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19th Sunday of the Year

10th/11th August 2019

Readings: Parish Mass Book Year C, Volume 2: Page 121: Wisdom 18:6-9; Psalm 32; Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19; Luke 12:32-48
Next Week: 20th Sunday of the Year: Page: 124: Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10; Psalm 39; Hebrews 12:1-4; Luke 12:49-53



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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

Today's readings resonate with images of preparedness for action, to get up and go, to respond to God's call. So, for example, the book of Wisdom recalls events of the Passover and Exodus, and the letter to the Hebrews reflects on the faithfulness of Abraham and Sarah, who set out in faith, leaving one home, to find another. Like them, we too are called onward to the 'kingdom', as Jesus calls it, in the Gospel of Luke.

Sometimes, however, we can confuse the 'kingdom' with 'heaven', and imagine that the goal or reward which we imagine the kingdom to be, comes only after death. However, as a pilgrimage, the journey is precisely what it's all about. The first disciples described themselves as followers of 'the way'. The invitation and challenge, therefore, is to find Jesus and serve and honour him in the ups and downs, diversions and messiness of our lives. This, for each of us, is our 'way', and our entering the 'kingdom' which consists of doing of God's will. That should be our treasure.

I remember a walking holiday where the enjoyment and delight lay principally in being able to 'take in' through eyes, ears, nose and feet all that surrounded me. I remember reflecting on the connection between my senses and my own speed of locomotion. They were somehow synchronised and in harmony: my human experience was paced according to my human speed. Today we might call this 'mindfulness'. I believe that in a spiritual sense, this reflects a truth about pilgrimage. Pilgrimage is a journey to better experience and understand who we are: children of God. Traditionally, this requires an intentional beginning and a defined end which shapes or gives character to the journey. At best, a pilgrimage is about putting one foot in front of the other: no high speed solutions or short-cuts, and at its heart is the awareness of journeying with others, having a shared intent.

Applying these reflections to my holiday experience of illness and convalescence, I am truly grateful for the time it gave me to be still, foregoing seeing 'unmissable sights' elsewhere. Looking out of my hotel room at the flats surrounding it, I could pray for the people living there, thank God for the sunshine, the peace, and the simple fact of being.

Dr Jordan

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SACRAMENTS

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 are available in the porch. Please take one, complete and bring with you on 1st September.

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

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.

TUESDAY 20TH AUGUST

Please note that Mass today will be at **9.00am** and not 9.30am. Morning Prayer will therefore be at 8.45am and Novena to Our Lady at 9.30am. Apologies for any inconvenience.

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**.

STOREHOUSE

Thank you for your continued support and donations to the Storehouse. Please note that we cannot accept fresh food i.e. vegetables or fruit, meat or fish products, ready meals.

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.

RETREAT

Brother Johnson will be visiting and holding a Retreat on **Friday 23rd August** from 6pm to 11pm and on Saturday **24th August** an all night Vigil/Retreat from 11pm to 7am. More details to follow.

FATIMA GROUP

The Our Lady of Fatima Group will meet in Church on **Friday 30th August** from 8pm to 10pm for Praise and Worship devotions

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

GEORGE GIBSON RIP

We pray for the repose of the soul of George Gibson RIP who died recently. His funeral will take place at Hanworth Crematorium on **Thursday 22nd August** 2019 at 2pm.

JACKIE RUSSELL (nee HANLON) RIP

We pray for the repose of the soul of Jackie Russell RIP who died during the week. Her Requiem Mass will take place here on **Tuesday 27th August** at 11am. Please also keep the families of George and Jackie in your prayers.

MASS INTENTIONS

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
Mon 12	9.30	Brenda Woolcott (Intention)
Tues 13	09.30	Mancio and Mandy Pereira RIP
Wed 14	09.30	David Crawley RIP
Thurs 15	09.30 12.15 19.30	Celebrant's Intention Lilian & Cedric De Souza in Thanksgiving (Birthday and Wedding Anniversary) Mariamma D' Cruz RIP
Fri 16	09.30	David Crawley RIP
Sat 17	11.00 11.00 12.00 12.45 17.00 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation Audrey Davies RIP Baptisms of Mia-Jane Correia, Allister Yadav Singh, Kayla Florence Ahmed and Kueigwong Tungwar Sacrament of Reconciliation Kathleen Hourihan RIP (Anniversary)
Sun 18	09.00 11.00 13.00 15.00 18.00	Alice Deacon RIP Danladi Family in Thanksgiving Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Mass in Malayalam People of the Parish
Sanctuary Lamp: Harry Haldane RIP		

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