

This week at St Lawrence's



13th/14th August 2016

**Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
(Missal Page 186 & 188 – YEAR C Vol. 2)**



(Missal Page 186 – **Vigil Mass**): 1 Chronicles 15:3-4, 15-16, 16:1-2; Psalm 131;
1 Corinthians 15:54-57; Luke 11:27-28

(Missal Page 188 – **Mass of the Day**): Apocalypse 11:19; 12:1-6, 10; Psalm 44;
1 Corinthians 15:20-26; Luke 1:39-56

Next Week: 21st Sunday of the Year: (Missal Page: 127): Isaiah 66:18-21; Psalm 116;
Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13; Luke 13:22-30

Pope Francis has a special devotion to Our Lady, Undoer of Knots. This prayer is particularly dear to him so we reproduce it here to mark the Feast of the Assumption this weekend:

“Virgin Mary, Mother of fair love, Mother who never refuses to come to the aid of a child in need, Mother whose hands never cease to serve your beloved children because they are moved by the divine love and immense mercy that exists in your heart, cast your compassionate eyes upon me and see the snarl of knots that exist in my life. You know very well how desperate I am, my pain, and how I am bound by these knots.

Mary, Mother to whom God entrusted the undoing of the knots in the lives of His children, I entrust into your hands the ribbon of my life. No one, not even the Evil One himself, can take it away from your precious care. In your hands, there is no knot that cannot be undone. Powerful Mother, by your grace and intercessory power with your Son and my liberator, Jesus, take into your hands today this knot. (*Mention your petition here*).

I beg you to undo it for the glory of God, once and for all. You are my hope. O my Lady, you are the only consolation God gives me, the fortification of my feeble strength, the enrichment of my destitution, and, with Christ, the freedom from my chains.

Hear my plea. Keep me, guide me, protect me, O safe refuge.”

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM

We offer a warm welcome to Zara Dewan Joseph, Donatella Aboah Asare, Nancy Emma Murphy-O'Connor and Daniel Aldrin Viegas who will be baptised this weekend and extend our warmest congratulations to their families.

MARRIAGE CONGRATULATIONS

We offer our warmest congratulations to Lee Dixon and Alice Farrer who celebrate the sacrament of marriage this weekend.

CONFIRMATION

If you missed the Confirmation enrolment dates earlier this month, there will be another opportunity in September. You must be in Year 9 or above in September 2016, live in the parish of St Lawrence and attend weekly Sunday Mass here. Please come to the Church on **Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th September – 3.45-5.00pm** to complete an application form and meet with Bridget.

CONFIRMATION THANKSGIVING MASS

The Confirmation Thanksgiving Mass will take place on **Sunday 4th September at 6.00pm**. Your Confirmation Certificates will be presented at the end of Mass followed by refreshments.

PARISH NOTICES

CAKE SALE

Denise and the Polish Community would like to thank all who supported their cake sale, a sum of £114.90 was raised.

UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY

Our very own artist-in-residence, Helen McIldowie-Jenkins, has been working on a unique new icon of St Lawrence for our new Parish Centre. Helen is a professional icon painter (or icon writer properly called) and has produced some beautiful work for Churches up and down the country including at Walsingham. We are very blest to have her. The new icon she has produced for us costs £3,500. If you would like to contribute to this as a thanks offering or in memory of someone dear to you, please drop your donation in at the parish office, along with a note of who you would like the icon dedicated to.

ST LAWRENCE'S PRAYER GROUP

The Prayer Group are now on their summer break and will reconvene on Thursday 15th September.

APPEAL FOR A GROUNDSMAN/HANDYMAN

We are looking to recruit a volunteer groundsmen/handyman for the Church premises. If you have any time to spare please contact the Parish Office for details.

APPEAL FOR CLEANERS

Anne Smith is appealing to anyone, male or female, who has an hour to spare to help with cleaning the Church, especially during the holiday period. The cleaning is done on a Wednesday after the 9.30am Mass.

REST IN PEACE

ELEANOR (LENA) THOMAS RIP

We pray for the soul of Eleanor (Lena) Thomas RIP who died recently. Her funeral will take place here on Tuesday 16th September at 10.30am. Please also remember in your prayers her family and all who mourn her.

CELEBRATION BRICKS

'Celebration Bricks' can celebrate a birth, marriage, life of a dear one, an achievement, a blessing or simply YOU or your family leaving a legacy of your connection with this community. There are two options available:

Option 1 – single brick, two lines per brick – 16 characters per line - £50.00 a brick.

Option 2 – double brick, four lines per brick – 16 characters per line - £100.00 a brick.

