

This week at St Lawrence's



12th/13th April 2014

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
(Missal Page 176 – YEAR A)**



*Isaiah 50:4-7; Psalm 21; Philippians 2:6-11; Matthew 26:14-27:66
Easter Sunday (Missal Page 251): Acts 10:34, 37-43; Psalm 117; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-9
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Dear Friends

The latest blockbuster release taking cinemas by storm is "Noah", billed as "a spectacular reimagining of the apocalyptic story of the great flood". Russell Crowe, the lead actor, has quietly been trying to meet both Pope Francis and the Archbishop of Canterbury for their official endorsement - and I guess a little divine approval! Whatever you may think of the movie, and however fast and loose it may play with the actual Genesis story, it's not every day you can see the Bible on the big screen. Do try and catch it if you can - and remember that from early days the Church was described as the "Ark of Salvation", the ship in which all humanity can be saved.

This week is Holy Week, or the Great Week, as it is sometimes known, a week that acts out the greatest story ever told: the story that God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life, that love is His word and love His way. As Christ enters and endures His Passion for love of you and me and for all who ever have or ever will be born, the Church's solemn invitation to each of us is to walk with Him, to stay close to Him and to learn the lessons of His passionate love for the world. So be there; there as He washes His disciples feet - so teaching us how to serve others - and gives us the gift of His life-giving Eucharist; there as He hangs on the Cross and pours His life-blood over you; there at the empty tomb as we see Him as the light that darkness could not overpower; there on Easter Day to meet your Risen Saviour. Make this Holy Week perhaps the holiest week of your life so far. Then you will really know how Easter joy feels.

A Prayer for Holy Week

Father in heaven,
the love of your Son led him to accept the suffering of the cross
that his brothers and sisters might glory in new life.
Change our selfishness into self-giving.
Help us to embrace the world you have given us,
that we may transform the darkness of its pain
into the life and joy of Easter.
Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Fr Chris

THIS IS HOLY WEEK

CHRISM MASS – TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK

Fr Chris and Fr Fortunato will be attending the Chrism Mass at Westminster Cathedral at **12noon** on **Tuesday 15th April**. This is one of the most solemn and significant liturgies of the Church, and includes the blessing of oils to be used in sacramental celebrations in the forthcoming year. Parishioners are warmly encouraged to take part in this beautiful liturgy.

PASSOVER MEAL – WEDNESDAY EVENING

Our annual celebration of a Passover Meal takes place on **Wednesday 16th April** at **7.30pm**. Please contact Tanya Webster if you are able to help in anyway. She will be available at the end of all Masses this weekend with a food list. If you have taken a ticket but find you are unable to attend, please return it to the Parish Office, as this is a popular event and we usually have a waiting list.

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER – MAUNDY THURSDAY

The Mass of the Lord's Supper takes place on **Maundy Thursday** at **8 pm**. Please sign your name on the list in the porch if you are willing to have your feet washed during the service.

The Mass will be followed by watching until midnight.

CHILDREN'S STATIONS OF THE CROSS – GOOD FRIDAY MORNING

Children are encouraged to take part in the special Children's Stations of the Cross at **10 am** on Good Friday morning and then to participate in the Walk of Witness with their parents.

WALK OF WITNESS – GOOD FRIDAY MORNING

Our Walk of Witness along the High Street with members of other local Christian churches **starts at 11 am** on Good Friday morning (meet on the Green at 10.50am). Please join in this powerful event.

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's 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.

GOOD FRIDAY

The Celebration of the Passion of the Lord takes place at **3.00pm** and Stations of the Cross at **7.30pm**.

EASTER VIGIL – HOLY SATURDAY

The Easter Vigil starts in the School playground at **8 pm** on **19th April**. During this service, Peter Matasovsky, Siobhan Ritchings, Ludimila Vieira, Ewa Oleniacz, Michal Jagielski, Chinyere Ekpo and Christopher Doe will celebrate their full initiation into the Catholic Church. Please pray for them in the coming days.

EASTER SUNDAY

Masses at **9am, 11am and 6pm**.

CONFESSIONS IN HOLY WEEK

Confessions will be available on Good Friday from **10.30 am to 12 noon** and Holy Saturday from **10.30am-11.30am**.

WIELKI TYDZIEŃ

Droga Krzyżowa – Środy godz 20.00.

Wielki Piątek, April 18th – 5.30pm Liturgia Męki Pańskiej
9.00-10.00pm – Adoracja Jezusa w grobie i adoracja krzyża

Wielka Sobota, April 19th – 12.00noon – 2.00pm Święcenie Pokarmów
8.00pm – Liturgia Wielkiej Soboty Wspólnie z Parafia St Lawrence

Niedziela Wielkanocna i Poniedziałek Wielkanocny – 1.00pm – Msza św.

PARISH NOTICES

PARKING IN HOLY WEEK

Please remember that parking restrictions apply in the local roads during Holy Week. Every year, a number of parishioners receive Penalty Notices whilst in church because they have parked inappropriately.

