

This week at St Lawrence's



29th/30th August 2015

22nd Sunday of the Year
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Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8; Psalm 14; James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27; Mark 7:1-8; 14-15; 21-23
Next week: 23rd Sunday of the Year (Missal Page 129); Isaiah 35:4-7; Psalm 145; James 2:1-5;
Mark 7:31-37

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today I officially conclude two phenomenal years spent with you here at St Lawrence's. This is a very difficult time and to say goodbye is not my cup of tea. I notice in myself the growing temptation of looking only at my failures during my time of service here: 'If only I had said this.... done that... written this... met this person... said it in this way...' I find this truly hard. Yet my spiritual director, a holy man, once said to me: 'when we fail, one of our biggest fears is what others will think. We don't realise however that when we fail, God learns nothing new about us. He is not disappointed by our fall, as if it was unexpected.' Words of wisdom, indeed. God's feeling towards us, his regard for us is exactly the same as before.

Thanks to the love, patience and friendship of you all, these two remarkable and intensive years have been an incredibly powerful experience for me. I consider it to be a great privilege to have been able to dedicate so much time to this parish, and, in particular, to so many amazing people like you. Truly, I have learnt a lot, and since day one I have been warmly welcomed and on every side I have received kindness. I can honestly say that 'my cup runneth over'.

I have enjoyed every moment at St Lawrence's with ups and downs, my loving friends of weekday and Sunday Mass, you've been so important to me. In all of you I had everything, I had the motherly figure, the smart English humour and wit, the spiritual guide, the experienced trainer, the eager trainees, the loving children; you can say I had it all, then why do you leave? Well, because it's a matter of doing God's will rather than my own. And God wants that I offer myself to many more as I have offered myself to all of you.

I begin now a new chapter of my adventure with God, in which I am called to guide, encourage, love and serve other people of God's family through my priestly ministry. I have gained however a great deal from you and I am ready to move forward. You know though that I am going very far, so please keep in touch. Therefore, this is the last chance I have to say to you all, no one excluded, whether you liked me or not, **THANK YOU!** You will be in my prayers, but I ask the same of you: *pray for me a sinner*. May God bless you and your family.

Yours in Christ,
Fr Fortunato

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

We extend a warm welcome to Mylie Rodrigues who will be baptised this weekend and offer our warmest congratulations to her family.

CATECHISTS TRAINING

There will be a Catechist Training Morning on **Saturday 5th September** starting at 10am in the School Hall and finishing with Mass at 12noon. Could all Catechists kindly attend.

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**.

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**.
- 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.
- 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.
- On **Monday 14th September** work begins on the tree pruning and tree felling and some preliminary demolition work on the Parish Centre & garage.

PARISH NOTICES

FIRST FRIDAY

There will be an early bird Mass on **Friday 4th September** at 06.45am. The CAFOD First Friday Coffee morning will take place after the 9.30am Mass.

9AM CHOIR

The 9.00am Choir will reconvene on **Sunday 6th September** and will meet for a practice after the 9am Mass on Sunday 30th August. New members welcome.

PRAYER GROUP

St Lawrence's Prayer Group will reconvene on Thursday **10th September** at 7.30pm in the Presbytery. All welcome.

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**.

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.

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. Another letter arrived this week, if you know who this is please come forward.

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.

THANK YOU

A belated thank you for all of your good wishes, cards, gifts and prayers at the time of my Ordination. I am very grateful for all your support over the past few years and you remain in my thoughts and prayers. Fr Daniel

PILGRIMAGES

DOWRY OF MARY PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

The Annual Pilgrimage to Walsingham takes place on **Sunday 6th September**. A coach will leave from **Browells Lane (by entrance to The Green) 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. **Last call for those who have put their names but not yet paid. If your money is not received by Tuesday 1st September, your seat will be reallocated to someone on the waiting list. Please post your money in an envelope as soon as possible, clearly marked with your name and "WALSINGHAM", to the Parish Office. COULD ANGELA OR AARON ROGI CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE ON TUESDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER AS YOUR NUMBER DOES NOT WORK.**

PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY – 8th-13th SEPTEMBER

You should have all received your final documents by now for the pilgrimage to Lanciano, Loreto and San Giovanni. Please ensure that you are at the airport in good time for the flight on **Tuesday 8th September**.

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 **Thursday 3rd September** 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 29th The Passion of St John the Baptist	11.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation
	11.45	Benediction
	12.00	Eric Brumwell and Frank Stackpoole RIP
	12.45	Baptism of Mylie Rodrigues
	17.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	18.00	Intentions of Mick, Amanda, Dan, Pauline and the McCarthy Family.
+ Sunday 30th 22nd Sunday of the Year	09.00	Guilhermina Gonsalves in Thanksgiving
	11.00	People of the Parish
	13.00	Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)
	18.00	The Rodrigues Family in Thanksgiving
Monday 31st Feria	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Fr Daniel Humphreys (Intention)
Tuesday 1st Feria	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Marin Carbungco RIP
	10.00	<i>Novena to Our Lady</i>
Wednesday 2nd Feria	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Rita MacDonald (Intention)
Thursday 3rd ST GREGORY THE GREAT	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Sue Wilson (Intention)
Friday 4th Feria	06.45	Celebrants Intention
	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Sisters of Mercy (Intentions)
Saturday 5th Feria	11.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation
	11.45	Benediction
	12.00	Mary & Gabriel D'Souza in Thanksgiving (50th Wedding Anniversary)
	14.00	<i>Wedding of Francisca Odeh and Yinusa Ibrahim</i>
	16.00	<i>Baptisms of Dennis John Hopper, Halle Walcott-Hinson and Nella Dobros</i>
	17.00	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i>
	18.00	Intentions of Barbara-Ann, Anthony, Althea & Ivy Adams. (Confirmation Thanksgiving Mass)
+ Sunday 6th 23rd Sunday of the Year	09.00	People of the Parish
	11.00	Deceased members of the Lourenco Family RIP
	13.00	Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)
	18.00	Mariela & Manoj Bhatnagar in Thanksgiving

Sanctuary Lamp: For World Peace

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

22nd/23rd August: Envelopes: £1,122.46 Loose: £741.48 Standing Orders: £485.00 Total: £2,348.94

PARISH CENTRE UPDATE: MONEY BANKED AS AT 25/8/2015 - £39,311.26

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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