

This week at St Lawrence's



9th/10th April 2016

Third Sunday of Easter
(Missal Page 265 – YEAR C Vol. 1)

Acts 5:27-32, 40-41; Psalm 29; Apocalypse 5:11-14; John 21:1-19

Next week: Fourth Sunday of Easter (Missal Page 268): Acts 13:14, 43-52; Psalm 99;
Apocalypse 7:9, 14-17; John 10: 27-30



Dear Friends,

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has helped to make our Holy Week and Easter celebrations so special this year; our choirs and musicians, altar servers and sacristans, flower arrangers and cleaners, stewards and welcomers, Kate Taylor and the Good Friday workshop team, our children and everyone who participated in the keeping of a deeply prayerful and faithful Easter Triduum. For myself, I want to thank you all for your great kindness and generosity to me this year.

Last weekend at Mass we heard from our Deacon-in-training, Colin Macken, about our parish plans for "Proclaim", a Diocesan initiative in response to the call and challenge of Pope Francis to share the Joy of the Gospel. We plan to launch our own "Helping Hands" scheme, reaching out to those in need in our own parish family and wider neighbourhood. There are so many ways in which each of us could be a part of this, giving a little of our time and talents in the service of others. Do come and find out more about this at a specially convened Parish Meeting on **Friday 15th April at 7.30pm** in the School Hall. This is the first of several evangelising initiatives to be rolled out in the parish within the next couple of years, initiatives that include Parish Bible Study programmes, an "Open Door" Prayer Ministry, a Youth Choir, and the possibility of a monthly "Sunday Lunch" for the lonely or housebound. Watch this space! For now, I want to thank the members of the Proclaim group in the parish – Michelle, Tanya, Sr Katherine, Sharyn, Janet, Nadine, Rebecca, Lloyd, Ziggy, Lance and Colin – for the commitment and enthusiasm they are bringing to our mission and our ministry here. We look forward to welcoming as many of you as can make it to the meeting on Friday 15th.

God Bless you all, and enjoy this beautiful Easter Season.

Fr Chris

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

SACRAMENTS

CONFIRMATION

A big thanks to all our Confirmation Candidates for making our visit to Westminster Cathedral such a lovely day. Thanks also to our catechists who accompanied the group. Candidates preparation sessions recommence this **Wednesday, 13th April** at 7.15pm. Parents are also reminded that the parent's sessions begin **Wednesday 20th** at 7.15pm.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The next preparation Class for parents and children will be on **Saturday 16th April** at 9.45am

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

We offer our warmest congratulations to Alberto Horvath and Joann Omelis who celebrate the sacrament of marriage this weekend.

PARISH NOTICES

ST LAWRENCE'S SCHOOL

We welcome St Lawrence's School for the start of term Mass on **Friday 15th April** at 9.30am

PROCLAIM 15 - PARISH MEETING – "HELPING HANDS"

There will be an open parish meeting on **Friday 15th April** at 7.30pm in the School Hall.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The Parish Council will meet on **Tuesday 19th April** at 7.30pm in the Presbytery.

INTERNATIONAL MASS ON THE FEAST OF ST GEORGE

There will be an International Mass on the Feast of St George, **Saturday 23rd April** at 12 noon. This will also be a farewell Mass for Fr John. We will be looking for two or three hymns in different languages. Food lists will be available shortly. If you would like to contribute towards a leaving gift for Fr John, please hand in your envelope to the Parish Office. There will be a card in the Repository (shop) for you to sign.

Food lists and helpers lists are at the back of Church. If anyone would be able to make a cake for Fr John please contact Bridget Brinkley.

PLANT SALE – ADVANCE NOTICE

CAFOD will be having a plant sale on **Sunday 24th April** after the 9am and 11am Masses. Proceeds of this sale will still take advantage of the Government's £1 for £ matching scheme. If anybody wishes to sow seeds for us to sell, we would be very grateful. Contact Theresa for information.

CAFOD LENTEN BOXES

If you took a CAFOD Lenten box please return it to the Parish Office as soon as possible. Thank you.

CAKE SALE

Thanks to Denise for the delicious cakes. A sum of £160 was raised for the Parish Centre.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

There are still a few boxes awaiting collection. If you are on the Planned Giving Scheme and haven't collected your new box, please do so this weekend. If anyone would like to join the Planned Giving Scheme using envelopes or standing order for your weekly offertory contribution please contact the Parish Office.

NURSERY CLASS ADMISSIONS 2016

Dates for Fr Chris to sign the Certificate of Catholic Practice for Nursery Applications:

Tuesdays: April 12th, 19th, May 3rd Time: 3.45 – 5.00pm

- Please come along with your child and their Baptism Certificate.
- Sign up sheets on notice board in Church porch (as we did for Reception applications).
- If you are applying for a school with an earlier deadline than 6th May 2016, please contact the Parish Office for an appointment.

FELTHAM YOUNG OFFENDERS

Check out the link - <http://www.standard.co.uk/news/crime/catholic-mentoring-plan-at-jail-turns-young-offenders-off-crime-a3217466.html>. Copy of article on the noticeboard.

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the souls of **Rita Connor RIP, John Ferguson RIP and Mark Savage RIP** who died recently. Please also keep in your prayers their families and all those who mourn them.

