

This week at St Lawrence's



30th/31st August 2014

22nd Sunday of the Year
(Missal Page 122 – YEAR A Vol. 2)

Jeremiah 20:7-9; Psalm 62; Romans 12:1-2; Matthew 16:21-27

23rd Sunday of the Year (Missal Page 125): Ezekiel 33:7-9; Psalm 94; Romans 13:8-10;
Matthew 18:15-20



Dear Friends,

In every parish there are people who have visions. But I sincerely hope you are not one of them! Some priests treat these people with great patience and kindness – even if they think they are absolutely nuts. Other priests give them short shrift. You can imagine what happens in this parish, can't you?

I've read somewhere that one-day an old woman told her parish priest about the wonderful vision that she was having. But the priest, a hard case, demanded some kind of proof. "*The next time God appears to you*", he said, "*ask him to tell you about my sins, which are known only to him, and then I might just believe you.*" The old woman returned some time later, and the priest asked her: "*did you ask God to tell you about my sins?*" "*I most certainly did*", the old woman replied. "*And what did God reveal to you?*" the priest asked. The old woman looked the priest straight in the eyes, and answered; "*God said, tell your priest I have completely forgotten all his sins.*"

Wow! That was a true vision, if ever there was one. And old women who have visions like that should be welcome in every parish. They are certainly most welcome here by me! Why? Because it is just possible that all the terrible things I have done in the past have been forgotten by everyone - but not forgotten by me! All of us have a litany of regrets: things we regret having done or said. Or things we regret not having done or said. But it is too late now. Sometimes we think the irrevocable has happened.

But there is **Good News!** Every Sunday we meet the old woman who had that vision. At Mass, however, this old woman is old no longer. No! Now she is young and beautiful. She is the Church! Assuring us that God, who does not remember our sins, gives us another chance, and another Listen to the Gospel! We find Peter who was admired and blessed by Jesus and then few minutes later the same Jesus calls him being of *scandal* like "*Satan*". Strange? No! This is the Truth: if God doesn't keep always his hand on our head and assure us of his forgiveness and grace we cannot go far. Therefore, let us believe this Good News, because in your life and mine, nothing is irrevocable. Nothing! God knows what we deserve and truly need. May God bless you and your family.

Fr Fortunato.

SACRAMENTS

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

We offer our warmest congratulations to Philippe de Azevedo & Mary Blackford and John Paul Ezeagu & Theodora Mbanu who celebrated the sacrament of marriage in the week.

CONFIRMATION 2015

Due to unforeseen circumstances, dates for enrolment have changed as below. If you are in Year 9 or above and would like to be prepared to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2015 please register with Bridget Brinkley at one of the following times.

Saturday 6th September – 9.30am to 11.00am

Tuesday 9th, Wednesday 10th, Thursday 11th September – 3.00pm to 5.30pm

Saturday 13th September – 3.30pm-5.30pm

Please come to the Church where you will be asked to complete a registration form. The programme will begin on Thursday 2nd October. Parents of candidates preparing for Confirmation will also be asked to take part in a 5 week course.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy takes place during three of the Sunday Masses in the Parish Centre – Saturday 6pm, Sunday 9am and 11am. The Liturgy group will recommence the **weekend of 6th/7th September**. Children's Liturgy catechists are asked to collect their rotas from the table in the Church porch.

If you would like to help with the Liturgy group or just find out more about Children's Liturgy please contact Bridget. Children's Liturgy is only possible if we have enough willing volunteers.

Is it your turn to volunteer? Training will be provided.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School programme for children attending non-Catholic schools will begin on **Sunday 7th September**. It takes place at 10am in St Lawrence's School. Children in school year two or above who have not received their First Holy Communion are invited to enrol on this programme. If you would like to find out more please come along on the 7th and meet with Bridget Brinkley. Those who have enrolled should have received a welcome letter and programme dates by post.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The first session for parents will be on **Tuesday 9th September** at 2pm or 7pm in the Parish Centre and the first children's session will be on **Saturday 13th September** in St Lawrence's School at 9.45am.

Our 11am Mass on **Sunday 28th September** will be led by the Children. If your child would like to read at this Mass please contact Bridget on 020 8890 2367, if necessary please leave a message and Bridget will contact you regarding a reading rehearsal

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.

PARISH NOTICES

FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE MORNING

There will be the usual First Friday Coffee Morning after the 9.30am Mass on **5th September**. The early bird Mass will take place at 06.45am.

HELP WANTED

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

STORAGE NEEDED

Do you have any spare garage/shed space for items needing to be stored from the old Parish Centre? We have an immediate need to store 6 collapsible garden tables and 25 garden chairs. Please contact the Parish Office if you can help.

