

This week at St Lawrence's



25th/26th April 2015

Fourth Sunday of Easter
(Missal Page 261 – YEAR B Vol. 1)

Acts 4:8-12; Psalm 117; 1 John 3:1-2; John 10:11-18

Fifth Sunday of Easter (Missal Page 264): Acts 9: 26-31; Psalm 21; 1 John 3:18-24;
John 15:1-8



Dear Parents

Many of you will have heard over the last week or so if your child has got a place in our Catholic school. We are sorry if you have been unable to obtain a place in a Catholic school for your child. Here in St. Lawrence's parish we are committed to offering you our full support as you continue to bring your child up in the Catholic faith.

Our Children's Liturgy group is open to children who are in reception class and above at school. It takes place during 3 of the Sunday Masses - Saturday 6pm, Sunday 9am and Sunday 11am. At the beginning of each Mass the children will be called forward to attend the Liturgy group. Trained volunteers will help your child explore the Gospel reading of the day and they will return to Church before the offertory procession.

You are welcome to attend the first few sessions with your child.

Our Sunday School programme is for children who are 6 years old (i.e. school year 2) or above. This takes place each Sunday morning between 10am - 10.45am during school term time. If your child has attended Sunday School for 1 year or more and you would like your child to be prepared for First Holy Communion and First Reconciliation we invite you to attend our Monday afternoon class. This class takes place after school and during school term time.

Once a month we will prepare one of our weekend Masses particularly with the children.

Children are encouraged to get involved in the preparation and participation of the Mass. The dates of the Masses will be in the weekly newsletter.

There will be workshops for Children during the Advent season and on Good Friday.

Dates and times will be in the newsletter.

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

If you would like to know more about any of the groups please do not hesitate to contact me at bridgetbrinkley@rcdow.org.uk or at the parish office.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4: 6-7)

Bridget Brinkley

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS

We extend a warm welcome to Manuel Sette Gonzalez, Kaylee Hines, Kiyan Joshua Albert Latoche and Massrva Mathan who will be baptised this weekend and offer our warmest congratulations to their families.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The children meet on **Saturday 2nd May** at 9.45 for their final preparation class before they receive their First Holy Communion at our weekend Masses on the 9th/10th May, 16th /17th May, and 23rd May. Parents are reminded that it is important to attend their rehearsal in the week prior to their child First Holy Communion day. Please keep our 90 children in your prayers.

CONFIRMATION

Please also keep our 41 young people in your prayers as they approach their Confirmation day. Tennen Theatre would like to extend their thanks to the candidates who attended the Retreat Day last Sunday and participated so well in all the activities. Candidates please remember your meetings with Fr. Chris and Fr. Fortunato in the coming weeks.

PARISH NOTICES

BEST BIRTHDAY EVER

A big "thank you" to everyone who helped me celebrate my 80th - with gifts, cards, and, of course, the party after the Mass. I don't usually bother with birthdays, but you all made this one very special - quite overwhelming, in fact. Can't wait for my 90th! Lots of love. Gerry.

UCM

The UCM will meet on **Monday 27th April** at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. Nina will show us a film about her ancestor during the Revolution in Russia in 1917.

GIFTS & TALENTS WEEKEND

A big thank you to all who helped with our Gifts & Talents weekend, particularly on Sunday morning – and especially our SLYC for the breakfast and cake sale (they made £220.00 for the Lourdes Fund). Thank you to all those who have responded so far to the Gifts & Talents questionnaire.

CAFOD TABLE TOP SALE – PLANTS, VEGETABLES, ETC

There will be an outdoor table top sale of plants, vegetables, and many other items in aid of CAFOD on **Sunday 3rd May** after the 9am and 11am Masses. Bernardine and Teresa will be outside Church so come along and get some plants and vegetables for the garden. This is the last opportunity to take advantage of the Government's £1 for £1 match.

STOREHOUSE FOOD BANK

An invitation from Lloyd Gashu, one of our young Eucharistic Ministers:

"Storehouse is a way of showing GOD's love by helping people in a practical way in their greatest time of need. This is through providing good quality and free clothes, food, baby and nursery equipment. More importantly offer an opportunity to chat and pray with clients. The Storehouse has been running for 20 years and it is recognised by many health and care professionals in Hounslow. I have been volunteering there (at Riverside Vineyard on Browells Lane) since last summer and it would be amazing if you could support them through donating food or offering to volunteer when you can and importantly PRAYER for their work and clients."

Some suggestions for suitable items for the shopping list, copies available in the Church porch.

- Breakfast cereals – small/medium sized boxes
- Pasta Sauce
- Tinned meat – meatballs, corned beef, curry, etc.
- Biscuits/sweet snacks
- Rice (no pasta please we currently have lots of stock)
- Tinned Fish – tuna, salmon
- Tinned fruit/veg/beans/tomatoes
- Small bags of sugar
- Tea/coffee/juice/squash (no alcohol please)
- Small bottles of oil

A collection box will be in the Church each weekend and will be emptied and taken to Storehouse each week.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Many thanks to all who helped in anyway organising Fr. Gerry's Birthday party last weekend. I hope you all enjoyed the afternoon and the great variety of food we shared.

