

# This week at St Lawrence's



2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> August 2014

18<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year  
(Missal Page 111 – YEAR A Vol. 2)

Isaiah 55:1-3; Psalm 144; Romans 8:35, 37-39; Matthew 14:13-21

19<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year (Missal Page 114): 1 Kings 19:9, 11-13; Psalm 84; Romans 9:1-5;

Matthew 14:22-33



## Being a Pilgrim.....reflections on Lourdes

A few weeks ago I was at a parish function somewhere in West London and got talking to a priest who now works as a full-time student chaplain. As I tucked into the pork pies and sausage rolls and he nibbled some salad he looked around the hall and remarked how strange it was to be in the middle of so many old people – he wasn't used to it. "Thanks very much" I said! As we look around Lourdes we can truly see all the seven ages of man at every gathering, every Mass, every procession, from the tiniest and most fragile to the oldest and most frail. Lourdes, please God like our own parish, is where the generations meet and where we experience the Family of the Church in its fullest sense. I first came to Lourdes when I was 18, and it changed my life. It was the first time I had ever had to feed anyone, the first time I had pushed anyone in a wheelchair, literally their life in my hands. I really felt I had made a difference for someone, whereas of course it was she who had made the difference for me. Lourdes helped me to see things in a fresh way, to see things in myself and in others that I had never really understood before. Years later, as Redcap Chaplain on our own Westminster Diocesan Pilgrimage, I came to understand again just how significant a pilgrimage can be for the young people who so generously and joyfully give their time and their talent. Reflecting with my own Redcaps from our parish they help me see again just how beautiful is the vocation to serve. Their reflections take me back to how I felt at 18 – worthwhile, wanted, needed, like I matter. Remember, there is always someone who needs you.

It is no overstatement to say that Lourdes has been an important stepping stone in my own path to priesthood. All of us are called to serve one way or another, and that takes a different shape for each of us. For me, this call to serve takes its Christ-like shape in my vocation to love God and God's people as His priest. On the night that the Lord gave the priesthood to his Church, the night of the Last Supper, he first took a towel, a jug of fresh water and a basin and knelt down to wash his disciples' feet. This supreme, sublime act of service is our sign. To love is to serve, to serve is to cherish, to cherish is to bow down before others and serve the Christ in them.

How will you live your vocation to love this week, who needs you, and who will you serve?

**Fr Chris**

## SACRAMENTS

### WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

We offer our warmest congratulations to Dean Hanlon and Claire Moloney who celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage in County Clare on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> August.

### CONFIRMATION 2015

If you are in Year 9 or above and would like to be prepared to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2015 please register with Bridget Brinkley at one of the following times.

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup>, Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September – 3.00pm to 5.30pm  
Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September – 3.00pm to 5.30pm  
Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September – 9.30am to 11.00am

Please come to the Church where you will be asked to complete a registration form. The programme will begin on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October.

### EXPLORING THE CATHOLIC FAITH

Would you like to find out more about the Catholic Faith? Have you been searching for a deeper meaning for your life? Do you share your life with a Catholic, perhaps you are supporting your husband or wife bringing up your children in the Catholic Faith. If you would like to find out more about the Catholic Church or you thinking about becoming a Catholic please contact Bridget Brinkley on 020 8890 2367 or by e-mailing at [bridgetbrinkley@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:bridgetbrinkley@rcdow.org.uk).

## PARISH NOTICES

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

We wish Fr Chris many happy returns as he celebrates his birthday on the 7<sup>th</sup>.

### IN CASE YOU ARE ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL.....

In light of data protection please indicate on entering hospital that your details are to be passed to the RC Chaplain. Also state that you would like the RC Chaplain to visit you.

### ST LAWRENCE'S PRAYER GROUP

The Prayer Group will be taking a break for the summer during the month of August.

### RETREAT AND HEALING SERVICE

There will be a retreat at St Lawrence on the **Thursday 14th August** from 7.00pm to 10.00pm led by Fr Lawrence Mascarenhas. An evening of evangelisation through preaching, teaching, confession, intercessory prayers, adoration and Holy Mass. For further details please contact Marinha Braganza.

### AN APPEAL

"Hello, my name is Lloyd Gashu. I am volunteering for Restless Development through ICS who help empower the youth through teaching about HIV/AIDS and supporting their livelihoods in developing countries such as Zimbabwe, that I have been selected to volunteer in. Before departing each volunteer has to raise £800 that will help other volunteers from the home country and UK take part in the programme. Through God's love and strength I am asking you to help me reach my target (no matter how small or large the donation is, every little helps). More importantly, I am asking you to pray for me and the other volunteers taking part and the communities we will be serving in. For more information please visit <http://www.justgiving.com/lloyd-gashu/>. Thank you so much and God Bless."

*Lloyd is one of our Eucharistic Ministers, he has just graduated from Manchester University and is about to embark as a volunteer on this really worthwhile project. Any help you can give would be greatly appreciated. You can drop your donation off at the Presbytery clearly marked Lloyd Gashu. Thank you. Fr Chris*

## OTHER

### ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Open day and evening for Admission to Year 7 in 2015 will be held on **Thursday, 2 October 2014** from 9.30 am - 12.30 pm and 6.00 pm - 8.30 pm. Address by the Headteacher, Ceri Bacon MA at 6.45 pm and 7.30 pm. All welcome.