UCM

The UCM will meet on **Monday 8th September** at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.

ST LAWRENCE'S PRAYER GROUP

The Prayer Group meets every **Thursday from 7.30pm to 9pm** in the Presbytery. A time of prayer and thanksgiving. Reflecting on scriptures. Intercessory prayers for the parish and wider community. New members welcome, come and see. The next meeting is on **Thursday 4th September**.

OTHER

APPEAL FOR GAZA AND IRAQ

Thank you for your very generous support for Gaza and Iraq. A total of £994.48 was collected which will be sent to CAFOD.

TREASURES OF WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL

Following the success of the free days for the Treasures of Westminster Cathedral Exhibition in July it has been decided to repeat this offer by having free Mondays in September from 10.00am to 5.00pm. Tokens are available from the Cathedral Shop.

UN INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE 2014 – SUNDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER

Churches and Meeting Houses in London are invited to mark Peace Day 2014 by inviting neighbours from different religious traditions to visit, to exchange messages of peace and to celebrate local peace-building and friendship. Please see poster on notice board for further details.

ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Open day and evening for Admission to Year 7 in 2015 will be held on **Thursday, 2 October 2014** from 9.30 am - 12.30 pm and 6.00 pm - 8.30 pm. Address by the Headteacher, Ceri Bacon MA at 6.45 pm and 7.30 pm. All welcome.

A LIFELINE FOR MARRIAGE –

Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. It is not counselling but provides the tools and skills to help you get your marriage back on track. Retrouvaille has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels from disillusionment to deep misery. The next programme commences with a residential weekend on 19th -21st Sept 2014. email info@retrouvaille.org.uk ; call or text 0797 338 0443 or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk Confidentiality assured.

PILGRIMAGES

DOWRY OF MARY PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

The Annual Pilgrimage to Walsingham takes place on **Sunday 7th 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. The cost is £16.00 per person. **To secure your seat please post your money in an envelope as soon as possible, clearly marked with your name and "WALSINGHAM", to the Parish Office.**

SANTIAGO AND FATIMA – 9 – 14 SEPTEMBER 2014

A coach will pick up St Lawrence's pilgrims from **Browells Lane at 5am on Tuesday 9th September (opposite the entrance to The Green)**, then pick up pilgrims from St George's before making its way to Gatwick. The coach fare is £12.00 per person. If you have not yet paid, please see Florie in the Parish Office as soon as possible.

Mass intentions and other services this week:

Saturday 30th Sis Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line and Margaret Ward	11.00 11.00 11.45 12.00 14.00 17.00 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation Benediction For the intentions of Dean & Claire Hanlon Marriage of John Paul Ezeagu and Theodora Mbanu Sacrament of Reconciliation Irena Gorczynski RIP (9th Anniversary)
+ Sunday 31st 22nd Sunday of the Year	09.00 11.00 13.00 18.00	Lourdino Soares (Good Health) In Thanksgiving – Rodrigues Family Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) People of the Parish
Monday 1st Feria	09.15 09.30	Morning Prayer Maria & Manuel Joaquim and Beatriz Faria RIP
Tuesday 2nd Feria	09.15 09.30 10.00	Morning Prayer Emily Denny RIP Novena to Our Lady
Wednesday 3rd ST GREGORY THE GREAT	09.15 09.30	Morning Prayer Joaquim Joao D'Costa RIP (3rd Anniversary)
Thursday 4th St Cuthbert	09.15 09.30	Morning Prayer Celebrant's Intention
Friday 5th Feria	06.45 09.15 09.30	Andrew & Andreza De Souza RIP Morning Prayer Gabriel & Mary D'Souza in Thanksgiving – Wedding Anniversary
Saturday 6th Feria	11.00 11.00 11.45 12.00 12.45	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation Benediction Emily Denny RIP Baptisms of Filip Gostomski Gomes, Lordina Seyram Ami Dzakpasu, Maria Diara Guei Gbolo and Shukran Lashay Fazilahmed
+ First Mass of Sunday	14.00 17.00 18.00	Marriage of Wajciech Stachyra and Joanna Rylska Sacrament of Reconciliation People of the Parish
+ Sunday 7th 23rd Sunday of the Year	09.00 11.00 13.00 18.00	David Hayes RIP Eucharistia & Chris Obodoako - Birthday Intention Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Pierino Pili RIP (Anniversary)

Sanctuary Lamp: In Thanksgiving Noreen Easterbrook

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

23rd/24th August: Envelopes £1016.32, Loose £584.82, Standing Orders £420.00 Total: £2021.14
Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trustees: Registered Charity No. 233699

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

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