



St Lawrence Catholic Church

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21st Sunday of the Year

26th/27th August 2017

Readings: Parish Mass Book Year A, Volume 2: (Missal Page 120): Isaiah 22:19-23; Psalm 137; Romans 11:33-36; Matthew 16:13-20

Next Week: 22nd Sunday of the Year: Page 122: Jeremiah 20:7-9; Psalm 62; Romans 12:1-2; Matthew 16:21-27

Bob travelled to work every day on the train. He had his usual seat (lucky him) and for as long as he could remember the same man sat opposite him every day. Bob felt he knew this man, from the way he dressed Bob guessed he has a nice office in the city and that he worked nine to five. He knew the type of books he liked to read and he figured he knew what political party he supported from the papers he read. He assumed he had family from the picture he spotted in his wallet one day. Although the two commuters often nodded to each other they never spoke or knew each other names.

One day the train ground to a halt, there had been an accident on the line and all trains were delayed. There were the usual general announcements by the train company but no real news about the accident. Everyone became a little agitated and began to speculate about what might have happened. Bob leaned over, reached out his hand to his fellow commuter and said "Hi, I'm Bob". His fellow commuter took his hand and said "Hi, I'm Jim".

In that moment the relationship changed. Bob had known a certain amount about Jim, but he could never have said he knew him. Now as they chatted he began to get to know him but if Bob had not taken the initiative they would have remained strangers.

In today's Gospel Jesus put this question to the disciples, "who do people say the Son of Man is?". People had all sorts of theories about Jesus, who he might be and what was his mission. The disciples appeared a little shocked at the question and all sort of answers came gushing out. Peter, not known to be the brightest of the disciples, suddenly has a moment of revelation, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God". Now Peter knew a lot of things about Jesus, like the two men on the train they had been observing each other for years. However, this step that Peter takes in proclaiming the he understands Jesus as the Son of God can be nothing short of a gift from God.

If we reach out, offer our hand to God and begin a conversation with him, he will, when the time is right, reveal himself to us. Faith is a gift from God, if you have faith pray to deepen that faith, if you are just on nodding terms with God but would like to reach out your hand and get to know him better then perhaps you would like to join the Faith Formation course that starts on Wednesday 27th September at 7pm. Please contact Bridget for more details.

Bridget

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PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Parish Annual General Meeting will take place on
Sunday 1st October at 12 noon in the Parish Centre

SACRAMENTS

CONFIRMATION

The Guidelines for those wishing to enrol for the Confirmation Programme for 2017/18 are available from the table in the church porch.

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

If you have forgotten to register your child for First Holy Communion please contact Bridget immediately via email bridgetbrinkley@rcdow.org.uk to make an appointment to see her.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION

If your child is in year 2 or above in September 2017 and not attending a Catholic School, we invite you to register for our Sunday School programme. The Sunday School programme takes place every Sunday during school term time from 10am - 10.45am.

Official registration will take place on **10th 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 Bridget if you require more details

PARISH NOTICES

FIRST FRIDAY CAFOD COFFEE MORNING

There will be a Coffee Morning on **Friday 1st September** after the 9.30am Mass.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

The coach is now full. There are a few people who have booked and not yet paid. To secure your seat please post your money (£20 per person) in an envelope, clearly marked with your name and "WALSINGHAM", to the Parish Office. If monies are not received by **29th August**, the list will be open again.

DIARY DATES

9th & 10th Sept	Confirmation Registration begins
10th Sept	Sunday School Registration 10am
16th Sept	Baptism Preparation Course 2pm - 4pm
16th Sept	First Holy Communion preparation begins 5.45pm followed by 6pm Mass
26th Sept	Confirmation Registration closes
27th Sept	RCIA Course begins
1st Oct	Parish AGM 12 noon

NEW ALTAR SERVERS

There will be a training morning for new Altar Servers on **Saturday 23rd & 30th September, starting at 10am** in Church. All children who have made their First Holy Communion this year are very welcome to join St Lawrence's serving team.

NATIONAL MASS FOR ALTAR SERVERS

We will be taking a group of altar Servers from the Parish to a special Mass for Altar Servers to be celebrated in Westminster Cathedral on **Saturday 21st October at 2.30pm**. We plan to leave the Church at 11.00am and return by 5.00pm. A letter for parents will be available in the next couple of weeks.

CELEBRATION BRICKS

The second phase of Bricks are now up in the Parish Centre. Thank you all for your support. We have since, received a few more applications. If anyone would like a Celebration Brick please see Florie in the Parish Office.

OTHER

POWER TO BE CAMPAIGN: EMAIL THE WORLD BANK

Join CAFOD's Power to be campaign and email the World Bank to call for local, renewable energy that reaches the poorest communities worldwide <https://goo.gl/1RbtoF>

Feltham Pond Clean Up Sunday 3rd Sept 1pm – 3pm

We are very lucky to have some nice green spaces to enjoy in Feltham. It is thanks to a number of volunteers that these spaces are kept safe and clean. If you would like to make a small contribution to helping please come along on Sunday 3rd Sept between 1pm – 3pm to help. All ages welcome.

NEW FOUNDATION DEGREE FOR CATHOLICS WORKING IN HEALTHCARE AND THOSE SEEKING TO BE CHAPLAINS.

Starting in October, St Mary's University Twickenham is pleased to offer a new foundation degree in Healthcare Ethics, Theology and Care. This is a part time two year programme for those seeking to be hospital chaplains and for people working in healthcare settings, from care homes, to hospices and hospitals. Lectures and seminars take place at St Mary's one evening a week and additional lectures and resources are available online. If you are interested in applying or finding out more please contact matthew.james@stmarys.ac.uk

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the soul of **Brian Naughton RIP**. Please also keep in your prayers his family and all those who mourn him. His funeral will take place here on **Wednesday 6th September** at 11.00am.

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

19-20 August: Envelopes £693.50; Loose: £970.55

Standing Orders: £661.83 **Total: £2325.88**

Parish Centre Building Fund: £140.93

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 26 th	11.00 11.00 12.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation Eric Brumwell & Frank Stackpoole RIP (Anniversary)
	15.00 17.00 18.00	Mass in Tagalog for the Filipino Community Sacrament of Reconciliation Maureen Murray RIP (1 st Anniversary)
Sun 27 th	09.00 11.00 13.00 14.30 18.00	People of the Parish Mary Roga RIP (2 nd Anniversary) Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Mass led by the African Community Deewan, James & Vidia Joseph RIP
Mon 28 th	09.30	Celebrants Intention
Tues 29 th	09.30	Derek & Purita Jackman in Thanksgiving – 30 th Wedding Anniversary
Wed 30 th	09.30	Margaret O'Connor RIP
Thurs 31 st	09.30	Angela Gracias RIP (Anniversary)
Fri 1 st	09.30	Jose & Inacina Camelo RIP
Sat 2 nd	11.00 11.00 12.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation Deceased members of the O'Hanlon Family RIP
	17.00 18.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation Ernie Law RIP
Sun 3 rd	09.00 11.00 13.00 18.00	Gabriel & Mary D'Souza in Thanksgiving – Wedding Anniversary Sr Mary Cruz RIP (1 st Anniversary) Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) People of the Parish
Sanctuary Lamp: Esther Kusi-Appiah RIP		

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 and 5pm