

This week at St Lawrence's



9th/10th August 2014

19th Sunday of the Year
(Missal Page 114 – YEAR A Vol. 2)



1 Kings 19:9, 11-13; Psalm 84; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:22-33
20th Sunday of the Year (Missal Page 117); Isaiah 56:1, 6-7; Psalm 66; Romans 11:13-15; 29-32
Matthew 15:21-28

In this week of the Feast of Our Lady's Assumption some further reflections on Lourdes from Cardinal Vincent.

The most precious place in Lourdes is the Grotto, the place where Our Blessed Lady appeared to Bernadette and where their extraordinary loving relationship grew and deepened. How remarkable that the Mother of Jesus, the Mother of God, would come to invite a poor little girl to meet with her, to talk and pray together.

Later in her life Bernadette said this: 'The grotto was my heaven'.

There are two things we can learn from this and make our own while we are here.

The first is that we too are invited to come to the grotto to meet with Mary, the Mother of God, to talk with her, to pray with her. When we do so, we too enter a deeper friendship with her and discover how she is our mother too, watching over us and strengthening us always. We discover that she is not at all put off by our failures, by our shortcomings, by our sicknesses, by our weakness. In fact, as we can see all around us, those who have no chance of hiding their weaknesses have a special place in her heart. They are nearest to her. They are loved more dearly by her.

The second thing we learn is this: at the grotto we are invited to fix our eyes on heaven. We become aware that Mary has come from heaven to be with us so that we can understand that we will be with her one day in heaven, through the loving mercy of her Son. That is our destiny. That is our journey. We are pilgrims together, walking together for eternity.

This is the reason why, in the depth of our hearts, there can be real peace and joy. Of course we strive for such peace and joy day by day. We seek it in our friendships and in our faith. But we know, only too well, that this world cannot deliver the joy we seek. That joy, in its fullness, lies ahead of us. So we walk in hope and joy towards our true home.

Do try to spend time at the Grotto, when it is busy and when it is quiet. Just be there. Talk to Mary. Share your hopes and fears, your weariness and weakness. Let her touch your heart. There she will bring to you the blessing and grace of her Son. Then your pilgrimage will be blessed indeed. +*Vincent Nichols*

Happy Feast Day! *St Lawrence, pray for us. Mary our Mother, pray for us.*

Fr Chris

SACRAMENTS

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 2nd, Thursday 4th September – 3.00pm to 5.30pm
Tuesday 9th, Thursday 11th September – 3.00pm to 5.30pm
Saturday 6th 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 2nd 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.

PARISH NOTICES

PATRONAL FEAST DAY OF ST LAWRENCE, DEACON AND MARTYR

On Sunday 10th August we celebrate the feast of our Patron. *St Lawrence, pray for us, pray for our parish.*

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Friday 15th August is the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be celebrated at 9.30am and 12.15pm and 7.30pm.

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.

FLOWER ARRANGERS

Please collect your new rotas from the porch.

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the souls of Bronia Wesolowska RIP, Barbara Head RIP, Brenda Moynan RIP and Michael Taylor RIP who have died recently. We also keep in our prayers their families and all who mourn them.

BRONIA WESOLOWSKA RIP

Her funeral will take place here on **Thursday 14th August at 11.00am** followed by interment at Hounslow Cemetery at 12.15pm.

BRENDA MOYNAN RIP

Her funeral will take place here on **Monday 18th August at 12.30pm** followed by committal at Hanworth Crematorium at 1.40pm.

MICHAEL TAYLOR RIP

His funeral will take place at Hanworth Crematorium on **Tuesday 19th August at 2.00pm.**

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.

CAFOD – GAZA CRISIS APPEAL

We have all watched the conflict in Gaza escalate in recent weeks, leaving hundreds of thousands of people without food, water, shelter or medical care. Thousands have been killed and injured. "We have to continue tirelessly to pray for peace. Prayers alone are not enough, there must also be a serious effort to reach a peace accord." Bishop William Shomali, Auxiliary Bishop of Jerusalem

Please help stop the violence in Gaza and get aid to families in great need. You can ask the Foreign Secretary to push for peace, or donate to CAFOD's humanitarian aid on the ground. Go to <http://www.cafod.org.uk/Gaza>

PILGRIMAGES

DOWRY OF MARY PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

The Annual Pilgrimage to Walsingham takes place on **Sunday 7th 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 9th 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.

Mass intentions and other services this week:

Saturday 9th ST TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS	11.00 11.00 11.45 12.00 17.00 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation Benediction Sherin Manuel in Thanksgiving Sacrament of Reconciliation People of the Parish
+ First Mass of Sunday		
+ Sunday 10th 19 th Sunday of the Year ST LAWRENCE FEAST DAY	09.00 11.00 13.00 18.00	Rita Bergeman in Thanksgiving For the intentions of Patrick Maple Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) For the intentions of the Haldane Family
Monday 11th St Clare	09.15 09.30	Morning Prayer Peter Hocking RIP (Anniversary)
Tuesday 12th Feria	09.15 09.30 10.00	Morning Prayer For the intentions of June Roberts Novena to Our Lady
Wednesday 13th Feria	09.15 09.30	Morning Prayer For the intentions of Kathleen Woods
Thursday 14th St Maximilian Mary Kolbe	09.15 09.30 11.00	Morning Prayer Joseph Perera RIP FUNERAL MASS – BRONIA WESOLOWSKA RIP
Friday 15th THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	09.15 09.30 12.15 19.30	Morning Prayer Henry & Isaura Brito RIP Celebrant's Intention Mariamamma & Pelementer D'Cruz RIP
Saturday 16th Feria	11.00 11.00 11.45 12.00 17.00 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation Benediction Mervyn Rosario in Thanksgiving Sacrament of Reconciliation Alsace Perera RIP
+ First Mass of Sunday		
+ Sunday 17th 20 th Sunday of the Year	09.00 11.00 13.00 18.00	Alice Deacon RIP The Danladi Family in Thanksgiving Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) People of the Parish

Sanctuary Lamp: Bronia Wesolowska RIP

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

2nd/3rd August: Envelopes £1475.95, Loose £529.12, Standing Orders £420.00 Total: £2425.07
Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trustees: Registered Charity No. 233699

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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