

This week at St Lawrence's



26th/27th September 2015

26th Sunday of the Year
(Missal Page 138 – YEAR B Vol. 2)



Numbers 11:25-29; Psalm 18; James 5:1-6; Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48
Next week: 27th Sunday of the Year (Missal Page 140): Genesis 2:18-24; Psalm 127;
Hebrews 2:9-11; Mark 10:2-16

Dear Brothers and Sisters

In today's Gospel, we find intolerance among the apostles of Christ. John complained to Jesus that a man outside their group of selected disciples was exorcising demons in Jesus' Name, in spite of their attempt to prevent him from doing so. Jesus taught the Apostles lessons in his kind of tolerance and in the reward to be given to outsiders for good deeds they had done for the disciples of Jesus. We also hear the strong warning of Jesus against giving scandal, especially to innocent children, vulnerable members of the community and beginners in the Faith. Jesus warned the Apostles, and us, that, just as a doctor might remove by surgery a limb or some part of the body in order to preserve the life of the whole body, so we must be ready to part with anything that causes us or others to sin and which leads to spiritual death.

Above all, don't forget that Jesus loves us all equally and importantly, therefore we must love one another and show mercy, kindness and compassion to others.

God bless all of us.

Fr Biju John

October is the month of Our Lady, 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.



SACRAMENTS

"WALK WITH JESUS" MONDAY GROUP

The "Walk with Jesus" programme for the Monday group meet from 4.30pm-5.30pm in the Church.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The next preparation meeting for children and parents is on **Saturday 3rd October** at 9.45am. Please come to St Lawrence's School and you will be directed to your meeting rooms.

CONFIRMATION 2016

The first preparation meeting for Group One will be on **Wednesday 30th September** at 7.00pm in St Lawrence's School.

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.

PARISH CENTRE UPDATE

- We are awaiting permission for a few more trees and shrubs that need clearing. Some demolition work has commenced on the parish centre, garage, and sheds.
- 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.

IMPORTANT – CAR PARKING

Please note that there will only be **two** marked spaces for cars from this time on. One of those will be reserved for Fr Chris, the other for **disabled parking**. **All car users** are asked to find alternative parking from this time forward for the next twelve months. This applies to weekday and weekend parking. At the weekends we will have use of the school car park for the first 20 cars as we do now.

PARISH NOTICES

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

There will be a planning meeting for the Christmas Bazaar on **Tuesday 29th September** at 6.30pm in the presbytery. The meeting is open to all.

FIRST FRIDAY

There will be an early bird Mass on **Friday 2nd October** at 06.45am. The First Friday CAFOD Coffee morning will take place after the 9.30am Mass.

UCM

The UCM will meet on **Monday 28th September** at the Salvation Army Hall in Bedford Lane. Sheila, one of our members, will give a talk on the 'Turin Shroud'. We meet at 7.30pm.

SPONSORSHIP FOR IRIS ELDRIDGE

One of our parishioners, Iris Eldridge, is going to do a tandem skydive to raise funds for the new Parish Centre. This will take place on **Saturday 24th October** at the London Parachute School Chiltern Park Aerodrome, Icknield Road, Ipsden, Wallingford, Oxon OX10 6AS. There are sponsorship forms at the back of Church. Monies can be handed into the Parish Office.

CAKE AND COOKIE SALE – THANK YOU

Thank you to Denise for the wonderful and delicious cakes and cookies and to all of you who bought them. £200 was raised for the Parish Centre.

SOCIAL EVENT – GOAN EVENING/FIESTA

Tickets are on sale after Mass or from the Parish Office for the "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. Adults: £10.00, children aged 8-15: £5.00. There will be delicious Goan food, dancing, spot prizes, raffle prizes.

To all Goans - a food list will be available this weekend if you are able to help. For offers of help please contact George Fernandes, Francis, Rosario or email gfernandes1965@hotmail.com.

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA

There is an article on the noticeboard on the recent admissions ceremony held at St Lawrence's of new members.

