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21st Sunday of the Year

24th/25th August 2019

Readings: Parish Mass Book Year C, Volume 2: Page 127: Isaiah 66:18-21; Psalm 116; Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13; Luke 13:22-30
Next Week: 22nd Sunday of the Year: Page: 130: Ecclesiasticus 3:17-20, 28-29; Psalm 67; Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24; Luke 14:1, 7-14



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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

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Who will be saved?

If you are anything like me, you may find yourself sometimes using words you don't fully understand. What, for example, is salvation?

Is it going to heaven? the reward of eternal life, and of being with Jesus for ever? We can also ask how are we saved? Is it a matter of doing good things? Or is it keeping laws and rules? being a good Catholic? A dictionary definition is, being 'protected from harm or being saved or delivered from a dire situation'. This is an aspect of healing: what is weak is strengthened, and delivered from what would destroy us.

Taking one thread from today's readings, and building on this definition, I suggest a perspective on God's understanding of salvation being growth into full relationship with God. This is to be restored to full 'health' in our relation to God, as his child. How this is done is described by St Paul in today's second reading. The consequences of failing to do so are given in the Gospel.

St Paul develops the metaphor used last week, of runners in a stadium. This week he reminds us of the rigours of training needed to make each runner a real athlete able to run the track before them. This track can also image the 'narrow gate' Jesus refers to in today's Gospel. It is the single lane which each runner, if they are to win, must follow, looking neither left nor right. Not being distracted by the progress of others. Likewise, our salvation is based on action: on taking account of our own life, looking to Christ, and actually following the path He has laid before us.

For St Paul, this is what saves us, and what being a 'son' or 'daughter' of God is all about. This is what Jesus wants of us. It won't be easy – the training can hurt! – but only then can we identify with Him who willingly gave all for us. It is not enough to just 'show up' and claim knowledge of Jesus, As the Gospel puts it, 'we ate and drank in your company', yet this is not what God asks of us. The question is, will we accept what He chooses to put before us, or not?

Dr Jordan

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 2020

If you live in the parish of St. Lawrence's, attend weekly Sunday Mass here and you are in School Year 9 or above in September 2019, you are invited to apply to be prepared to receive the sacrament of Confirmation in 2020. Registration Forms are available in the porch. Please complete and bring your form to the Church on **Wednesday 11th or Thursday 12th September and Wednesday 18th or Thursday 19th September** between **4.00-6.00pm** to meet with Jordan. Please bring a copy of your Baptism Certificate if you were not baptised at St Lawrence's.

PARISH NOTICES

THANK YOU

A big thank you to Fr Frans Azzopardi for celebrating weekday Masses, Fr Chris Wallbank, Fr Dan O'Malley and Fr Daniel Humphreys for celebrating weekend Masses during August.

WELCOME TO FR GREGORY AMPONSAH-NKANSAH

We welcome Fr Gregory from Ghana who will be spending some time with us and will celebrate Mass and help out in the parish. I hope you will all give him the usual Feltham welcome. He was of great help to us last year.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CATECHISTS MEETING

Interested in being a Catechist? If anyone is interested in becoming a Catechist, please speak to Jordan (details overleaf). There will be a meeting for all Catechists on **Saturday 7th September** at 4.30pm in the Parish Centre.

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.

9 AM CHOIR...

...resumes **Sunday 1st September**. If you think you would like to join us, we would love to welcome new members. If you are interested, please come up to the choir loft after Mass.

BALKAN DANCE GROUP

Resume **Friday 6th September** at 8pm in the Parish Centre. Please see the noticeboard for more information.

SACRED HEART DEVOTIONS

Please note that the First Friday Sacred Heart Devotions and Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will not take place in September owing to the Knock Pilgrimage.

GOSPEL MUSICIANS

We hope to set up a Gospel Music Group, if any musicians are interested please contact Jordan Pullicino, details overleaf.

HELP WITH WASHING OF ALBS

The annual Altar Servers Mass takes place at Westminster Cathedral on **5th October**. We would be grateful for help with getting the altar servers albs cleaned in time. Please speak to Sharyn Chapple.

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. Gifts/donations towards the raffle prizes would be greatly appreciated.

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

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. *The car park will be closed that morning.*

MICHAEL JOHN LAWLESS RIP

We pray for the repose of the soul of Michael John Lawless RIP who died recently. His Funeral will take place here at 1.00pm on **Wednesday 4th September**.

Please also keep the families of Jackie and Michael in your prayers.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 24	11.00 11.00 12.00 15.00 17.00 18.00 19.00 23.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation Lourdino Soares in Thanksgiving Mass in Tagalog for the Filipino Community Sacrament of Reconciliation Mario Simoes RIP Mass in Ukrainian Night Vigil by Brother Johnson
Sun 25	06.00 09.00 11.00 13.00 14.30 18.00	Mass to conclude the all Night Vigil Anita Calmiano RIP Esther Kusi-Appiah RIP Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Mass led by the African Community In Thanksgiving – Rodrigues Family
Mon 26	09.30	Videa Joseph RIP
Tues 27	09.30 11.00	Mary Roga RIP REQUIEM MASS – JACKIE RUSSELL RIP
Wed 28	09.30	Celebrant's Intention
Thurs 29	09.30	Brigid McGinley RIP (Anniversary)
Fri 30	09.30 20.00	Brendan & Jeremiah McGillicuddy RIP Fatima Group Praise and Worship
Sat 31	11.00 11.00 12.00 17.00 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation Felix, Ann & Stafford Serpes RIP Sacrament of Reconciliation David Crawley RIP
Sun 1	09.00 11.00 13.00 18.00	People of the Parish In Thanksgiving for Noor Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Videa, Dewan & James Joseph RIP
Sanctuary Lamp: Wilson Family (Intentions)		

Thank you for your generosity in the last week's collection:

17-18 August: Envelopes £726.17 Loose £921.54

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