

This week at St Lawrence's



4th/5th August 2012

18th Sunday of the Year
(Missal Page 114)
Eucharistic Prayer III (Page 27)

Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15; Psalm 77; Ephesians 4:17, 20-24; John 6:24-35
19th Sunday of the Year (Missal Page 117): 1 Kings 19:4-8; Psalm 33; Ephesians 4:30 5:2; John 6:41-51

ST LAWRENCE'S DAY - FRIDAY 10 AUGUST

The Olympics have provided many heroes for folk to admire and for youngsters to attempt to emulate. The athletic prowess and the efforts put in by so many competitors leave many of us awestruck. Surrounded by these images of athletic expertise and iron willpower, many will consider the Olympians to be the most supreme examples of humanity.

In the Church we have our own heroes, our own supreme examples. Most often we call them Saints, acclaimed by those who have followed them in faith. However these men and women were often derided and abused in their own times. This Friday we celebrate our own hero - **St Lawrence**. He was a deacon in the Church in Rome in the third century. We know that he was put to death under the persecution of many Christians in the reign of the emperor Valerian.

We also know that Lawrence won renown and respect for his loving care for the poor and the sick. His heroism lies in the way that his full attention was focused on other people and their needs.

As we celebrate our patron saint, and ask for his prayers, we might also ask how we might emulate St Lawrence. Do we point to Christ, in our words and actions? Do we see him in the poor and the marginalised and offer them the love and care that they deserve?

May St Lawrence inspire and encourage us in our lives of faith this week and always.

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SACRAMENTS

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN EXPLORING THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

If you, or someone you know, would like to find out more about the Catholic faith or you would like to prepare to receive the Sacraments you missed as a child, please contact Bridget Brinkley at the parish office or by email bridgetbrinkley@rcdow.org.uk. You can also complete a form you will find at the back of the Church. The first meeting for all those interested will take place on 11th September at 7.30pm in the presbytery.

MARRIAGE

A reminder for anyone thinking of getting married. The Diocese requires a minimum **six months** notice of your intentions in order to get all the paperwork ready. Please do not book anything or confirm arrangements before speaking to Fr Chris and starting paperwork.

MARRIAGE CONGRATULATIONS

We extend our warmest congratulations to James and Thelma Swinney who celebrated 60 years of marriage and to Fran and Dave Ballantyne who celebrated 25 years of marriage last weekend. We offer our warmest congratulations to Claire Groves and Stephen Hicks who celebrate the sacrament of marriage this weekend.

PARISH NOTICES

PATRONAL FEAST DAY OF ST LAWRENCE, DEACON & MARTYR

On Friday 10th August we celebrate the feast of our Patron. St Lawrence, pray for us, pray for our parish.

MASS INTENTIONS

If you drop a note through the letter box with your Mass Intention request kindly write your name and contact number on the note as we are not always able to fit in the intentions as requested. Anyone who has put in requests through the letter box in the last week or two, please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible.

A SHORTER MORNING AND EVENING PRAYER BOOK

A few copies are available for sale in the repository at £9.99 each. Please do not take home the books that are available for daily use, these belong to the Parish.

ST LAWRENCE'S CENTENARY BADGES

We have some lovely St Lawrence's badges for sale in the repository at £3.00 each.

ST LAWRENCE'S BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

St Lawrence's Parish is now offering a Listening Service for those who have experienced bereavement. This service will be provided by the Bereavement Support Group. A member of our Parish Bereavement Support Group can visit a bereaved person on a regular basis, providing support, often at a time when family and friends have returned to their normal routine. This is a time when our visits can be most appreciated. If you or someone you know, would benefit from this service please contact the Bereavement Support Group by telephoning us on 020 8890 2367.

FLOWER FESTIVAL AND EXHIBITION

Please note that these events will now take place the weekend of 14th-15th September and not 7th-9th September as previously advertised.

