

# This week at St Lawrence's



27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> August 2016

Twenty Second Sunday of the Year  
(Missal Page 130 – YEAR C Vol. 2)



*Ecclesiasticus 3:17-20, 28-29; Psalm 67; Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24; Luke 14:1, 7-14*  
Next Week: 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Year: (Missal Page: 133): *Wisdom 9:13-18; Psalm 89; Philemon 9-10, 12-17; Like 14:25-33*

I have found it a very unsettling summer here in St. Lawrence's parish office, with so many things happening in the parish I am not sure which way to look. In the years I have worked here, summer has usually been a time to relax (a bit) and get things organised for the next academic year. There is however not much of the usual about this summer. So which way to look; should I look back on the past seven years of working under the guidance of Fr. Chris or forward to working under the guidance of Fr. John. Fr. Chris will, I know, be greatly missed not just in the office but in the parish as a whole. One of the questions in the children First Holy Communion work book is to name your parish priest and many of the children fill in 'Fr. Christ'. So I tell them he is indeed Christ like but not quite 'The Christ', yet! In today's gospel we hear about one of the many things Jesus and Fr. Chris have in common, that is eating!

Jesus has been invited to a Pharisees house for a meal and he observes how the other guests choose where they sit. He is not there to give a lesson in social etiquette but seeing how people behave he points out the importance of humility in our lives as Christians. Humility is facing up to reality, to the truth. The most basic reality of all is that we are God's creations and humility is the acknowledgement that everything we have and are comes from God. If I can sing well it is a gift from God, if I can dance well it is a gift from God, indeed all I am and all I do is a gift from God. The more special the gift or talent I have the greater my humility and gratitude should be. Genuine humility spurs a deeper love of God; it should also lead to a deeper respect for all our fellow human beings.

So as we embark on a new chapter in our lives here at St. Lawrence's let us all pray that we may learn humility and from humility may we learn from each other and in learning from each other may we grow in respect of each other and in respecting each other may we continue to work together in peace and harmony for the Glory of our great God.

Hope you have a safe and joyful bank holiday weekend.

Bridget

## SACRAMENTS

### 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 13<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> September at 6.00pm**. Your Confirmation Certificates will be presented at the end of Mass followed by refreshments.

### CATECHISM CLASSES FOR CHILDREN NOT ATTENDING A CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Children from the age of 6 (i.e. Year 2 or above) are invited to join our Sunday School Programme. This takes place on a Sunday morning between 10am – 10.45am during school term time. Your child should attend Sunday school for 1 year before applying to join the First Holy Communion programme. Registration for Sunday School this year will take place on **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September** at 10.00am in St. Lawrence's School. Please bring your child with you. If you have already registered your child your first session is on the 11th September.

### BAPTISM PREPARATION

The next Baptism Preparation course will take place on **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September** and **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October** at 3.30 pm in the parish centre. If you have requested to have your first child baptised and have completed an application form with Bridget you are invited to attend this course.

If you live and worship in St. Lawrence's parish and expecting a baby soon please contact Bridget by phone at the parish office or by email [bridgetbrinkley@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:bridgetbrinkley@rcdow.org.uk) if you would like to join this course.

## PARISH NOTICES

### THURSDAY 1<sup>st</sup> SEPTEMBER

Please note that the 9.30 am Mass on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September has been moved forward to **9.00am** as we have the funeral of the late Kathleen Hourihan at 10.00am. There will be no Morning Prayer that day.

### FIRST FRIDAY EARLY BIRD MASS AND CAFOD COFFEE MORNING

There will be **no** early bird Mass on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September.  
The CAFOD coffee morning will take place as usual after the 9.30am Mass.

### NEW PARISH CENTRE

We need a small working party to get things sorted in the parish centre for the grand opening on the 10<sup>th</sup> September.

If you can help on **Tuesday the 30<sup>th</sup> or Wed 31<sup>st</sup> August** it would be appreciated. We will meet at 10.00 am after Mass in the Parish Centre. Among other jobs that need to be done will be the arranging the kitchen and the storage area.

Please contact Bridget if you can help.

### 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 15<sup>th</sup> September**.

## ST LAWRENCE'S 9AM CHOIR

The 9.00am Choir will reconvene on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September. There will be a practice session after the 9.00am Mass **this Sunday**. If anyone would like to join the group please come up to the Choir Loft after Mass.

