited to pray for, celebrate and support the work of evangelisation in England and Wales. There will be a retiring collection after all Masses next weekend.

MISSIO COLLECTORS

Please collect your Autumn edition Magazines from the porch.

REST IN PEACE

PATRICK COFFEY RIP

We pray for the repose of the soul of Patrick Coffey RIP. His funeral will take place at Hanworth Crematorium on **Monday 9th September** at 3pm. Please also remember in your prayers all the family and friends who mourn him.

ESTHER KUSI-APPIAH RIP

We pray for the repose of the soul of Esther Kusi-Appiah RIP who passed away recently. Please also remember in your prayers her mother Veronica Quainoo, her children, her sisters and all who mourn her. Her funeral will take place here on **Friday 11th October** at 11am.

OTHER

WESTMINSTER DIOCESE FAITH PROGRAMMES/COURSES

The Diocese have a series of programmes taking place at different locations during September and October on a) Study day on Human and Faith Development: From Childhood to Adulthood; b) Information Evenings: Supporting Parents in Sacramental Preparation Programmes; c) Spreading the Word Today: A Conference for Parish Adult Faith Formation Leaders and those who lead Small Groups in the Diocese. Full details on the notice board.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL, OSTERLEY

St Vincent de Paul Prayer Group warmly invites parishioners to celebrate the 30th anniversary of their formation with a special Mass at St Vincent de Paul parish (2 Witham Road, Isleworth TW7 4AJ) on **Monday 16th September** at 7 pm, followed by refreshments in the parish hall. Come along and enjoy the company of parishioners from neighbouring parishes.

RETRouvaille

Retrouvaille offers a lifeline to troubled marriages. Backed by prayer, this programme has healed and turned around thousands of marriages on the brink of collapse and even brought divorced couples back together again. The next programme starts on the **27th -29th September 2013**. Don't miss this lifeline if your marriage is painful – visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk or email info@retrouvaille.org.uk or call or text 0797 338 0443 in complete confidence.

WHAT'S COMING UP IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS

September

Sunday 22nd – CAFOD Cake and Coffee morning after 9am & 11am Masses

Saturday 28th – Mass of Healing, 12 noon

Sunday 29th – Fr Fortunato's welcome party, 12 noon

October

Saturday 5th – Tribute Band, 7.00pm

Saturday 12th – Day of Prayer, 10.30am to 2.30pm (CAFOD Soup Lunch available)

Saturday 19th – Children's Mass, 6pm

November

Sunday 3rd – LIFE Coffee Morning (45th anniversary) after 9am & 11am Masses

Sunday 3rd – Blessing of Graves

Thursday 7th – Parish Pastoral Council Meeting, 7.30pm

Saturday 9th – New Parishioners' Mass, 6pm

Saturday 9th – Children's Mass, 6pm

Sunday 17th – Mass for the Bereaved, 6pm

Saturday 23rd – "Good Neighbour Day" part of Interfaith Week – Church & Parish Centre, 2-4pm

Sunday 24th – Youth Mass, 6pm (*Year of Faith ends*)

Saturday 30th – Advent Day of Prayer, 10.30am-2.30pm

December

Sunday 1st – Children's Mass, 11am

Sunday 1st – Christingle Workshop, 2.30pm

Friday 6th – RAFA Band Christmas Concert for all the family, 7.30pm

Sunday 8th – LIFE Annual Mince Pie sale after 9am & 11am Masses

Sunday 15th – Lodge Brothers Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving, 3pm

Mass intentions and other services this week:

Saturday 7th Feria	11.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	11.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	11.45	Benediction
	12.00	James Barrett RIP
	12.45	Baptisms of Cian Michael John Francis Howard, Olivia Onyinye Udeh and Tamika Takunda Magume
+ First Mass of Sunday	15.00	Baptism of Frances Maria McDonagh
	17.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
+ Sunday 8th 23rd Sunday of the Year	18.00	Joseph Edward Perera RIP
	09.00	Chris, Cecilia and Ciril Rodrigues in Thanksgiving
	11.00	Ciriaco Caridad Fernandes RIP
	13.00	Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)
Monday 9th Feria	18.00	People of the Parish
	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Eileen Carroll RIP
Tuesday 10th Feria	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Treasa Lopez RIP
	10.00	Novena to Our Lady
Wednesday 11th Feria	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Celebrant's Intention
Thursday 12th Feria	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Bill Dethridge RIP (A)
Friday 13th St John Chrysostom	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Fr Chris Vipers Intention
Saturday 14th THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS	11.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	11.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	11.45	Benediction
	12.00	Laurie Harvey RIP
	12.45	Baptisms of Oscar Aaron King, John Ryan Ordone and Emily Jennifer Louise Corcoran
+ First Mass of Sunday	17.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	18.00	People of the Parish
+ Sunday 15th 24th Sunday of the Year	09.00	Anita Calmiano RIP (A)
	11.00	Christeen & Michael Bigley RIP
	13.00	Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)
	18.00	Matthew Rodrigues RIP

Sanctuary Lamp: Janet Walker (Intention)

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

30th Aug/1st Sept: Envelopes £1238.69, Loose £715.39, Standing Orders £420.00 Total: £2374.08

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Sunday Mass Times

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

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