

This week at St Lawrence's



12th/13th September 2015

24th Sunday of the Year
(Missal Page 132 – YEAR B Vol. 2)

Isaiah 50:5-9; Psalm 114; James 2:14-18; Mark 8: 27-35

Next week: 25th Sunday of the Year (Missal Page 135): Wisdom 2:12, 17-20; Psalm 53; James 3:16, 4:3; Mark 9:30-37



Dear Brothers and Sisters

Jesus saw aspects of his own life and mission foreshadowed in Isaiah's Servant Songs. Hence, a large portion of one of these is presented as the first reading today. Like the servant described in today's first reading, Jesus' life was one of radical obedience and conformity to God's will. Thus, the Servant passage provides background for the revelation of Jesus as the suffering Messiah. The Psalmist invites us to turn to the Lord for help amidst the trials of this world. It is in God that we will find deliverance from trouble and relief from our afflictions. (Ps 116). Today's second reading, taken from the second letter of James to the Church, reminds us that suffering is not only something to be accepted but also something to be alleviated. Today's Gospel consists of two sections: 1) the Messianic confession of Peter, who acknowledged Jesus as "*the Christ (Messiah), the Son of the living God.*" and 2) Jesus' prediction of his passion, death and Resurrection, followed by his clear teaching on the three conditions of Christian discipleship: "*Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross and follow me.*"

Thus the discipleship requires surrender of our lives to Jesus whom we have experienced by rendering humble and loving service to others with the strong conviction that Jesus is present in every person. The final step is to praise and thank God in all the events of our lives, good and bad, realizing that God's love shapes every event of our lives.

God Bless.

Fr Biju John

Prayer for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

on the occasion of Her becoming the longest reigning Monarch in British History

Almighty God,

we pray that Elizabeth your Servant and Our Queen,
who, by your providence has received the governance of this Realm,
may continue to grow in every virtue,
that, imbued with your heavenly grace,
she may be preserved from all that is harmful and evil,
and being blessed with your favour
may, with her Consort and all the Royal Family,
come at last into your presence,
through him who is the Way, the Truth and the Life,
Our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God,
for ever and ever. Amen.

SACRAMENTS

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

We also offer our warmest congratulations to John and Florence Rea who celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary this weekend.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School programme for children attending non-Catholic schools has begun but its not too late to enrol. It takes place every Sunday during school term time from 10am-10.45am in St Lawrence's School. Children in school year two or above are invited to enrol on this programme. If you would like to find out more please contact Bridget Brinkley.

EXPLORING THE CATHOLIC FAITH

Would you like to find out more about the Catholic Faith? Have you been searching for a deeper meaning for your life? Do you share your life with a Catholic, perhaps you are supporting your husband or wife bringing up your children in the Catholic Faith. If you would like to find out more about the Catholic Church or you thinking about becoming a Catholic please contact Bridget Brinkley on 020 8890 2367 or by e-mailing at bridgetbrinkley@rcdow.org.uk.

CONFIRMATION 2016

If you are in Year 9 or above and would like to be prepared to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2016 please register with Bridget Brinkley at one of the following times.

Tuesday 15th Wed 16th September – 3.30 - 6.30 pm

Please come to the Church where you will be asked to complete a registration form. The preparation programme will begin on **Wednesday the 30th September**.

PARISH CENTRE UPDATE

Work on the Parish Centre will commence within the next few weeks.

- On **Monday 14th September** work begins on the tree pruning and tree felling and some preliminary demolition work on the Parish Centre & garage.
- Week beginning **5th October** the Parish Centre will be demolished and the site cleared. At this stage a large part of the Church site will be sealed off as a building site, and consequently car parking will only be available for key workers and disabled persons at all times.

PARISH NOTICES

PARISH SICK LIST

Because of the size of our parish community it inevitably means that we have a large number of sick parishioners to remember in our prayers. It includes those undergoing treatment or living with illness or frailty. We have decided that rather than read names out on Sunday (because there are many who want to remain anonymous) we will keep a list of names by the statue of St Anthony. This list will be refreshed each week, so if you would like a name added please let Florie in the Parish Office know by **Thursday** each week. Meanwhile, please keep our sick parishioners - and those who care for them - in your prayers each day.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Parish Pastoral Council meet on **Tuesday 22nd September** at 7.30pm in the Presbytery. If anyone has any issues they would like raised, please put them in writing to the Chair, Michelle Moore-Saxton and hand them into the Parish Office by 12noon on the day.

UCM

The UCM will meet on **Monday 14th September** at 7.30pm at the Salvation Army Hall, 166 Bedford Lane, Feltham TW14 9NJ. This is a new venture for us, but I do ask members to come along and see that the meetings will be the same as they have always been. Any lady from the Parish is very welcome to come to the meeting.