PARISH PILGRIMAGES

DOWRY OF MARY PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

The Annual Pilgrimage to Walsingham takes place on Sunday 9th September. A coach will leave from here at 8am 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 of the day will be £15.00 per person. Please sign up on the list in the porch. The main celebrant will be The Right Reverend John Rawsthorne, Bishop of Hallam. **To secure your seat please post your money in an envelope, clearly marked with your name and "WALSINGHAM", to the Parish Office.** The list is now full.

OTHER

PARALYMPIC MASS TO CELEBRATE THE GAMES

A Mass of thanksgiving in honour of the 14th Paralympic Games will take place at St George's Cathedral in Southwark on Saturday 8th September at 12.30pm. Everyone is welcome to attend. There are no tickets or reserved seats. To download an invitation and for more information visit www.catholic2012.com

LIVING FAITH DAY CONFERENCE IN PREPARATION FOR THE YEAR OF FAITH

Vaughan House, 46 Francis St, London SW1 Saturday 15th September 2012 – 11:00am – 6:00pm. Open to all. Suggested donation: £10. Registration is required to guarantee a place. For further information and to book a place e-mail livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk or go to www.livingfaithwestminster.eventbrite.com or call 0207 931 6078. (This replaces The Living Faith Weekend Conference planned for Sep 14th – 17th at Heythrop College which has been cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances).

YOUTH 2000 SUMMER FESTIVAL - 24th – 27th August. – Searchlight@Walsingham:

Are you 16-35 and want a new and exciting experience of your faith with hundreds of other young people? At Youth 2000's Walsingham festival, you will make new friends, hear powerful speakers, be uplifted with amazing music and be in god's presence through Adoration day & night. It's great fun and can be a life-changing experience. For more information check the website www.youth2000.org or contact Nicole on 07811 122372 to sign up and join a group of young people going from Hounslow.

GROWING IN FAITH IN THE YEAR OF FAITH

Formation in the Lay Apostolate for our Parishes - Do you want to grow in the knowledge, spiritual resources and skills which will help you to be of greater service to your parish and her mission? The **Foundation Degree Programme in Pastoral Mission**, jointly directed by the Agency for Evangelisation and Heythrop College, University of London, is designed to serve the formation needs of lay people for roles of closer service in the Church. The programme comprises a thorough background in Catholic Theology, spiritual direction and work-based mentoring. The Programme is 2 years full-time (or 3 years part-time) with the option of direct access to a 1-year top-up for the BA. New students need to receive the endorsement of their parish priest.

For further details please contact the Programme Convenor, Fr Dominic Robinson, SJ, at d.robinson@heythrop.ac.uk; 020-7529-4806.

THANK YOU

DAY FOR LIFE

Thank you to all who supported the Day for Life appeal which raised £313.35

Mass intentions and other services this week:

Saturday 4th St John Mary Vianney	11.00 11.00 11.45 12.00 15.30 17.00 18.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Benediction Bridget Ludlow RIP Marriage of Claire Groves and Stephen Hicks Sacrament of Reconciliation Jim & Katherine O'Sullivan RIP
+ Sunday 5th 18 th Sunday of the Year	09.00 11.00 18.00	Alleluia D'Souza RIP Adelene Mendes RIP (1st Anniversary) People of the Parish
Monday 6th Transfiguration of the Lord	09.15 09.30	Morning Prayer Lawrence Santan Costa RIP
Tuesday 7th Feria	09.15 09.30 10.00	Morning Prayer Robert Firth RIP Novena to Our Lady
Wednesday 8th St Dominic	09.15 09.30	Morning Prayer Frank Grzegowski RIP
Thursday 9th St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross	09.15 09.30	Morning Prayer Nora & William Holland RIP
Friday 10th ST LAWRENCE	09.15 09.30	Morning Prayer Peter Boyle (Birthday Thanksgiving)
Saturday 11th St Clare	11.00 11.00 11.45 12.00 18.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Benediction Alice Deacon RIP (Anniversary) Peter Hocking RIP (Anniversary)
+ Sunday 12th 19 th Sunday of the Year	09.00 11.00 18.00	People of the Parish Patrick Maple INT Clara Monteiro RIP

Sanctuary Lamp: Victoria Ama Fisher RIP

Sunday Mass Times

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

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