See samples of the brick tile at the back of Church. Pink leaflets with detailed information including an order form are available at the back of Church.

So far we have raised just over £5,500.00. We have put in our first order but this is on ongoing process so its not too late to hand in your application.

**** A BIG ANNOUNCEMENT! ****

Everyone is invited to the Solemn Blessing and Grand Opening of our new Parish Centre by Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor on **Saturday 10th September** at 12noon, starting with a Mass of Thanksgiving in Church and then the ceremony and a reception. Put this date in your diary today.

There are sheets at the back of Church for help with food, setting up/clearing up, etc.

OTHER

ACN SPONSORSHIP - OUTSTANDING MONIES

Many thanks to all who have paid so far. Please can folk settle the outstanding amounts as soon as possible? There is a sheet on the porch table with a list of those who have yet to pay. Envelopes are provided on the porch table and should be dropped in to the parish office. *Thank you! Helen*

WHO IS YOUR NEIGHBOUR? CELEBRATING OUR MULTICULTURAL COMMUNITY

Hounslow Friends of Faith invite you to an event that brings together multicultural entertainers from all around the local community, in order to showcase their talent. The aims of **"Who is your neighbour? Celebrating our Multicultural Community"** event is to broaden the perspective and knowledge of the younger generations so that they can be more appreciative of various cultural heritages that make the United Kingdom a place of high culture. The ticket price for this event is £5.00 which helps contribute towards the food and other costs. It is organised by Anne Shine Support, All Saints Church, Uxbridge Road, Hanworth TW13 5EE and Akhil Biswas a local resident.

Event Details: Saturday 3rd September 2016 - 3.00pm to 7.30pm Venue: All Saints Church.

Participants can take part in the following events:

Solo Singing Competition, Dance Competition, Instrumental music performance, Fashion Show – there is an entry fee of £5.00 which includes prize money. There will be 3 prizes awarded in each category.

If you wish to participate and accept this invitation please reply by **16 August 2016** to:

Anne 07883 609590, Akhil 07838 521532 or Fr Sergiy 020 8894 9330 or

hounslowevent99@gmail.com

A NEW WAY TO SUPPORT THE PARISH

Text Giving through your mobile phone! Safe, Easy, Anytime –

No Sign-up or Follow-up

Text to: 70800 PARISH FELTHAM

Perfect for visitors, those who carry no cash and those who give "Loose Coins", or parishioners who just want to add an offering.
(new leaflets available at the back of Church)

Mass intentions and other services this week:

Saturday 13th Feria	11.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	11.00 -11.30	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	11.45	Benediction
	12.00	Mary Cummins RIP
	13.30	Marriage of Lee Dixon and Alice Farrer
	15.45	Baptisms of Zara Dewan Joseph, Donatella Aboah Asare, Nancy Murphy-O'Connor and Daniel Aldrin Viegas
	17.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	18.00	Lance Potts RIP
+ Sunday 14th THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	09.00	Alice Deacon RIP
	11.00	Patrick Maple in Thanksgiving
	13.00	Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)
	18.00	People of the Parish
Monday 15th Feria	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Theresa Marie Killick RIP
Tuesday 16th Feria	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Helen & Tim O'Brien in Thanksgiving – Golden Wedding
	10.00	Novena to Our Lady
	10.30	FUNERAL MASS – ELEANOR (LENA) THOMAS RIP
Wednesday 17th Feria	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Celebrant's Intention
Thursday 18th Feria	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Deceased members of the Britto and Rosario Families
Friday 19th Feria	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Ivor and Phoebe Van Sanden RIP
Saturday 20th St Bernard	11.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	11.00 -11.30	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	11.45	Benediction
	12.00	In Thanksgiving – David Edwards – 90th Birthday
	17.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	18.00	In Thanksgiving – Edwin Alvarez
+ Sunday 21st 21st Sunday of the Year	09.00	Olga Pereira RIP
	11.00	People of the Parish
	13.00	Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)
	18.00	Dewan, James & Vidya Joseph RIP

Sanctuary Lamp: Desmond Rodrigues RIP

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

6th/7th: Envelopes £1,139.36 Loose £949.79 Standing Orders: £538.00 Total: £2,627.15

PARISH CENTRE UPDATE: MONEY BANKED AS AT 9/8/2016 - £83,884.74

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Pastoral Assistant: Bridget Brinkley

Parish Secretary: Florie Fernandes

Sunday Mass Times: Saturday 6 pm (Vigil Mass), Sunday 9 am, 11 am, 1pm (Polish) & 6 pm;

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) - Saturday 11am & 5pm