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18th Sunday of the Year

3rd/4th August 2019

Readings: Parish Mass Book Year C, Volume 2: Page 117: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23; Psalm 94; Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11; Luke 12: 13-21

Next Week: 19th Sunday of the Year: Page: 121: Wisdom 18:6-9; Psalm 32; Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19; Luke 12:32-48



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Protecting your Privacy:

In compliance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) which became effective in May 2018, the Parish requires your permission to hold your data for Parish/Diocesan use. You can read our full privacy policy on www.rcdow.org.uk/diocese/privacy-policy

Sunday Mass: 6pm (Vigil Mass), Sunday 9am, 11am, 1pm (Polish) & 6pm; Weekday Mass: Monday-Friday 9.30am; Saturday 12noon; Morning Prayer: Monday-Friday 9.15am; Novena to Our Lady: Tuesdays 10am; Exposition and Benediction: Saturdays 11am; Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturday 11am & 5pm

Godwin (my husband) and I have recently returned from two weeks in the South of Italy. Although it was planned as simply a holiday, it turned out to be much more than that. Together with Godwin's cousin and wife we had hired a car, and looked forward to seeing the sights of the provinces of Puglia and Basilicata. Of course, the excellent food, wine and beaches were also eagerly anticipated – and we were not disappointed!

Several churches, cathedrals and basilicas were also on our itinerary, but our trip was made for recreation, rather than as a pilgrimage to holy sites. However, as is often the case, what we planned was not what we received: as the famous saying goes, if you want to make God laugh, tell him your plans!

In our case, this came in the form of an unexpected and acute illness which meant an over-night stay in hospital was required. This, and the necessary convalescence and taking of medication (no more local wines!) were rude interruptions to our fun.

However, the experience of this became an integral part of the trip. It made us all aware of how fragile our grasp upon life is. Each day is a gift, and the sheer gratuity of health and the simple things we enjoy – walking, seeing, eating, swimming – adds to their savour, and does not diminish it. But this is true in the fullest sense when we remember where and in Whom our life really exists.

Today's readings and Gospel reminded me of this. The parable of the rich man who plans for the future, unmindful of his own impending death illustrates Jesus' warning to the man who asks for a worldly inheritance. As he says, *'a man's life is not made secure by what he owns.'* St Paul expresses more fully what this means for us who are followers of Jesus:

'Since you have been brought back to true life in Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.'

More holiday thoughts to follow next week!

Dr Jordan

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

A warm welcome to Kweku Isaac Nsiah-Hankinson who was baptised this weekend and we offer our warmest congratulations to his family.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION 2019-2020

If your child is in year 2 or above in September 2019 and **not** attending a Catholic School, we invite you to register for our Sunday School programme. This programme takes place every Sunday during school term time from 10am - 10.45am.

Official registration will take place on **1st September at 10am in St. Lawrence's School**. We require your child to attend Sunday School for **one year** prior to being prepared to receive First Holy Communion. Please see Jordan for more details. Registration forms will be available next weekend.

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2020

If you have forgotten to register your child for First Holy Communion please contact Jordan as soon as possible via email jordanpullicino@rcdow.org.uk to make an appointment to see her. Registration forms are available at the back of Church.

CONFIRMATION PHOTOS

If you did not get a chance to purchase photos on the day of Confirmation please contact Simon Drake Photography on 0800 404 5854 or go to their website simondrakephotography.co.uk

CONFIRMATION 2020

Registration Dates for Confirmation will be announced next week.

PARISH NOTICES

THANK YOU

Thank you to all those who helped with the Coffee morning last weekend for Fr Peter's farewell. He was presented with a cheque and money amounting to over £800, thank you for your generosity.

ST LAWRENCE FEAST DAY

Next Saturday (10th August) is the feast of St Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr and of course patron saint of our parish. Mass will be celebrated at 12:00 noon. A few parishioners have approached me and suggested that we should do something to celebrate this day. Unfortunately, it is too late for this year but if you could help me organise something for next year (and hopefully following years as well) then please either talk to me after Mass or send me an email. *Deacon Colin*

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

The Feast day on **Thursday 15th August** is a Holy Day of Obligation and Masses will be at 9.30am, 12.15pm and 7.30pm.

UNABLE TO ATTEND MASS?

Occasionally we learn of someone in the parish who has not been able to attend Mass for a while due to ill health or some other problem. If you know someone who is ill or you are ill yourself and would like a visit from the Pastoral Team please contact Fr John or the Parish Office.

PARISH CENTRE GROUPS

Bright Sparks are taking a summer break and will be back on **28th and 29th August**. Feltham Connect will be taking their summer break on 20th and 27th August and return Tuesday 3rd September.

FUNDRAISING EVENT

On **Saturday 21st September** we are planning a Fundraising Event that will reflect the International Flavour of our parish. Our 6pm Mass on the 21st will celebrate the many different languages and cultures we enjoy here at St. Lawrence's. Afterwards in the Parish Centre we hope to share the different foods and drinks from our diverse community. If you are interested in helping with this event please contact Bridget Brinkley on 07805 299 941 or at mbridgetb@yahoo.co.uk for details of how you can help and for more details.

CARITAS

St Lawrence's parish and the Caritas Food Collective will be running a new holiday club, to help children and families access nutritious, healthy food and enjoy fun activities during the holidays. The first pilot day will be on **Friday 25th October** in the parish hall and we will need lots of volunteers to help make it happen. There are many different roles available with something to suit everyone such as catering, running children's activities, sorting food and administration. Volunteer training will be provided. Please register your interest on the sign-up sheet at the church or contact Anna Gavurin on 020 7931 6077 or at annagavurin@rcdow.org.uk. If you had already put your name down on one of the lists, please do not do so again as it just duplicates and causes confusion.

REST IN PEACE

PATRICK MORAN RIP

We pray for the repose of the soul of Patrick Moran RIP of Coniston Lodge who died recently. His funeral will take place on here **Monday 5th August at 11am**.

GEORGE GIBSON RIP

We pray for the repose of the soul of George Gibson RIP who died recently.

JACKIE RUSSELL (nee HANLON) RIP

We pray for the repose of the soul of Jackie Russell RIP who died during the week. She was in Sandbanks for a few years.

Please also keep the families of Patrick, George and Jackie in your prayers.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 3	11.00 11.00 12.00 12.45 17.00 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation Mary Fernandes in Thanksgiving Baptism of Kweku Isaac Nsiah-Hankinson Sacrament of Reconciliation David Crawley RIP
Sun 4	09.00 11.00 13.00 18.00	People of the Parish Nancy O'Sullivan RIP Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Manus Costello RIP
Mon 5	9.30 11.00	Celebrant's Intention REQUIEM MASS – PATRICK MORAN RIP
Tues 6	09.30	Harry Haldane RIP
Wed 7	09.30	Francis Arcanjo Fernandes RIP
Thurs 8	09.30	Eamon O'Brien RIP
Fri 9	09.30	Edgar & Ermelinda Cota Cruz RIP
Sat 10	11.00 11.00 12.00 17.00 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation Martin Carbungco RIP (Anniversary) Sacrament of Reconciliation Peter Hocking RIP
Sun 11	09.00 11.00 13.00 15.00 18.00	Mary Fogarty RIP Patrick Maple in Thanksgiving Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Mass in Ukrainian People of the Parish
Sanctuary Lamp: Wiliam Pireku RIP		

Thank you for your generosity in the last week's collection:

27-28 July: Envelopes £806.20 Loose £959.99

Standing Orders £769.00 Total £2,535.19