

# This week at St Lawrence's



26th/27th April 2014

Second Sunday of Easter  
(Missal Page 255 – YEAR A)



Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 117; 1 Peter 1:3-9 John 20:19-31  
Third Sunday of Easter (Missal Page 258): Acts 2:14,22-23; Psalm 15; 1 Peter 1:17-21;  
Luke 24:13-35

*Dear Friends,*

Last Saturday, the church was crowded, as we gathered to celebrate the “Vigil of Vigils,” the “Night of Nights”. **PASSOVER!** People from different countries were present. It was truly the Church Universal, the Church Catholic, coming together here in St Lawrence. The youngest person present was still in the womb waiting to be born. The oldest person present was well into their nineties. And there were all ages in between; and children there, not yet conceived, but already alive in the heart and plan of God. Who knows, perhaps you will be the father or the mother of one of these children? Yes, you!

The many liturgical signs calling us to faith and reminding us of our history were truly resplendent. Fire, Light, Oil, Chrism and Flowing Water, but above all, unleavened Passover Bread and rich red Wine. The great Paschal candle, superbly painted, showing the empty tomb and the Risen Christ, Lord of all the ages, Alpha and Omega, reminding us that Christ is our glorious and victorious King. The Eucharistic Altar was adorned with fine linen and with an abundance of gorgeous flowers for the sacrifice of God's Son, and for the Wedding Feast of the Lamb.

The Vigil began around a blazing fire just outside our small yet pretty church. There the Paschal candle was blessed and lit, and then we set out in procession. The light was carried into the dark, tomb-like church. And the darkness was ruptured: LUMEN CHRISTI! The light spread from person to person. There was darkness no more. Then a magnificent EXSULTET was sung: “*This is the night when Christ broke the prison-bars of death and rose victorious from the underworld.*” All the angels and saints rejoiced. All the demons and evil spirits trembled.

Then the Word of God was proclaimed. The readers read. The cantors and psalmist sang and after singing the great ALLELUIAS and proclaiming the Easter Gospel, in the heart of this most holy night, and invoking the intercession of all the saints, two adults received *Baptism* and few others *Confirmation*. They were “*born again*” by the power of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit! Then, having renewed our own baptismal promises with the newly blessed water generously sprinkled over us by Fr Chris, we made intercessions for the whole world, and then passed to the Holy Eucharist.

So brothers and sisters the Easter Liturgy entertains us with a host of amazing images to describe the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead: ***Vanquishing Satan and the grave; Burning his three day prison; Conquering the shameful tree; Harrowing hell.*** Unless we personally share in this victory of Christ, and unless we experience the power of the resurrection in our own lives, these powerful images will remain only images. And all images fade. That is why the Risen Lord comes during these “*Fifty Days*” to seek out all those among us who long to share his Passover from death to life, from slavery to freedom, from darkness to light, from despair to hope, from any “foreign country” to the Promised Land. **CHRIST OUR PASSOVER IS RISEN FOR US! ALLELUIA!**

It is in this spirit that Fr Chris and I thank you for your many greetings and very generous offerings. We wish you and your families every happiness and peace during these days of Eastertide, and we assure all the sick and housebound of our parish, that they are not forgotten.

*Fr Fortunato*

## SACRAMENTS

### CONFIRMATION

Our Confirmation Candidates meet on this Sunday for a day of Recollection with the Ten Ten Theatre group. Please arrive by 12.30pm at the School Hall. Refreshments will be provided.

### RCIA FOR CHILDREN OF CATECHETICAL AGE

We offer our warmest congratulations to Jessica Ann and Matthew Joseph McVeigh and Oluwatobi (Tobi) Karsten Abegunde who will be Baptised, receive their First Holy Communion and be Confirmed at the 9am Mass this Sunday.

## PARISH NOTICES

### WELCOME

While Fr Chris and Fr Fortunato are on the Parish Pilgrimage to Malta this week, we welcome Fr Kevin Prince to St Lawrence's. Fr Kevin and Fr Chris are old friends – but don't believe everything Fr Kevin might tell you!