John Ferguson RIP: Requiem Mass here on **Monday 11th April** at 12.00noon

Rita Connor RIP: Requiem Mass here on **Tuesday 12th April** at 11.00am

Mark Savage RIP: Mark Savage was Secretary of Churches Together and a member of Christ Church. He was well known within the Churches Together group and the local community. His funeral will take place on **Friday 15th April at 2.00pm** at Hanworth Crematorium followed by a service at 3pm at Christ Church.

OTHER

PRIESTS TRAINING FUND

Next weekend we will take up a collection for the Priest Training Fund of the Diocese of Westminster. There are currently 29 men in formation for the priesthood at Allen Hall Seminary and at seminaries in Rome and Spain. The Fund also helps pay for promoting vocations to the priesthood, and ongoing training of our priests for specialised ministries such as in hospital, prisons, or university chaplaincy and the like. It costs £25,000 per year, per man to go through the six-year rigorous formation programme. Your generous donation helps ensure these men who are called to be like Christ the Good Shepherd fulfil their commitment of their lives and their all in service to God and His Holy People. Envelopes are available in the back of Church – please take one home, read the information, and bring it back next weekend with your donation.

We are fortunate to have a seminarian from Allen Hall come and give a talk at all Masses next weekend.

PARISH PILGRIMAGES

YEAR OF MERCY DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

You are invited to join Cardinal Vincent Nichols on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham, England's Nazareth, in this Year of Mercy on **Saturday 9th July**. The cost is £20.00 per person. The coach is now **FULL** but there is a waiting list in case anyone drops out. All those who have put your names on the list but haven't yet paid, please do so as soon as possible to secure your seat. Please post your money in an envelope, clearly marked with your name and "WALSINGHAM", to the Parish Office.

WORLD YOUTH DAY – KRAKOW JULY 2016

SLYC is inviting you to join us on a pilgrimage to Poland for World Youth Day (WYD) with Pope Francis. WYD dates are from **18 July 2016 to Sunday 31 July 2016**, the cost will be £750 including travel and accommodation. To come on this trip you just need to be 16-35 years old and open to have a fun and life changing experience. If interested please see Fr Chris for more details.

LOURDES 2016

Once again we will be travelling by coach to join the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, **23rd-31st July**. On the way to Lourdes we will be visiting the shrine of the Sacred Heart in Paray le Monial and on the return journey we will be stopping in Poitiers and Lisieux – the shrine of St Therese. Price £699 per person based on two sharing plus insurance £35.00, single room supplement £199 per person. Price includes full board whilst in Lourdes and half board at stops on route. Forms available from the Parish Office, complete and return as soon as possible. **We especially need young people (16+) to help care for our sick, disabled and elderly pilgrims, and a nurse to accompany us on the pilgrimage.**

ST LAWRENCE 2016 PILGRIMAGE TO ROME - YEAR OF MERCY

There are still a few seats left on this pilgrimage. The pilgrimage will be from **Monday 10th October 2016 to Sunday 16th October 2016**. The cost is £884.00 per person on a half board basis, insurance £32.00 per person. If anyone would like to join please get a booking form from the Parish Office, complete and return with your deposit as soon as possible.

****STOP PRESS**** please note that there is 1 twin and 2 triple rooms left.

Mass intentions and other services this week:

Saturday 9th Easter Feria	11.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation
	11.45	Benediction
	12.00	Rita Connor RIP
	14.30	Wedding of Alberto Horvath and Joann Omelis
	17.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	18.00	Deceased members of the Kenny & Hypher Families RIP
+ Sunday 10th Third Sunday of Easter	09.00	Gabriel D'Souza in Thanksgiving
	11.00	Basil Clarke and Nora Lea RIP
	13.00	Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)
	18.00	People of the Parish
Monday 11th St Stanislaus	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Veronica Quainoo in Thanksgiving
	12.00	FUNERAL MASS – JOHN FERGUSON RIP
Tuesday 12th Easter Feria	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Moise Thoreux (Get well)
	10.00	Novena to Our Lady
	11.00	FUNERAL MASS – RITA CONNOR RIP
Wednesday 13th Easter Feria	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	German D'Souza RIP (Anniversary)
Thursday 14th Easter Feria	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Celebrant's Intention
Friday 15th Easter Feria		No Morning Prayer
	09.30	Millie D'Souza in Thanksgiving (with School)
Saturday 16th Easter Feria	11.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation
	11.45	Benediction
	12.00	Declan McDermott RIP
	12.45	Baptisms of Christina Serrao and Olivia Ines Wray Santos
	17.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	18.00	Eamon O'Brien RIP
+ Sunday 17th Fourth Sunday of Easter	09.00	Eileen Marks RIP (Anniversary)
	11.00	People of the Parish
	13.00	Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)
	18.00	Cynthia & Peter Everett RIP (Anniversary)

Sanctuary Lamp: Harry Haldane RIP

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

Easter Offerings: £4,021.68

2nd/3rd April: Envelopes: £1,106.67 Loose: £881.72 Standing Orders: £530.10 **Total: £2,518.49**

PARISH CENTRE UPDATE: MONEY BANKED AS AT 04/04/2016 – £68,655.35

HOLY PLACES: £1,015.39 CARITAS (Ash Wednesday & Holy Thursday): £1,126.33

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