

This week at St Lawrence's



5th/6th April 2014

Fifth Sunday of Lent
(Missal Page 170 – YEAR A)



Ezekiel 37:12-14; Psalm 129; Romans 8:8-11; John 11:1-45
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (Missal Page 176); Isaiah 50:4-7; Psalm 21;
Philippians 2:6-11; Matthew 26:14-27:66

Dear Friends,

The *Feast of Feasts* will be upon us very soon! There is a door to this feast, a door we must all pass through to enter the celebration. What is this door? It is the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the Sacrament of God's forgiveness and healing love.

Are you in need of healing love? The Church believes that all of us are. There are many prayers in the liturgy, especially after communion, asking that we may experience healing love - God's healing love. Most of us carry around a lot of baggage, a heavy burden of "emotional junk", as the Americans say: a lot of undigested emotional garbage. The often crushing, painful memories are stored not only in our deep unconscious; they are also stored in our body. All the painful memories of early childhood, all the rage and anger we may have experienced in our infancy, gets repressed into the unconscious. We may not actually remember the events that caused these feelings, but our emotions remember them. And we have to live with these emotions. This is true for all of us, even those of us who have come from secure and loving families, surrounded with care and affection. There are no perfect parents, no perfect families, and our parents and families have loved us as they could. Still, we have wounds that need healing.

How long is it since you made your last confession? Weeks? Months? Years? It doesn't matter. What does matter is that God is now calling you - you who are reading this - to the Sacrament of his healing love and mercy. God is calling you to make a humble and sincere confession of your sins, and to experience the peace that comes when we purify our conscience. In one of his homily Pope Francis tells us that Jesus Christ's love lasts forever; it will never end, because it is the very life of God. This love overcomes sin and gives the strength to rise and begin again, because with forgiveness the heart is renewed and rejuvenated. We all know it: our Father never tires of loving us. Our Father awaits us always, not only does He leave the door open for us, but He awaits us. He is involved in this awaiting of His children. And in Jesus Christ he calls us to imitate his very way of loving: "as I have loved you, you also love one another" (John 13:34). Love cannot endure being shut-in on itself. By its very nature it is open, it spreads and is fruitful, it always generates new love.

Therefore, there is no need to be afraid. COME! The Sacrament can help those of us who find going to confession very difficult. It can help those who may have had a bad experience of confession in the past. It can help those of us who feel that our sins are too terrible, or too embarrassing to name. Or those who feel their sins are so repetitive, that it is hypocritical to confess them yet again. We can put all these fears aside and together rejoice in the love and mercy of God. COME! There is a place for YOU!

Fr. Fortunato

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

We extend a warm welcome to Cora Cooper who will be baptised this weekend and offer our warmest congratulations to her family.

RCIA

Please continue to pray for our adults who are exploring the Catholic faith in our Monday evening group.

CONFIRMATION

The Confirmation candidates will be going to Westminster Cathedral on **Thursday 10th April**. Please meet at Feltham Train Station at 10am and bring your train fare and a packed lunch.

PARISH NOTICES

REMINDER

Please note that during Lent, there will be Eucharistic Adoration, Monday to Friday at 8.30am and an early bird Mass every Friday at 06.45am. Sr. Katherine leads a group for quiet reflection every Wednesday after the 9.30am Mass in the Prayer Room.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 5th April – 11.00am-11.45am and 5.00pm-5.45pm
Tuesday 8th April – Holy Hour and Confessions, 6.30-7.30pm
Saturday 12th April – 11.00am-11.45am and 5.00pm-5.45pm
Good Friday 18th April – 10.30am-12.00noon
Holy Saturday 19th April – 10.30am-11.30am

STRENGTH TO STRENGTH DVD SERIES

The series finished a week early on Friday 4th. Thank you to all those who participated.

GOOD FRIDAY CHILDREN'S LITURGY / WORKSHOP

All children must be signed in when attending this workshop. This workshop is aimed at children from 3 – 10 years old. All children under 5 must be accompanied by an adult who will need to stay with them throughout the event. The event starts at **2:30pm** on Good Friday in the Parish Centre and finishes with the children being returned to church at the end of the service.

The workshop will be following the story of Jesus through Easter week by using songs, prayers and crafts. The items that are made from this event will be displayed in the church throughout Eastertide.

PASSOVER MEAL

The annual celebration of the Passover Meal takes place on **Wednesday 16th April** at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. Please contact Tanya Webster if you are able to help in any way. Tickets have all gone but if you have taken a ticket and are unable to attend, please return it to the Parish Office, as this is a popular event and we usually have a waiting list.

POLISH LENT EVENTS

Stations of the Cross (Droga Krzyżowa) **every Wednesday** at 8pm.
Confessions (*Wielkanocna*) - **Thursday 10th April** –7.00-8.30pm

EASTER FLOWERS

There will be a collection at the end of all Masses on **this weekend** for Easter Flowers.

MISSIO COLLECTORS

Please collect your Spring edition Magazines from the porch.

