

This week at St Lawrence's



22nd/23rd August 2015

21st Sunday of the Year
(Missal Page 123 – YEAR B Vol. 2)



Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18; Psalm 33; Ephesians 5:21-32, John 6:60-69
Next week: 22nd Sunday of the Year (Missal Page 126); Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8; Psalm 14;
James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27; Mark 7:1-8; 14-15; 21-23

PARISH CENTRE UPDATE

Work on the Parish Centre will commence within the next few weeks.

- Could **all groups** currently using the Parish Centre, please make sure that all your bits and pieces are cleared by **Sunday 30th August**.
- There will be a quantity of plastic stacking chairs and some tables for parishioners to collect if wanted. These will be available for collection week beginning 30th August or 6th September. Please enquire at the Parish Office for details.
- Fr Chris would like to set up a working party to help with the Parish Centre. **Saturday 5th September at 9.30am and Sunday 6th September at 2pm** – all hands on deck for site clearance work. Some heavy work involved so bring some old clothes to work in, and if you can, a garden fork, spade or shovel.

PARISH NOTICES

WELCOME TO FR BIJOU JOHN

We welcome Fr Bijou John, our new Assistant Priest, who arrives from India this week and will be working with Fr Fortunato until he moves to Bishops Stortford on 3rd September.

FR FORTUNATO'S FAREWELL MASS AND PARTY

Fr Fortunato's farewell Mass will take place on **Saturday 26th September** at 12.00noon followed by a party. The theme will be an International Mass and party. We will be looking for two or three hymns in different languages. Food lists will be available at the back of Church in the next week. Please contact the Parish Office for information.

NEW ALTAR SERVERS INITIATION

All new Altar Servers who attended the training session are invited to the Altar Servers Initiation which will take place at all the weekend Masses on **19th and 20th September**.

SOCIAL EVENT – GOAN EVENING/FIESTA

The Goan Community at St Lawrence's are planning a "Goan Evening/Fiesta" to be held **Saturday 24th October** from 7.30pm in the School Hall. All proceeds will go towards the Parish Centre Building Fund. For offers of help please speak to George Fernandes or contact the Parish Office.

A MYSTERY PARISHIONER

We have received three letters at the presbytery addressed to "Abraham" from "Linda". If anyone knows who this is please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible.

From Pope Francis' letter *Evangelii Gaudium, The Joy of the Gospel*

Mary, Virgin and Mother,
you who, moved by the Holy Spirit,
welcomed the word of life
in the depths of your humble faith:
as you gave yourself completely to the Eternal One,
help us to say our own "yes"
to the urgent call, as pressing as ever,
to proclaim the good news of Jesus.

Filled with Christ's presence,
you brought joy to John the Baptist,
making him exult in the womb of his mother.

Brimming over with joy,
you sang of the great things done by God.
Standing at the foot of the cross

with unyielding faith,
you received the joyful comfort of the resurrection,
and joined the disciples in awaiting the Spirit
so that the evangelising Church might be born.

Obtain for us now a new ardour born of the resurrection,
that we may bring to all the Gospel of life
which triumphs over death.

Give us a holy courage to seek new paths,
that the gift of unfading beauty
may reach every man and woman.

Virgin of listening and contemplation,
Mother of love, Bride of the eternal wedding feast,
pray for the Church, whose pure icon you are,
that she may never be closed in on herself
or lose her passion for establishing God's kingdom.

Star of the new evangelisation,
help us to bear radiant witness to communion,
service, ardent and generous faith,
justice and love of the poor,
that the joy of the Gospel
may reach to the ends of the earth,
illuminating even the fringes of our world.

Mother of the living Gospel,
wellspring of happiness for God's little ones.

pray for us.
Amen. Alleluia!

Franciscus

COFFEE MORNING FOR ZIMBABWEAN ORPHANS

Helen Hurley would like to thank all parishioners for their generous support and donations of money and cakes and biscuits, the total raised was £240.00.

LOST PROPERTY

We have several pairs of glasses, sets of keys, jewellery, etc. in our lost property box, some of which has been here for a while. If you are missing something please contact the Parish Office.

FILIPINO COMMUNITY

There is no Mass this month due to the holiday period.

SACRAMENTS

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

We offer our warmest congratulations to Wendy Carvalho and Thomas Davies who celebrate the sacrament of Marriage this weekend.

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.

CONFIRMATION 2016

If you are in Year 9 or above and would like to be prepared to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2016 please register with Bridget Brinkley at one of the following times.

Saturday 5th September 1.30 pm – 3.30 pm
Tuesday 8th and Wed 9th September 3.30 pm – 6.30 pm
Saturday 12th September 3.30pm – 5.30 pm
Tuesday 15th Wed 16th September – 3.30 - 6.30 pm

Please come to the Church where you will be asked to complete a registration form. The preparation programme will begin on Wednesday the 30th September.

PILGRIMAGES

DOWRY OF MARY PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

The Annual Pilgrimage to Walsingham takes place on **Sunday 6th 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 £20.00 per person. **To secure your seat please post your money in an envelope, clearly marked with your name and "WALSINGHAM", to the Parish Office. If you have put your name and have not yet paid please do so as soon as possible.**

REST IN PEACE

MONICA COX RIP

We pray for the repose of the soul of Monica Cox RIP who passed away recently. Her funeral will take place here on **Wednesday 26th August** at 10.30am. Please also keep in your prayers her children and all the family and friends that mourn her.

Mass intentions and other services this week:

Saturday 22nd The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary	11.00 11.45 12.00 14.00 17.00 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation Benediction Sabina Alvarez RIP Marriage of Wendy Carvalho and Thomas Davies Sacrament of Reconciliation Jeremiah & Brendan McGillicuddy and all deceased members of the McGillicuddy Family RIP
+ Sunday 23rd 21 st Sunday of the Year	09.00 11.00 13.00 14.30 18.00	People of the Parish Esther Kusi-Appiah RIP (2nd Anniversary) Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Mass led by the African Community Deewan, James & Videa Joseph RIP
Monday 24th ST BARTHOLOMEW	09.15 09.30	Morning Prayer Roy Pett RIP
Tuesday 25th Feria	09.15 09.30 10.00	Morning Prayer Anita Calmiano RIP Novena to Our Lady
Wednesday 26th Feria	09.15 09.30	Morning Prayer Merlyn Arakal (Intention)
Thursday 27th St Monica	09.15 09.30	Morning Prayer Sr Monica Killeen (Intention)
Friday 28th St Augustine	09.15 09.30	Morning Prayer Celebrants Intention
Saturday 29th The Passion of St John the Baptist	11.00 11.45 12.00 12.45 17.00 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation Benediction Eric Brumwell and Frank Stackpoole RIP Baptism of Mylie Rodrigues Sacrament of Reconciliation Intentions of Mick, Amanda, Dan, Pauline and the McCarthy Family.
+ Sunday 30th 22 nd Sunday of the Year	09.00 11.00 13.00 18.00	Guilhermina Gonsalves in Thanksgiving People of the Parish Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) The Rodrigues Family in Thanksgiving

Sanctuary Lamp: For World Peace

Thank you for your generosity in last week's Offertory Collections:
15th/16th August: Envelopes: £970.40 Loose: £762.69 Standing Orders: £485.00 Total: £2,218.09

PARISH CENTRE UPDATE: MONEY BANKED AS AT 11/8/2015 - £39,107.93

Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trustees: Registered Charity No. 233699

Sunday Mass Times: Saturday 6 pm (Vigil Mass), Sunday 9 am, 11 am, 1pm (Polish) & 6 pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) - Saturday 11am & 5pm

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