Two dates for your diary: on the **20th June** we will have our parish BBQ in the Parish Centre and on the **5th July** we will celebrate our International Mass at 11am followed lunch in the School Hall. More details to follow shortly.

A PRAYER REQUEST FROM COLIN MACKEN

About two years ago I was approached by a Deacon at a catechist meeting who asked me if I had ever considered the Permanent Diaconate. At that time I had not, but I considered the question for about six weeks before even talking to Fr Chris who put me in touch with some other Deacons who in turn put me in touch with Deacon Anthony Clark who is the Vocation Director of the Permanent Diaconate programme within the Diocese of Westminster. I made a formal application last September and I am honoured but also humbled to announce that I have been accepted onto the formation programme which will commence in September 2015. Therefore I ask you all for your support and to remember me and my family in your prayers as I embark on my journey.

Colin serves in the parish as a Eucharistic Minister, Catechist, member of the Parish Council and Parish Centre Development Group and, along with Teresa, as part of our Marriage Preparation team. He has asked for our prayers and these we gladly offer – along with our congratulations. Fr Chris.

OTHER

ANNUAL APPEAL FOR THE PRIEST TRAINING FUND

The Priest Training Fund needs our help. The number of men training for the priesthood has steadily increased in recent years. Thirty five men are currently in formation. This is wonderful news but it also means that the Priest Training Fund needs to bring in more money to cover the cost of their training. Please give as much as you can afford to today's collection so that the Priest Training Fund can continue to see out, support and train those men who God is calling to the priesthood. You can also make a donation online by visiting www.rcdow.org.uk/donations.

NURSERY SCHOOL FORM SIGNING

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

SPECIAL NEEDS AFTERNOON

Saturday, 2nd May 2015. All parishioners are warmly invited. Creative activities in the Parish Centre at 1.30pm-5.30pm. Mass at 3.30pm in the church followed by "bring and share" refreshments.

MIGRANTS' MASS

The Annual Migrants' Mass will be held at St George's Cathedral on **Monday, 4th May** at 11am, the Feast of St Joseph the Worker. Gathering for the Mass begins at 10.30am. Mass will be followed by an international reception, supported by some of the fifty ethnic chaplaincies in London, in Notre Dame High School.

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

We pray for the souls of

CYNTHIA ANN EVERETT RIP whose funeral will take place at Hanworth Crematorium on **Wednesday 6th May** at 1.00pm.

VALERIE CURRAN RIP who funeral will take place here on **Monday 11th May** at 11am. and keep in your prayers their families and all who mourn them.

PARISH CENTRE BUILDING FUND UPDATE AS AT 21/4/15

Our Target **£250,000.00**

No. of pledges: 139 Bucket Appeal: £1011.93
Total amount pledged: £56,138.31 Total amount banked: £26,788.95

Mass intentions and other services this week:

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 Massrva Mathan	
	15.00	Mass in Tagalog for the Filipino Community	
+ Sunday 26th FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	17.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
	18.00	Lock Family (Intentions)	
	09.00	Veronica Charlton RIP (First Anniversary)	
	11.00	Daniel & Maureen Luttrell RIP	
	13.00	Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)	
Monday 27th Easter Feria	14.30	Mass led by the African Community	
	18.00	People of the Parish	
	09.15	Morning Prayer	
	09.30	Veronica Quainoo and Family in Thanksgiving	
	Tuesday 28th Easter Feria	09.15	Morning Prayer
09.30		Philomena McGovern RIP	
10.00		Novena to Our Lady	
09.15		Morning Prayer	
09.30		Sr Katherine O'Reilly (Intentions)	
Wednesday 29th ST CATHERINE OF SIENA	09.15	Morning Prayer	
	09.30	Agnetha Wilson & Family in Thanksgiving	
	Thursday 30th Easter Feria	06.45	Celebrant's Intention
		09.15	Morning Prayer
		09.30	Patrick Galligan RIP
Friday 1st St Joseph the Worker		11.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation
		11.45	Benediction
	12.00	Virginia & Ninia Masulit (Intentions)	
	17.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
	18.00	Sea Kehoe, Brenda & Douglas Rich RIP	
+ Sunday 2nd St Athanasius	09.00	Eliza De Araujo RIP (Anniversary)	
	11.00	Fernandes Family in Thanksgiving	
	13.00	Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)	
	18.00	People of the Parish	
	+ Sunday 3rd FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Sanctuary Lamp: Esther Kusi-Appiah RIP	
Thank you for your generosity in last week's Offertory Collections:			
18 th /19 th April: Envelopes: £951.06 Loose: £736.06 Standing Orders: £548.42 Total: £2235.54			
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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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