

This week at St Lawrence's



16th/17th August 2014

20th Sunday of the Year
(Missal Page 117 – YEAR A Vol. 2)



Isaiah 56:1, 6-7; Psalm 66; Romans 11:13-15; 29-32; Matthew 15:21-28
21st Sunday of the Year (Missal Page 120); Isaiah 22:19-23; Psalm 137; Romans 11:33-36;
Matthew 16:13-20

In this Assumptiontide, a reflection from Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor on his own pilgrimage to Lourdes:

When I think of Lourdes I think particularly of four things. The first is the sick who accompany us on pilgrimage. Their patience, gentleness in suffering and perseverance, always remind me that to be with the sick is something very precious. The sick are a hugely important part of any pilgrimage and it is for us to be near them during the few days together in Lourdes is very special.

The second matter I think of is the young people. Quite often, after a pilgrimage, mothers used to write to me and say that their young son or young daughter had somehow changed because of their visit to Lourdes. This was because they had experienced a new joy in their life, as if it were a new lung. In Lourdes young people are able to experience friendship, prayer, caring for the sick and an understanding of their faith in Jesus in a way never experienced before. They also discover that devotion to our Blessed Lady is something not strange but normal as she is there, always praying for us and leading us to a deeper understanding of her Son. It is a truly joyful experience for them.

The third aspect of Lourdes which touches me is the gift of prayer. Everywhere in Lourdes people are praying. They may be sitting at the Grotto or in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel or on the Domain, but their thoughts are with God and with His Son, Jesus. Always at the back of their minds, it seems to me, there is a deeper understanding of what it means to do God's will. Everyone knows that to do what God wants us to do will enable us to have peace and hope. Above all, Lourdes is a place of prayer and I hope and pray that this pilgrimage that we are experiencing this year will be a time of special prayer for everyone and, in particular, for the sick.

Lastly, when I think of Lourdes I also think of confession or the Sacrament of Reconciliation. I always remember, on the many pilgrimages that I have been on, how many people, and especially young people, experience the sacrament in a new way. How often have I heard simple, heartfelt confessions, expressions of sorrow for sin, but also an openness to the love of God in Jesus. Those who go to confession in Lourdes are taken up in to the love and mercy of God. All this of course happens everywhere, but in Lourdes it has a particular significance because what we are asking in our prayers is the prayer we say, I hope, every day when we pray to Mary. At the end of the Hail Mary we say those wonderful words, "Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death".

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

THANK YOU

Thank you for the cards, gifts and good wishes on my birthday. Your generosity is much appreciated. Fr Chris

FLOWERS

The flowers in Church this weekend are given in loving memory of Bronia Wesolowska RIP.

FIRE ALERT

Last weekend someone stacked votive candles, one of top of another, by Our Lady's Shrine. This is very dangerous and could lead to a fire. If you see this happen again please move the lit candles to a safe place or blow them out.

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.

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. Please note that all monies have to be in by 20 August. Thank you. Fr Chris

REST IN PEACE

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

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.**

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.

APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA

Salvin Bartholomeusz, the Parish Co-ordinator for the Apostleship of the Sea (AoS) has asked to convey their sincere thanks to all of you for your generosity in support of their recent Appeal which raised £252.68. Salvin has also suggested another inexpensive way parishioners may like to help. If you have any rosaries, prayer cards, medals, etc. currently not being used but would like to pass on to others in need please bring them into the Parish Office. These will be forwarded by the AoS to the seafarers as they are always asking for such items as it gives them comfort when away from home and draws them ever nearer to the love and trust in God and Stella Maris, Our Lady Star of the Sea.

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.

APPEAL FOR GAZA AND IRAQ

There will be a second collection after all Masses next weekend (23rd/24th August) for the people of Gaza and Iraq. The money raised will be sent to CAFOD and Aid to the Church in Need to help provide food, shelter, water or medical care.

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. **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.** There is a waiting list and seats will be offered on a first come, first served basis even though you may have put your name on the list.

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 (opposite the entrance to The Green)**, 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 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
+ 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
Monday 18th Feria	09.15 09.30 12.30	Morning Prayer For the intentions of David Edward FUNERAL SERVICE - BRENDA MOYNAN RIP
Tuesday 19th Feria	09.15 09.30 10.00	Morning Prayer Ivor & Phoebe van Sanden RIP Novena to Our Lady
Wednesday 20th St Bernard	09.15 09.30	Morning Prayer For the intentions of Grace Edwards
Thursday 21st St Pius X	09.15 09.30	Morning Prayer Ermelinda & Edgar Cota Cruz RIP
Friday 22nd The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary	09.15 09.30	Morning Prayer Dermot Doran RIP
Saturday 23rd Feria	11.00 11.00 11.45 12.00 17.00 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation Benediction Eric Brumwell RIP (Anniversary) and Frank Stackpoole RIP Sacrament of Reconciliation Henrietta Rana in Thanksgiving 70th Birthday
+ Sunday 24th 21 st Sunday of the Year	09.00 11.00 13.00 14.30 18.00	People of the Parish James, Dewan & Vidia Joseph RIP Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Mass led by the African Community Deceased members of the McGillicuddy Family

Sanctuary Lamp: Grace Sophie Ndongang in Thanksgiving First Birthday

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

9th/10th August: Envelopes £1175.78, Loose £657.15, Standing Orders £420.00 Total: £2252.93
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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