COLLECTION FOR HOLY PLACES

This annual collection will be taken up on Good Friday at the 3pm service during the Veneration of the Cross.

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

40 DAYS FOR LIFE CLOSING EVENT

Sunday 13th of April at 7pm in St Benedict's, Ealing Abbey, parish hall, Ealing. An evening of brilliant pro-life speakers, testimonies and food and drink. Come and celebrate the end of London's only 40 day pro-life campaign as a result of which over 15 mothers have chosen life for their children! For more info call Good Counsel Network 0207 7231 740 or email

info@goodcounselnetwork.com

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.

POLISH FAMILY DAY TO CELEBRATE THE CANONISATION OF JOHN PAUL II

On Sunday April 26th starting at 2.30pm in Gunnersbury Park. There will be games and competitions. To participate you should be a family of at least 3 people. Children 9+ can take part. There will be Mass followed by refreshments. Tickets on sale after Mass. All welcome.

PILGRIMAGES

ANNUAL DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

17 - 25 November 2014 Price: £1,495 per person (based on two people sharing a room). Single room supplement £275 per person. This price, from Heathrow, includes full board and all scheduled expenses incurred on the pilgrimage including all tips and gratuities. It does not include the cost of travel insurance. For booking forms and further information, please contact:

Gerald Daly at the Diocesan Pilgrimage Office: Email: geraldaly@rcdow.org.uk Tel: 020 7798 9173 or **Gill Didino at Tangney Tours** Tel: 01732 886666. • Renew your encounter with the Lord; • Follow in Jesus' footsteps from Galilee to Jerusalem and on to Bethlehem; • Meet the local Christian communities of the Holy Land, praying with them, visiting outreach projects and showing our support; • Scripture guide Fr John Farrell OP, Provincial of the Dominicans.

Westminster Youth Ministry will lead a 10 day Young Adults Pilgrimage (18-35) in parallel with the Main Diocesan Pilgrimage visiting the region's principal holy sites. The cost is £1,100 on a full board basis and Fr David Reilly the Youth Chaplain will be leading the group. Limited to 50 places only. Further information can be obtained from the Youth Team on youth@rcdow.org.uk or 0207 387 1971

PARISH LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

Only four places left on our pilgrimage to Lourdes. **Dates: 19th – 26th July**. Price: £699 per person. Single supplement £230 per person. Travel Insurance £34.00. Five days full board in Lourdes. En-route visiting the shrines of the Sacred Heart in Paray Le Monial and St Therese of Lisieux on a half board basis. Please contact the Parish Office for a booking form.

REST IN PEACE

ALEX SOARES RIP

We pray for the repose of the soul of **Alex Soares RIP** who passed away recently. His funeral will take place here on **Wednesday, 23rd April at 10.30am**. Please also keep in your prayers his wife Katherine, his children and all his family.

Mass intentions and other services this week:

Saturday 12th Lent Feria	11.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	11.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	11.45	Benediction
	12.00	For Special Intentions and Unity - Fernandes Family
	12.30	Stations of the Cross
+ First Mass of Sunday	17.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	18.00	Deacon James Richards RIP
+ Sunday 13th PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD	09.00	German D'Souza RIP (Anniversary)
	10.45	Meet on the Green for Blessing of Palms and Procession
	11.00	Basil Clarke RIP (Anniversary)
	13.00	Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)
	18.00	People of the Parish
Monday 14th Monday of Holy Week	08.30	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Ian and Brooke in Thanksgiving
Tuesday 15th Tuesday of Holy Week	08.30	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Millie D'Souza in Thanksgiving
	10.30	Novena to Our Lady
Wednesday 16th Wednesday of Holy Week	08.30	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Eileen Marks RIP (1st Anniversary)
	20.00	Stations of the Cross (Polish) – Droga Krzyżowa
THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM		
Thursday 17th MAUNDY THURSDAY	20.00	Mass of the Lord's Supper
		Followed by Watch of Prayer until Midnight
Friday 18th GOOD FRIDAY	10.00	Children's Stations of the Cross
	10.30-12.00	Confessions
	15.00	The Passion of the Lord
	17.30	Liturgia Męki Pańskiej
	19.30	Stations of the Cross
	21.00-22.00	Adoracja Jezusa w grobie I adoracja krzyża
Saturday 19th HOLY SATURDAY	10.30-11.30	Confessions
	12.00-14.00	Polish Blessing of Easter Baskets (Święcenie Pokarmów)
	20.00	The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night (with Polish Community)
		Liturgia Wielkiej Soboty Wspólnie z Parafia St Lawrence
+ Sunday 20th EASTER SUNDAY	09.00	Celebrant's Intention
	11.00	Celebrant's Intention
	13.00	Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)
	18.00	Celebrant's Intention

Sanctuary Lamp: Fatima Fernandes (Intentions)

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:

5th/6th April: Envelopes £900.39, Loose £715.10, Standing Orders £420.00 Total: £2035.49

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