

This week at St Lawrence's



18th/19th April 2015

Third Sunday of Easter
(Missal Page 258– YEAR B Vol. 1)

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Psalm 4; 1 John 2:1-5; Luke 24:35-48

Fourth Sunday of Easter (Missal Page 261); Acts 4:8-12; Psalm 117; 1 John 3:1-2;
John 10:11-18



Dear Friends

"Stir yourselves!" Unusual words for a Cardinal to use but exactly the words Cardinal Vincent used at the launch of a letter to Catholics in England and Wales from their Bishops on the lead up to the General Election on 7th May. His meaning was very clear, that we should not give in to the twin enemies of apathy (in other words, "I'm not bothered") or cynicism ("they are all the same, so what's the point?"). As responsible citizens Catholics have not only the democratic right to vote, and how some of our brothers and sisters across the world must long for the freedom we enjoy, but also the responsibility to take our stand and to make our voice heard. By walking into a polling booth on 7th May and by putting our cross by someone's name we are helping to make democracy happen. So be sure to vote now! But which way to vote? To be sure, no one political party has the monopoly on truth. None of them have any plans in their manifesto to bring in the Kingdom of God! As Catholics we hold dear certain values and fundamental truths and certain things matter to us very much: respect for life, marriage and family life, alleviating poverty, education, inclusion and social cohesion, the common good. These are guiding lights for us in our own discernment of how society is now and how we would want it to be in the future. To help us here at St Lawrence's in making our minds up we are issuing the letter from the Bishops today. You will find your copy in the Church porch. Please take one, read it, pray your way through it, help it guide you in your decision-making - and then maybe pass it on to family, friends or colleagues. In addition, CAFOD and CSAN (Catholic Social Action Network) have produced their own pre-Election questions, and these are available on their websites.

Finally, here in Feltham we have our own chance to put our local Parliamentary Candidates – Conservative, Liberal Democrat, Labour and UKIP – in the hot seat at Riverside Vineyard on Browells Lane on **Wednesday 22nd April at 7.30pm**. All are very welcome. It promises to be a great debate and a chance for us as people of faith to make our voice heard.

With my love and prayers for all of you.

Fr Chris

SACRAMENTS

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The parents meet on **Tuesday 21st April** at 2pm or 7pm. This is the last parents meeting so please make every effort to attend.

CONFIRMATION

Our Confirmation Candidates meet on this Sunday for a day of Recollection with the Ten Ten Theatre group. Please arrive by 11.45am at the School Hall. Refreshments will be provided.

PARISH NOTICES

BIRTHDAY CONGRATULATIONS

Our warmest congratulations and best wishes to Fr Gerry on his 80th Birthday.

SLYC BREAKFAST ROLLS, CAKE AND COFFEE MORNING

Our SLYC Group will be having a coffee morning after the 9am and 11am Masses this Sunday in the Parish Centre.

RECRUITMENT WEEKEND

This weekend, there will be an opportunity for those wishing to help in the parish in any way to find out more and join a group.

SCHOOL MASS

We welcome St Lawrence's School for the start of term Mass on Monday 20th April.

CALLING ALL READERS

For those readers who missed their training day on 28th February there will be a training evening on **Thursday 23rd April** at 7.00pm in Church.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY ROTA SPRING TERM

Thanks to all our Children's Liturgy Catechists for their ministry. Please pick up your spring term rota from the Church Porch.

COFFEE MORNING THANK YOU

Thanks to everyone who helped in any way to raise £250.00 for the new Parish Centre at the Coffee Morning on Sunday 12th April. Your contribution was greatly appreciated. *Mary Crawley and Annie Burke.*

REPOSITORY (CHURCH SHOP)

We are seeking volunteers to help in the Repository especially at the 11am Mass. If you would like to volunteer please contact the Parish Office or speak to Fr Chris or Fr Fortunato.

There is a good selection of First Holy Communion and Confirmation Cards and Gifts, Birthday, Get Well, Sympathy Cards, books and lots more. Come and have a look.

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.