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: 29th October: 6th and 20th

OTHER

ITEMS FOR GHANA

One of our parishioners is collecting bibles, holy pictures, and other religious items to take to Ghana. If you have any items you want to donate please hand them to the Parish Office or contact Mary Boyle on 01784 254345 or Kath Early on 020 8890 2077 for more details.

CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY IS FRIDAY, 2 OCTOBER.

Your support and donations to CAFOD this Harvest Fast Day will enable our partners to work with people across the world to have access to tools and training, and empower them to become self-sufficient despite living in the most difficult of conditions. Additionally, your donations this Fast Day will be used to fund our partners work in Europe and the Middle East to support those affected by the refugee crisis. The collection will be taken up at all weekend Masses on 3rd/4th October.

ADULTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

St Joseph's Pastoral Centre are holding therapeutic classes for adults with intellectual disabilities at St. Michael & St. Martin Church Hall, Hounslow on Thursdays. Please see flyer on notice board for details.

SCHOOL OPEN DAYS

Please see notice board for information on Secondary School Open Days.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

There is a healing weekend for men and women who find themselves single again following divorce, separation or the death of a partner from **2nd to 4th October 2015** at the Emmaus Centre, West Wickham, Kent. For details please contact Freda Bacon 01322-838415, Sandra Maishman 01293-783965 or John Brotherton email johnbrotherton@hotmail.co.uk. or 01992-642443

PILGRIMAGES

ST LAWRENCE 2016 PILGRIMAGE TO ROME - YEAR OF MERCY

Our 2016 pilgrimage will be to Rome from **Monday 10th October 2016 to Sunday 16th October 2016**. We will be flying from and to Heathrow. Parishioners from St Gabriel, Harrow South & St Bernard, Northolt will be joining us on this pilgrimage. The cost is £884.00 per person on a half board basis. There will only be 26 places available initially. Booking forms and itinerary details can be obtained from St Lawrence Parish Office. The places will be allocated strictly in the order that the booking forms together with the deposits are returned to the Parish Office by 30th October 2015.

Mass intentions and other services this week:

Saturday 26th Feria	12.00 17.00 18.00	Fr Fortunato Pantisano in Thanksgiving <i>(International Mass)</i> Sacrament of Reconciliation Mary Hourihan RIP
+ Sunday 27th 26 th Sunday of the Year	09.00 11.00 13.00 14.30 18.00	Christine and Michael Bigley RIP Agregino & Raymunda Zarate RIP Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Mass led by the African Community People of the Parish
Monday 28th Feria	09.15 09.30	<i>Morning Prayer</i> David Ugowe in Birthday Thanksgiving
Tuesday 29th STS MICHAEL, GABRIEL AND RAPHAEL	09.15 09.30 10.00	<i>Morning Prayer</i> Sr Mechilde Moloney RIP <i>Novena to Our Lady</i>
Wednesday 30th St Jerome	09.15 09.30	<i>Morning Prayer</i> Asuncion Leeta Pavia RIP
Thursday 1st St Therese of the Child Jesus	09.15 09.30	<i>Morning Prayer</i> Pat Miles RIP (Anniversary)
Friday 2nd The Holy Guardian Angels	06.45 09.15 09.30	Celebrant's Intentions <i>Morning Prayer</i> Deceased members of the Britto Family RIP
Saturday 3rd Feria	11.00 11.45 12.00 16.00 17.00 18.00	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation</i> <i>Benediction</i> Edith Maple (Intention) <i>Baptism of Rosanna Jasmine Lourdes Fernandes</i> <i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i> Valerie Gill RIP (1st Anniversary)
+ Sunday 4th 27 th Sunday of the Year	09.00 11.00 13.00 18.00	Myra Hayes RIP (Anniversary) Christine Cahalane RIP Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) People of the Parish

Sanctuary Lamp: Eileen Marks RIP (100th Birthday Remembrance)

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

19th/20th September: Envelopes: £1,342.60 Loose: £961.36 Standing Orders: £485.00 Total: £2,788.96

PARISH CENTRE UPDATE: MONEY BANKED AS AT 22/09/2015 - £40,687.90

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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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