## NATIONAL MASS FOR ALTAR SERVERS IN WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL

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 17<sup>th</sup> September at 2.30pm**. We plan to leave the Church at 11.00am and return by 5pm. Altar Servers please pick up a letter from the sacristy if you would like to attend.

## HELPING HANDS GROUP

The Helping Hands team are continuing to work on the project which we hope, with Fr. John's approval, will now be officially launched in the parish in October time.

## 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 £5,700.00. We have put in our first order but this is an ongoing process so it's not too late to hand in your application.

## APPEAL FOR A GROUNDSMAN/HANDYMAN

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

### \*\*\*\* 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 10<sup>th</sup> September** at 12.00 noon, 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, 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*

## REST IN PEACE

### BRIDGET WALSH RIP

We pray for the soul of Bridget Walsh RIP who died recently. Her funeral will take place at Hanworth Crematorium on **Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> August at 2.20pm**. Please also keep in your prayers her late husband Noel, her children Tony and Jacque, their families and all those who mourn her.

### KATHLEEN HOURIHAN RIP

We pray for the soul of Kathleen Hourihan RIP who died during the week. Her funeral will take place here on **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September at 10.00am**. Please also keep in your prayers her husband John, her children Kevin and Jo and all those who mourn her. .

## Mass intentions and other services this week:

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| <b>Saturday 27<sup>th</sup></b><br>St Monica   | 11.00<br>11.00 -11.30<br>11.45<br>12.00<br>17.00<br>18.00                    | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament<br>Sacrament of Reconciliation<br>Benediction<br><b>Eric Brumwell &amp; Frank Stackpoole RIP</b><br>Sacrament of Reconciliation<br><b>People of the Parish</b> |
| <b>+ Sunday 28<sup>th</sup></b><br>22nd Sunday of the Year                               | <b>09.00</b><br><b>11.00</b><br><b>13.00</b><br><b>14.30</b><br><b>18.00</b> | <b>Mark Nicol RIP</b><br><b>Sabina Alvares RIP</b><br><b>Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)</b><br><b>Mass led by the African Community</b><br><b>Rodrigues Family Intentions</b>                           |
| <b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup></b><br>The Passion of St John the Baptist                      | 09.15<br><b>09.30</b>  | Morning Prayer<br><b>Celebrant's Intention</b>   |
| <b>Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup></b><br>Sts Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line<br>and Margaret Ward | 09.15<br><b>09.30</b><br>10.00   | Morning Prayer<br><b>Kathleen Hourihan RIP</b><br>Novena to Our Lady   |
| <b>Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup></b><br>St Aidan   | 09.15<br><b>09.30</b>  | Morning Prayer<br><b>Mary Stevens and Family (Intentions)</b>  |
| <b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup></b><br>Feria  | <u>09.00</u><br><b>10.00</b>   | No Morning Prayer<br><b>Erwin Gorczynski RIP (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)</b><br><b>FUNERAL MASS – KATHLEEN HOURIHAN RIP</b>   |
| <b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup></b><br>Feria  | 09.15<br><b>09.30</b>  | Morning Prayer<br><b>Angela Gracias RIP</b>  |
| <b>Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup></b><br>ST GREGORY THE GREAT                                   | 11.00<br>11.00 -11.30<br>11.45<br>12.00<br>17.00<br>18.00                    | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament<br>Sacrament of Reconciliation<br>Benediction<br><b>Diana Armstrong (Intentions)</b><br>Sacrament of Reconciliation<br><b>Power Family Intentions</b>          |
| <b>+ Sunday 4<sup>th</sup></b><br>23rd Sunday of the Year                                | <b>09.00</b><br><b>11.00</b><br><b>13.00</b><br><b>18.00</b>                 | <b>Gabriel and Mary D'Souza in Thanksgiving</b><br><b>Christian and Eucharis Obodoako in Thanksgiving</b><br><b>Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)</b><br><b>People of the Parish</b>                       |

**Sanctuary Lamp: Kathleen Hourihan RIP**

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

20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup>: Envelopes £867.58 Loose £705.66 Standing Orders: £538.00 **Total: £2,111.24**

**PARISH CENTRE UPDATE: MONEY BANKED AS AT 23/8/2016 - £85,125.80**

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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**

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