

# This week at St Lawrence's



31<sup>st</sup> January/1<sup>st</sup> February 2015

Third Sunday of the Year  
(Missal Page 132 – YEAR B Vol. 1)

Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Psalm 94; 1 Corinthians 7:32-35; Mark 1:21-28  
Fifth Sunday of the Year (Missal Page 134): Job 7:1-4, 6-7; Psalm 146;  
1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23; Mark 1: 29-39



*Dear Brothers and Sisters,*

Although we would probably deny it, there is something of the control freak lurking in all of us. The desire to dominate and to have power over others, can disguise itself in all kinds of ways. We must know that the need for power is at the root of every form of abuse: verbal, emotional, physical, sexual, and even spiritual. The determination to impose our will, to have our own way, to insist that things are done as we want, can play havoc with the lives of the people we live and work with, and havoc with our own lives too.

This attitude is displayed by the arrogance and aggressive response of the possessed man in today's Gospel. *What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us?* This man is a control freak that foolishly is not in control of his own life. His obsessively craving for power and dominion over others makes him so self-centred and so frightened to live with the others.

When we do not allow other people the freedom and space to be themselves, space to be different from others - then we know the consequences, don't we? Friendships are ruined, communities break up, groups collapse, families are divided, and marriages can be destroyed. All of us need space and enough room to be ourselves; some need more emotional space or religious space!

How many of you deep down have such a temptation or fear? Perhaps when you feel that God has not granted you what you prayed for. Perhaps when you feel that you deserve better from life. Our stark reality is however that we are not in control of what might happen to our life. Where can hope be found then? *'Come, ... hail the rock who saves us'*, the psalmist sang.

Jesus came to release us from any sort of fear, to demolish the work of darkness and liberate us from its deadly grip. He is our Hope. He is our Salvation. The Gospel, he brings, is always about transforming lives and the world. It is a force to be reckoned with. So we are called to know the undeniable sense of God's transforming power and presence. He wants to take care of us.

Believing in God's power though does not mean that we chase after the absurd or expect a miraculous answer to every need. No! It means that we have confidence in God's fatherly love and trust in his authority and power to transform lives. Therefore, let's acknowledge that we are not in control and consequently stop being control freaks. Rather let's allow God to take care of our plans and desires; He knows us much better than we can imagine. Try this today: whatever circumstances or problem you face, whatever trials or trauma you are going through, praise God for his love and mercy. He cares about you. May God bless you and your family.

*Fr. Fortunato*

## SACRAMENTS

### BAPTISMS

We extend a warm welcome to Albert Quincey and Charlie Derek Wood who will be baptised this weekend and offer our warmest congratulations to their families.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The Parents Meeting will take place on **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February** at 2pm and 7pm. We will be looking at a new recourse, called "*Home is a Holy Place*". **ALL** parents are invited and expected to attend the Parents Session.

### CONFIRMATION

The Confirmation group meet on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February** at 7pm

## PARISH NOTICES

### FIRST FRIDAY

Our early bird Mass will take place at 6.45am on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February**.

### COFFEE MORNING

CAFOD's First Friday Coffee Morning will take place on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February** after the 9.30am Mass.

### ANNUAL MASS WITH ANOINTING OF THE SICK

This takes place here on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February at 12noon** and will be followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre. Please sign the lists in the church porch if you need transport to church for this celebration, if you can help with driving or if you can help Bridget with catering and hospitality.

### BARN DANCE

The ever popular Barn Dance will take place in St Lawrence's School Hall on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February from 7.00pm**. Tickets on sale after Mass this weekend. Adults & Children 11 years and over £6.00, Children under 11 years £3.00.

### LOST AND FOUND?

Over the last few months we have accumulated several pairs of glasses and sets of keys in our lost property. If you think we might have found what you have lost please contact the Parish Office, Monday to Friday 9am to 1pm, without delay.

### PALM AND CROSSES

If you have Palms and Crosses from last year or previous years, please bring them to Church the next time you come to Mass and place them in the box in the porch. We will burn them to make up ash for use on Ash Wednesday.

### "SACRISTY PARENTS"

We are seeking to start a system of Sacristy Parents to assist in getting our altar servers ready before and after Mass. Please contact Bridget or Florie in the Parish Office with your names: Safeguarding checks will be required for anyone who works with children or elderly in the parish. Please also state the time of Mass you attend.

## PARISH CENTRE BUILDING FUND UPDATE

Our Target      **£250,000.00**

Number Pledges received as of 29 <sup>th</sup> January	115
Total amount pledged as of 27 <sup>th</sup> January	£50,482.39
Total amount banked as at 27 <sup>th</sup> January	£20,160.59

## PILGRIMAGES 2015

### LANCIANO, LORETO AND SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO

A, six day, pilgrimage from the **8th to 13th September**. The cost will be £735 on a half board basis plus insurance.

As a few people have dropped out the list is open again. If you would like join this pilgrimage please collect a booking form from the Parish Office and return as soon as possible with your deposit.