NEW ALTAR SERVERS INITIATION

All new Altar Servers who attended the training session are invited to the Altar Servers Initiation which will take place at all the weekend Masses on **19th and 20th September**.

CAKE AND COOKIE SALE

There will be a cake and cookie sale outside Church on **Sunday 20th September** after the 9am and 11am Masses. All proceeds to the New Parish Centre Building Fund. Please come along and support Denise Dandjinou.

FR FORTUNATO'S FAREWELL MASS AND PARTY

Fr Fortunato's farewell Mass will take place on **Saturday 26th September** at 12.00noon followed by a party. The theme will be an International Mass and party. We will be looking for two or three hymns in different languages. Food lists are available at the back of church. Please contact the Parish Office for information.

If you would like to contribute towards a leaving gift for Fr Fortunato, please hand in your envelope to Fr Chris, Fr John, Bridget Brinkley or to the Parish Office. There is a card in the Repository (shop) and one in the Parish Office for you to sign.

SOCIAL EVENT – GOAN EVENING/FIESTA

The Goan Community at St Lawrence's are planning a "Goan Evening/Fiesta" to be held **Saturday 24th October** from 7.30pm in the School Hall. All proceeds will go towards the Parish Centre Building Fund. For offers of help please George Fernandes on 07424 761058 or email gfernandes1965@hotmail.com.

PRAYER GROUP

St Lawrence's Prayer Group meets on a Thursday at 7.30pm in the Presbytery. The Prayer Session is a time of praise, thanksgiving, sharing on the scriptures, prayers of intention for family, the Church and the world. New members are welcome. Come and see me. *Sr Katherine*

MOTHER AND TODDLER GROUP – BRIGHT SPARKS

The Mother and Toddler Group "Bright Sparks" now meet on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 9.15am-11.30am in the Upper Hall at The United Free Church (Christ Church), Hanworth Road, Feltham TW13 5AB.

OVER 50's CLUB

The over 50's Club meet at the Salvation Army Hall, 166 Bedford Lane, Feltham TW14 0NJ on Wednesdays from 1pm-3pm.

SECONDARY SCHOOL FORM SIGNING

Fr Chris will be signing Secondary School applications on the dates below. Please come with your child and wait in the Church and bring all the forms you need Fr Chris to sign with you.

Tuesdays from 3.45-5.00pm

September: 15th, 22nd and 29th October: 6th and 20th

OTHER

CATENIAN ASSOCIATION

Osterley Circle's fifth anniversary meeting & dinner is **Wednesday 16th September**. Meet in the bar at 7PM in the Conservative Club, Gresham Road, Hounslow. TW3 4BX. Dinner £25/person. Everyone welcome. Contact Peter Oliver on 07905 657 285 to book in by the evening of Sunday 13th please. Dress code: Smart Casual.

Mass intentions and other services this week:

Saturday 12th Feria	11.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation
	11.45	Benediction
	12.00	Emma and Kian Blythe and Family (Intentions)
	17.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	18.00	Nigel Owen RIP (Anniversary)
+ Sunday 13th 24 th Sunday of the Year	09.00	People of the Parish
	11.00	John & Florence Rea in Thanksgiving (60th Wedding Anniversary)
	13.00	Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)
	18.00	June Roberts RIP (First Anniversary)
Monday 14th THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS	09.30	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Celebrant's Intentions
Tuesday 15th Our Lady of Sorrows	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Anita Calmiano RIP (Anniversary)
	10.00	Novena to Our Lady
Wednesday 16th Sts Cornelius & Cyprian	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Emelia Potts RIP (First Anniversary)
Thursday 17th Feria	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	John Joseph Hurley RIP (Anniversary)
Friday 18th Feria	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Bartholomew and Mariquinha Fernandes RIP (Anniversary)
Saturday 19th Feria	11.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation
	11.45	Benediction
	12.00	Kay Creedon RIP
	12.45	Baptisms of Patricia Nazarí Carregá Mendes, Reece Michael Philippe Payet, Joseph David Rodgers and Nathaniel-Luis Manalo Murray
	16.00	Baptism of Queie Anthony Crowley
	17.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	18.00	Gerry O'Connor RIP (Anniversary)
+ Sunday 20th 25 th Sunday of the Year	09.00	Miles Hamlin RIP (First Anniversary)
	11.00	María Vigilia De Souza RIP (2nd Anniversary)
	13.00	Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)
	18.00	People of the Parish

Sanctuary Lamp: Bartholomew & Mariquinha Fernandes RIP

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

5th/6th September: Envelopes: £1,096.55 Loose: £820.44 Standing Orders: £485.00 Total: £2,401.99

PARISH CENTRE UPDATE: MONEY BANKED AS AT 07/09/2015 – £40,201.72

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**Sunday Mass Times: Saturday 6 pm (Vigil Mass), Sunday 9 am, 11 am, 1pm (Polish) & 6 pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) - Saturday 11am & 5pm**

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