### UCM

The UCM will re-commence on **Monday 28th April** after the Easter break. There will be time for chat, and time for us to enjoy a game.

### FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE MORNING

The CAFOD First Friday Coffee morning will take place after the 9.30am Funeral Mass on **Friday 2nd May**. There is no early bird Mass this First Friday.

### SLYC - LOURDES PILGRIMAGE REDCAPS FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Five members of our Youth Group will be going to Lourdes as Redcaps and would appreciate your support at these events. Redcaps are volunteers who help care for the sick and all those in need of care during the pilgrimage.

### BRIC-A-BRAC AND CAKE SALE

On **Sunday 4th May** after the 9am and 11am Masses, the St Lawrence's Youth Club members will be holding a cake sale and bric-a-brac sale in the Parish Centre.

### BINGO NIGHT

**Date: Saturday 10th May: Time: 7.30pm:** Venue: St Lawrence's School Hall. Tickets on sale at £3.00 and includes 4 games of Bingo and a Ploughman's supper. Bring your own drink. Prizes for every Bingo game and lots of raffle prizes as well. There will also be a “Tuck Shop”. Please come along and support both these events for a very worthwhile cause.

### ST LAWRENCE'S PRAYER GROUP

The Prayer Group meets every Thursday from 7.30pm to 9pm in the Presbytery. A time of prayer and thanksgiving. Reflecting on scriptures. Intercessory prayers for the parish and wider community.

Please note the next meeting is on **Thursday 1st May at 7.30pm**. New members welcome.

## THANK YOU

Thank you for your generous support for our Lenten collections.

Holy Places: £919.19

Lenten Alms: £409.66

## REST IN PEACE

### VERONICA FALLON RIP

We pray for the repose of the soul of Veronica Fallon RIP who passed away recently. Her Funeral Mass will take place here on **Friday 2nd May at 9.30am**. Please keep in your prayers all the family who mourn her.

### GERARD STEWART RIP

We pray for the repose of the soul of Gerard Stewart RIP who passed away recently. His Funeral Mass will take place here on **Tuesday 6th May at 10.30am**. Please keep in your prayers all the family who mourn him.

## OTHER

### HOUNSLOW LIFE CARE CENTRE

London Ten Bridges Walk in aid of Life will take place on **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2014**. Two of our parishioners will be walking for this event (Mary Crawley and Francoise Woods). Sponsorship forms will be available this weekend at the back of the Church should you wish to sponsor them. All proceeds will go to the Hounslow Life Care Centre. Please also see poster on the notice board. Thank you for your support.

The Life Care Centre is in urgent need of baby clothes. Any donations of clothes would be appreciated. Please leave with Florie in the Parish Office or speak to Annie Burke.

### SPONSORED WALK

The Knights of St Columba are organising a Sponsored Walk in aid of the Brompton Hospital Hybrid Theatre Appeal on **Sunday June 1<sup>st</sup>**. A Hybrid Theatre is one where different Surgical Procedures can take place at the same time. It means that procedures which would normally take weeks or even months can take place the same day. A total of £4.5Million is needed of which £1 million has been raised. The walker from this parish will be Peter McCaffrey and he will be seeking Sponsors on Sunday May 18<sup>th</sup>. Every donation helps.

### THE ENGLISH AND WELSH BRANCH OF THE CATHOLIC GRANDPARENTS' ASSOCIATION

([www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org](http://www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org)) will be launched on **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May, 10:30am-3pm** in Westminster Cathedral Hall, SW1P 1EP. Any grandparents wishing to represent their parish at the launch should please contact Edmund Adamus [edmundadamus@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:edmundadamus@rcdow.org.uk) 020 7798 9363 as soon as possible as space is limited.

### CAFOD PEDAL AGAINST POVERTY - SUNDAY MAY 18TH

Our parish has been invited to send representatives as part of the annual CAFOD family-friendly sponsored bike ride. This will take place in the beautiful Lee Valley Country Park in North London / Hertfordshire on **Sunday, 18 May**. Please contact CAFOD for a registration form for either a 10 or 19 Mile Ride by phoning 0208 449 6970 email: [westminster@cafod.org.uk](mailto:westminster@cafod.org.uk) or see our web page: [cafodpedalagainstopoverty.eventbrite.co.uk](http://cafodpedalagainstopoverty.eventbrite.co.uk) Closing date for registrations: Friday 2nd May.