### LOURDES 2015

Once again we will be travelling by coach to join the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, **25th July to 2nd August**. On the way to Lourdes we will be visiting the shrine of St Martin of Tours and on the return journey we will be stopping in Rocamadour and St Bernadette's shrine in Nevers. Price £699 per person plus insurance. Price includes full board whilst in Lourdes and half board at stops on route. If you are interested, please enter your name on the sheet at the back of Church to reserve your place. Booking forms are available from the Parish Office.

## OTHER

### CATHOLIC EDUCATION SUNDAY

#### Bishop John Sherrington writes:

*'The Catholic school is called to witness with joy and simplicity to the goodness of each and every person, especially the vulnerable and disadvantaged. The school is called to be a beacon and witness to God's gracious gift of mercy shown us by the actions and words of Jesus Christ who is the Way, the Truth and the Life. Christ is at the centre of the Catholic school. Together with the Cardinal, I thank you all for your dedication and service to the call of Catholic education. We pray that God will answer our prayers and provide for our needs.'*

Copies of the whole of Bishop Sherrington's letter are available to take away with you today.

There will be a collection for Catholic Education after all Masses this weekend.

### LEARNING 4 EVERYONE

1. *This is my Body* - A study evening for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and anyone interested. **Thursday 5th February from 7pm-8.30pm**
2. *The Privilege of Proclaiming the Word* - A study evening for Parish Readers and anyone interested. **Thursday 12th February from 7pm-8.30pm.**

Venue for both: Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, London SW1P 1QN

### BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

There is a healing weekend for people who find themselves single again following divorce, separation or the death of a partner from **20th to 22nd March 2015** at the Emmaus Centre, West Wickham, Kent. For more information please ring Freda on 01322-401243 or Sandra on 01293-783965.

### SMART LOVING UK...

..runs weekend marriage enrichment seminars that aim to revive, affirm and celebrate marriages. For Catholic couples at every stage of their married life, the weekend is a chance to rediscover the joy of being man and wife in love, drawing on the wisdom of authentic Catholic teaching on the Theology of the Body. The next Smart Loving weekend, which includes an optional overnight stay, will take place on the 7th-8th March at Latimer Place, Chesham, Herts. For more information and to register please contact the marriage and family life office on 020 7931 6064 or [family@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:family@rcdow.org.uk).

## Mass intentions and other services this week:

<b>Saturday 31<sup>st</sup></b> St John Bosco	10.45	No Sacrament of Reconciliation this morning Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Benediction <b>Deceased members of the Keaveney &amp; Burke Families RIP</b>  Baptisms of Albert Quincey and Charlie Derek Wood Sacrament of Reconciliation <b>People of the Parish</b>
	11.45	
	<b>12.00</b>	
	12.45	
+ First Mass of Sunday	17.00	<b>For the intentions of Parishioners from the Chapple Family</b>  <b>Jacinta Mwaura in Thanksgiving</b> <b>Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)</b> <b>Tanya Tavares in Thanksgiving (Birthday)</b>
	<b>18.00</b>	
	<b>09.00</b>	
<b>+ Sunday 1<sup>st</sup></b> Fourth Sunday of the Year	<b>11.00</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b> <b>James Bennett RIP</b>
<b>13.00</b>		
<b>18.00</b>		
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup></b> THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD	09.15	<b>Morning Prayer</b> <b>James Bennett RIP</b>
	<b>09.30</b>	
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup></b> Ss Laurence, Dunstan & Theodore	09.15	<b>Morning Prayer</b> <b>Martin Stephen Lambert RIP</b> Novena to Our Lady
	<b>09.30</b>	
	10.00	
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup></b> Feria	09.15	<b>Morning Prayer</b> <b>Ian &amp; Brooke Webb in Thanksgiving</b>
	<b>09.30</b>	
<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup></b> St Agatha	09.15	<b>Morning Prayer</b> <b>Celebrant's Intention</b>
	<b>09.30</b>	
<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup></b> St Paul Miki & Companions	<b>06.45</b>	<b>For Vocations</b> <b>Morning Prayer</b> <b>Eileen Hamlin (Intention)</b>
	09.15	
	<b>09.30</b>	
<b>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup></b> Feria	10.45	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation Benediction <b>Eric Brumwell RIP</b> (Mass & Anointing for the Sick and Housebound) Sacrament of Reconciliation <b>Maurice Walsh RIP (Anniversary)</b>
	11.45	
	<b>12.00</b>	
	17.00	
+ First Mass of Sunday	<b>18.00</b>	
<b>+ Sunday 8<sup>th</sup></b> Fifth Sunday of the Year	<b>09.00</b>	<b>Lucy Aladics (Intention)</b> <b>Roma Preston RIP (Anniversary)</b> <b>Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)</b> <b>People of the Parish</b>
	<b>11.00</b>	
	<b>13.00</b>	
	<b>18.00</b>	

### Sanctuary Lamp: Helen Abiegbe (Intention)

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

24th/25th January: Envelopes £912.75 Loose £838.66 Standing Orders £607.00 Total: £2358.41  
**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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