PASTORAL CARE

If you know of someone (a neighbour, a friend, a member of your family) who is unwell at home or in hospital or unable to get to Church any longer, and if you think they would value a visit from one of the Priests or Sisters, please let Florie in the Parish Office know. They may be out of sight but they shouldn't be out of mind.

In case you are admitted to hospital.....

In light of data protection please indicate on entering hospital that your details are to be passed to the RC Chaplain. Also state that you would like the RC Chaplain to visit you. Contact numbers for local hospital chaplains are on the notice board in the porch.

PLANNED GIVING BOXES

The new Planned Giving Boxes commence this weekend. There are still a few boxes awaiting collection, at the back of Church.

MASS LED BY THE AFRICAN COMMUNITY

The Feast of the Divine Mercy will be celebrated at St Lawrence's on **27th April** starting at 2.30pm, led by the African Community. Further details to follow.

NURSERY ADMISSIONS 2014 - FORM SIGNING

Fr Chris will be available for Nursery Form signing for St Lawrence's School on **Tuesday, 22nd April from 3.30-4.30pm**. Please come with your child and wait in Church.

OTHER

STUDY DAY ON HUMAN AND FAITH DEVELOPMENT: FROM CHILDHOOD TO ADULTHOOD DATE: 12th April 2014

TIME: 10am-1pm. VENUE: Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, London, SW1P 1QN. This will be an interactive teaching and learning day for all interested in their personal faith development and those who teach adults and children. Facilitators: Mgr Malachy Keegan and A. Karaliute S.T.L. Please always book in advance to attend a session by email: livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk or at <http://www.rcdow.org.uk/events> or tel: 020 7931 6078. Suggested donation £ 7.00. Tea & coffee will be provided.

YOUNG FRIENDS OF WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL

Fr Uwe Michael Lang will give a spiritual introduction to the celebrations of Holy Week on **Saturday, 12 April** from 2-5pm. Two talks, time for prayer, opportunity for confession. Hosted in the Hinsley Room by the Young Friends of Westminster Cathedral. Admission free. Further info: 07903 644 935 or young.friends@mail.com.

DIVINE MERCY PILGRIMAGE

The Divine Mercy Apostolate Marian Fathers have organised a Pilgrimage to Aylesford in preparation for the Feast of the Divine Mercy. Date: **Saturday 26th April** Time: 10am-5pm. Coaches will be leaving from Westminster, Ealing and Slough. Please see notice in the porch for details and the programme.

THE INNER TRAIL OF FAITH

St Lawrence's and The Centre for Spirit and Culture will be hosting a series of bi-monthly events, the first of these will be on **Saturday 26th April** at 1pm at the CSCA Centre, Manor House, Manor Lane, Feltham TW13 4JQ. The topic that day will be on *Islamic Faith* – a talk followed by a Question and Answer session. All welcome to attend.

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Mass intentions and other services this week:

Saturday 5th Lent Feria	11.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	11.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	11.45	Benediction
	12.00	Pauline & Craig Penfold in Thanksgiving (25th Wedding Anniversary)
	12.30	Stations of the Cross
+ First Mass of Sunday	13.30	Baptism of Cora Cooper
	17.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	18.00	Joan Keightley RIP (1st Anniversary)
	09.00	For the intentions of the Power Family
	11.00	People of the Parish
+ Sunday 6th 5 th Sunday of Lent	13.00	Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)
	18.00	Eily O'Connor (Intention)
Monday 7th Lent Feria	08.30	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Aposinha, Milagres & Maria Fernandes RIP
Tuesday 8th Lent Feria	08.30	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Gabriel D'Souza in Thanksgiving
	10.30	Novena to Our Lady
	18.30 – 19.30	Holy Hour and Sacrament of Reconciliation
Wednesday 9th Lent Feria	08.30	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	John Murphy RIP (1st Anniversary)
	20.00	Stations of the Cross (Polish) – Droga Krzyżowa
Thursday 10th Lent Feria	08.30	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Fr Brian Heaney RIP (1st Anniversary)
	19.00-20.30	Polish Confessions (Wielkanocna)
Friday 11th Lent Feria	06.45	Celebrant's Intention
	08.30	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	For World Peace
Saturday 12th Lent Feria	10.00	Stations of the Cross
	11.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	11.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	11.45	Benediction
	12.00	For Special Intentions and Unity - Fernandes Family
+ First Mass of Sunday	12.30	Stations of the Cross
	17.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	18.00	Deacon James Richards RIP
	09.00	German D'Souza RIP (Anniversary)
	10.45	Meet on the Green for Blessing of Palms and Procession
+ Sunday 13th PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD	11.00	Basil Clarke RIP (Anniversary)
	13.00	Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)
	18.00	People of the Parish

Sanctuary Lamp: Kurt Kosin RIP

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

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

29-30 March: Envelopes £991.41, Loose £710.54, Standing Orders £420.00 Total: £2121.95

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