### ECUMENICAL DAY CONFERENCE

A one day conference entitled "Christian Unity Since Vatican II: Memory, Present, Where Now?" will take place from 10am – 4.30pm **on Saturday, 15 November 2014** at Farm Street Church & Centre, 114 Mount Street, London W1K 3AH. Cost £10 per person to include coffee/tea and biscuits (bring own packed lunch). The conference is being organised by Churches Together in Westminster in conjunction with The Society for Ecumenical Studies, and is kindly being sponsored by the Catholic League. Places are limited, so advance booking is essential.

## PILGRIMAGES

### LOURDES

The Diocesan website ([www.rcdow.org.uk](http://www.rcdow.org.uk)) has a daily blog on our pilgrimage to Lourdes and photos of events during the week can be found at <http://www.flickr.com/photos/catholicwestminster/>.

### DOWRY OF MARY PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

The Annual Pilgrimage to Walsingham takes place on **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September**. A coach **will leave from here at 7.15am** to arrive in time for the welcome of flags and banners from different countries, so come in your national dress. Mass at 12 noon will be followed by a picnic and procession, which will end with Benediction. Please come prepared for all types of weather and bring a packed lunch and drinks. We will return home about 8.30pm. The cost of the day will be £16.00 per person. Please sign up on the list in the porch. **ONLY A FEW SEATS LEFT. To secure your seat please post your money in an envelope as soon as possible, clearly marked with your name and "WALSINGHAM", to the Parish Office.**

### SANTIAGO AND FATIMA – 9 – 14 SEPTEMBER 2014

All those going on this pilgrimage please send your final payments to Pax Travel as soon as possible. A coach will pick up St Lawrence's pilgrims from **Browells Lane at 5am on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September**, then pick up pilgrims from St George's before making its way to Gatwick. The cost of the coach will be £12.00 per person. Please put your money in an envelope clearly marked with your name and "Santiago", to the Parish Office.

## REST IN PEACE

### JUSTIN IBARRA RIP

We pray for the repose of the soul of **Justin Ibarra RIP** who died during the week. His funeral will take place here on **Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> August at 9.30am**. His body will be received into Church at **4.30pm on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> August**. Please also keep in your prayers his parents, his brother, girlfriend and all who mourn him.

### BRONIA WESOLOWSKA RIP

We pray for the repose of the soul of **Bronia Wesolowska RIP** who died recently. Her funeral will take place here on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> August at 11.00am**. Please also keep in your prayers her son Ziggy and all members of the family who mourn her.

## Mass intentions and other services this week:

<b>Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup></b> Feria	11.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	11.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	11.45	Benediction
	12.00	<b>Roy Hussey RIP (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)</b>
	17.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
+ First Mass of Sunday	<b>18.00</b>	<b>Harry &amp; Philomena Booker RIP</b>
<b>+ Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup></b> 18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year	<b>09.00</b>	<b>Holy Souls – Lourenco Family</b>
	<b>11.00</b>	<b>Ian Dias RIP</b>
	<b>13.00</b>	<b>Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)</b>
	<b>18.00</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b>
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup></b> St John Vianney	09.15	Morning Prayer
	<b>09.30</b>	<b>Sean Reidy RIP</b>
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup></b> Feria	09.15	Morning Prayer
	<b>09.30</b>	<b>Alleluia D'Souza RIP</b>
	10.00	Novena to Our Lady
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup></b> THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD	09.15	Morning Prayer
	<b>09.30</b>	<b>For the intentions of those who supported the LIFE Ten Bridges Walk</b>
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup></b> Feria	09.15	Morning Prayer
	<b>09.30</b>	<b>Deceased members of the Vipers Family</b>
	<b>16.30</b>	<b>RECEPTION INTO CHURCH -JUSTIN IBARRA RIP</b>
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup></b> St Dominic		No Morning Prayer
	<b>09.30</b>	<b>FUNERAL MASS – JUSTIN IBARRA RIP</b>
<b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup></b> ST TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS	11.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	11.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	11.45	Benediction
	12.00	<b>Sherin Manuel in Thanksgiving</b>
	17.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
+ First Mass of Sunday	<b>18.00</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b>
<b>+ Sunday 10<sup>th</sup></b> 19 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year	<b>09.00</b>	<b>Rita Bergeman in Thanksgiving</b>
	<b>11.00</b>	<b>Patrick Maple RIP</b>
	<b>13.00</b>	<b>Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)</b>
	<b>18.00</b>	<b>For the intentions of the Haldane Family</b>
ST LAWRENCE FEAST DAY		

### Sanctuary Lamp: Justin Ibarra RIP

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

19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> July: Envelopes £962.12, Loose £785.88, Standing Orders £420.00 Total: £2168.00

26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> July: Envelopes £873.10, Loose £651.56, Standing Orders £420.00 Total: £1944.66

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

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