## PILGRIMAGES

### PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO MALTA

We keep in our prayers all those travelling to Malta this week with Fr Chris and Fr Fortunato. We wish them a safe journey and a happy and enjoyable pilgrimage.

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:youth@rcdow.org.uk) or 0207 387 1971

### PARISH LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

Only a couple of places left on our pilgrimage to Lourdes. **Dates: 19<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

### YOUTH WALK PILGRIMAGE

If you are in the age group 18-30, come on the Walk Pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela **3<sup>rd</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> August 2014**. Look for the details on the Walk Pilgrimage flyer or contact Sr Graça, Comboni Missionary Sister, for further information as soon as possible. Tel: 0208 994 0449 and Mob: 0778 7132 9123.

## Mass intentions and other services this week:

<b>Saturday 26<sup>th</sup></b> Easter Saturday	11.00 11.00 11.45 <b>12.00</b> <b>15.00</b> 17.00 <b>18.00</b>	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation Benediction <b>Jeremy Chelliah RIP</b> <b>Mass in Tagalog for the Filipino Community</b> Sacrament of Reconciliation <b>Intentions of the Lock Family</b>
<b>+ Sunday 27<sup>th</sup></b> Second Sunday of Easter (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)	<b>09.00</b> <b>11.00</b> <b>13.00</b> <b>14.30</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b> <b>Gabriel &amp; Victoria Dias RIP</b> <b>Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)</b> <b>Mass led by the African Community with Divine Mercy Celebration</b>
<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup></b> ST GEORGE	09.15 <b>09.30</b>	Morning Prayer <b>Ian &amp; Brooke in Thanksgiving</b>
<b>Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup></b> St Catherine of Siena	09.15 <b>09.30</b> 10.30	Morning Prayer <b>Sr Katherine O'Reilly (Intentions)</b> Novena to Our Lady
<b>Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup></b> Easter Feria	09.15 <b>09.30</b>	Morning Prayer <b>The Wilson Family (Intentions)</b>
<b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup></b> St Joseph the Worker	09.15 <b>09.30</b>	Morning Prayer <b>Lucy Murphy (Get Well)</b>
<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup></b> St Athanasius	<b>09.30</b>	No Morning Prayer <b>FUNERAL MASS – VERONICA FALLON RIP</b>
<b>Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup></b> STS PHILIP AND JAMES	11.00 11.00 11.45 <b>12.00</b> 17.00 <b>18.00</b>	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation Benediction <b>Sean Kehoe, Brenda &amp; Douglas Rich RIP</b> Sacrament of Reconciliation <b>People of the Parish</b>
<b>+ Sunday 4<sup>th</sup></b> Third Sunday of Easter	<b>09.00</b> <b>11.00</b> <b>13.00</b> 15.00 <b>18.00</b>	<b>Manuel Abalada RIP</b> <b>Patrick Osuji RIP</b> <b>Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)</b> Baptism of Deon Paul <b>Dennis Jarrett RIP</b>

### Sanctuary Lamp: World Peace

**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:

19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> April: Envelopes £1156.14, Loose £1260.29, Standing Orders £420.00 Total: £2836.43  
Easter Offerings: £732.90

**Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trustees: Registered Charity No. 233699**

### Contact us:

**9 The Green, Feltham, TW13 4AF**  
[www.saintlawrences.org.uk](http://www.saintlawrences.org.uk)

**020 8890 2367**

[feltham@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:feltham@rcdow.org.uk)

**Parish Priest:** Fr Chris Vipers

**Parish Sisters:** Sr. Katherine O'Reilly, Sr. Monica Killeen, Sr. Nora Gorman

**Catechetical Co-ordinator:** Bridget Brinkley

**Assistant Priest:** Fr Fortunato Pantisano

**Parish Secretary:** Florie Fernandes