ST LAWRENCE'S PRAYER GROUP

The Prayer Group meet every Thursday at 7.30pm in the Prayer Room. All are welcome to attend.

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.

OTHER

NURSERY SCHOOL FORM SIGNING

Fr Chris will be available to sign Nursery School Forms on the following Tuesdays from 3.45pm to 5.00pm: **April 21st, 28th**. Please come with your child and wait in Church and bring all the necessary paperwork with you.

ANNUAL APPEAL FOR THE PRIEST TRAINING FUND

The collection for the Priest Training Fund takes place next weekend (25th/26th April) and all the money that you give will be used to encourage more men to consider the priesthood and to pay for the training of those who come forward. Please respond generously to this appeal through your prayers and donations, so that we can prepare our priests to spread the Gospel. The Fund relies entirely on donations. You can make your donation today or next weekend. Alternatively, you can make a donation online by visiting www.rcdow.org.uk/donations.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

Booking forms are available for the 5th diocesan pilgrimage to the Holy Land. **3rd-11th November 2015**. Price £1495 per person sharing. £275 single supplement. Full board. Contact Gerald Daly 020 7798 9173; geralddaly@rcdow.org.uk

THE MARTYR'S WALK

A walk honouring the English Martyrs and organised by Westminster Dioceses will take place on the **Monday, 4th May**. Meet at St. Sepulchre Church, EC1A 2DQ at 1.30pm for a 2pm departure. The group will walk to Tyburn arriving at 4pm for benediction Confession and tea at Tyburn Convent. To book visit <http://rcdow.org.uk/events/> or ask Bridget Brinkley for more details.

REST IN PEACE

HENRY ROGERS RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Henry Rogers RIP whose funeral will take place here on **Thursday 23rd April** at 2pm. Please also keep in your prayers all the family and friends who mourn him.

PARISH CENTRE BUILDING FUND UPDATE

Our Target **£250,000.00**

No. of pledges as at 14/4/15: 139
Total amount pledged as at 14/4/15: £56,138.31
Bucket Appeal: £837.98
Total amount banked as at 14/4/15: £26,464.51

Mass intentions and other services this week:

Saturday 18th Easter Feria	11.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation
	11.45	Benediction
	12.00	Fr Gerry Burke in Thanksgiving – 80th Birthday
	17.00	No Confessions
	18.00	Rainald & Yustina Chiee RIP(Anniversary)
+ Sunday 19th THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER	09.00	People of the Parish
	11.00	Basil Clarke RIP (Anniversary)
	13.00	Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)
	18.00	Wendy Bigg-Wither RIP(Anniversary)
Monday 20th Easter Feria		No Morning Prayer
	09.30	Celebrant's Intention (with School)
Tuesday 21st St Anselm	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Paul Conway RIP
	10.00	Novena to Our Lady
Wednesday 22nd Easter Feria	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Jack Kerrigan RIP
Thursday 23rd ST GEORGE	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Harry & Margaret Haldane in Thanksgiving (55 th Wedding Anniversary)
	14.00	FUNERAL MASS – HENRY ROGERS RIP
Friday 24th Sts Erkenwald & Mellitus	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Ann Higham RIP
Saturday 25th St Mark	11.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation
	11.45	Benediction
	12.00	Blanche Roche RIP
	12.45	Baptisms of Manuel Sette Gonzalez, Kaylee Hines, Kiyan Joshua Albert Latoche and Massrua Mathan
	15.00	Mass in Tagalog for the Filipino Community
	17.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	18.00	Lock Family (Intentions)
+ Sunday 26th FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	09.00	Veronica Charlton RIP (First Anniversary)
	11.00	Daniel & Maureen Luttrell RIP
	13.00	Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)
	14.30	Mass led by the African Community
	18.00	People of the Parish

Sanctuary Lamp: Donald Wilson RIP

Thank you for your generosity in last two weeks' Offertory Collections:

4th/5th April: Envelopes: £1078.82 Loose: £2869.71 Standing Orders: £548.42 Total: £4,496.95

11th/12th April: Envelopes: £1039.07 Loose: £632.99 Standing Orders: £548.42 Total: £2,220.48

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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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