

This week at St Lawrence's



2nd/3rd February 2013

Fourth Sunday of the Year
(Missal Page 132 – YEAR C)
Eucharistic Prayer III (Page 27)



Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19; Psalm 70; 1 Corinthians 12:31 13:13; Luke 4: 21-30
5th Sunday of the Year (Missal Page 135): Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 137; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11;
Luke 5:1-11

Dear Friends

"You must be joking Lord!" I guess this is the response of many of us to the Lord's invitation to do something great with our lives. We are all too aware of our own limitations, our weakness, our besetting sins, our unworthiness. We are none too good at taking praise and affirmation but very good at passing the buck – *"You can't mean me Lord, you must be joking!"*

Today's readings – the call to Jeremiah, St Paul's challenge to be ambitious for love, the Nazarenes trying to do Jesus down – are all examples that if God is for us who can be against? The truth is that, as Blessed John Henry Newman teaches, God has created me for some definite service. He has a loving plan for my life. I am God's gift. Pray for the wisdom and discernment to see and to know what God has put you in the world for, and the grace and humility to live as His unique and chosen and precious gift to others. *"Without God we cannot.....without us God will not."*

God Bless each of you in your vocation and ministry.

Fr Chris

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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DEFEND REAL MARRIAGE

The government has now launched its bill to redefine marriage, and the first vote on the bill in Parliament will be next Tuesday (5th February). Whether or not you have already written to our MP, please make a point of **emailing** her before Tuesday afternoon, to urge her to vote against the same-sex marriage bill. Ask her also to vote against the 'programme motion', which seeks to cut short debate on the bill. The more we do at this stage to oppose the bill, the better the chance of upholding real marriage in our laws.

Email address for Seema Malhotra MP: seema.malhotra.mp@parliament.uk

SACRAMENTS

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The next preparation session for Children's will be on **Saturday 9th February** in St Lawrence's School at 9.45am and the Parents Sessions with Fr Chris will be on **Tuesday 12th February** at 2.30pm or 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.

PARISH NOTICES

CHILDREN'S MASS

The next Children's Mass will take place on **Saturday 9th February** at 6pm.

CAFOD FAST DAY CAKE SALE

There will be a CAFOD Cake sale after the 9am and 11am Masses in the Parish Centre on **Sunday 10th February**.

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.

SOCIAL GROUP

The group that organises the social events in the parish will meet on **Wednesday 13th February** at 6.45pm in the presbytery (before the Ash Wednesday evening Mass at 7.30pm). If you would like to be involved with the social activities/life of the parish please come along. If you would like more information please contact Bridget Brinkley via the Parish Office.

GROWING IN FAITH

If you have not already done so, please take a copy of Archbishop Vincent Nichols letter to all St Lawrence's parishioners on the **"Growing in Faith"** programme, which are available from the porch. It is hoped that by Easter everyone in parish will have had the opportunity to hear about this campaign and become involved.

There are sign up sheets in the porch for those who would like to find out more about **"Growing in Faith"** from Fr Chris directly.

REST IN PEACE

CHRISTOPHER FALLON RIP

We pray for the repose of the soul of Christopher Fallon RIP whose Funeral Mass will take place here on **Thursday 7th February** at 9.30am. The reception of his body into the Church will be on **Wednesday 6th February** at 4.30pm. Please also remember his wife Vera and all the family in your prayers at this time.

OTHER

ST BARNABAS SOCIETY

This weekend we welcome William Johnstone from the St Barnabas Society to share the story of their important ministry with convert clergy and their families.

MASS IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES AT WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL

The Annual Mass for the Sick will take place on **Saturday 9th February** at Westminster Cathedral at 2pm. All are invited to attend.

NATIONAL MASS FOR ALTAR SERVERS

This Mass for Altar Servers will take place at Westminster Cathedral on **Saturday 9th March 2013** at 2.30pm. We plan to take a group from here and will aim to leave at 11.15am and arrive back at approximately 5pm. Parents please complete the letters you will be given this weekend and return as soon as possible. Archbishop Vincent Nichols will be the main celebrant at this Mass.

THANKSGIVING MASS FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY AT WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL ON SATURDAY 18TH MAY 2013 AT 3.00PM

The Archbishop will be inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their 10th, 25th, 40th, 50th and 60th+ wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2013. If you qualify, please give the following details in writing to the Parish Office as soon as possible: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number). Please write clearly.

WHAT'S COMING UP IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS

February

Sunday 10th – 15.00-17.00- The Feltham Passion (Parish Centre)

Wednesday 13th – ASH WEDNESDAY

Saturday 16th – Lent Day of Prayer in Church

March

Friday 1st – Women's World Day of Prayer

Saturday 9th – Altar Servers Mass at the Cathedral

Sunday 10th Mothering Sunday

Friday 15th The Feltham Passion at St Lawrence's, 7.30pm

Sunday 17th The Feltham Passion at St Dunstan's, 3pm

Friday 22nd Youth Weekend with Sion Community

Sunday 24th The Feltham Passion at Feltham Young Offenders, 3pm

Monday 25th The Feltham Passion at Hounslow, 7.30pm

SCHOOL FORM SIGNING

Fr Chris will be available at the following times for St Lawrence's School

Nursery Class 2013 Admissions:

Saturdays: 9.30am – 10.30am: February 9th; March 2nd; April 13th

Thursdays: 3.45pm – 4.45pm: February 7th, 14th, March 7th; April 18th

Please come with your child and wait in the Church.

THANK YOU

HOUNSLOW EXTRA CLUB (HEC)

The Hounslow Extra Club thank all parishioners for their generous support at the coffee and cake sale and to all those who made an offering in the retiring collections on 20th January. The total raised was £317.47.

Mass intentions and other services this week:

Saturday 2nd THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD	11.00	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	11.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	11.45	Benediction
	12.00	John O'Neill RIP
	17.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
+ Sunday 3rd 4 th Sunday of the Year	18.00	Stanley Roberts RIP
	09.00	People of the Parish
	11.00	Deceased members of the Rosario and Gualberto Dieran Families RIP
Monday 4th Feria	13.00	Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)
	18.00	Kathleen Thornton RIP
	09.15	Morning Prayer
Tuesday 5th St Agatha	09.30	Sr. Aloysius Kiernan RIP
	09.15	Morning Prayer
Wednesday 6th St Paul Miki and Companions	09.30	Castelino & Francisca Fernandes RIP
	10.00	Novena to Our Lady
	09.15	Morning Prayer
Thursday 7th Feria	09.30	Maurice Walsh (Senior) RIP (A)
	09.30	Reception of Christopher Fallon RIP into Church
	09.30	FUNERAL MASS – CHRISTOPHER FALLON RIP
Friday 8th Feria	09.15	No Morning Prayer
	09.30	Tony Doherty (Get well)
Saturday 9th Feria	09.30	Morning Prayer
	11.00	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	11.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	11.45	Benediction
	12.00	Eric Brumwell RIP (A)
+ Sunday 10th 5 th Sunday of the Year	17.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	18.00	Ann Brown RIP
	09.00	Thanksgiving and prayers to all Katherine and Alex Soares in Thanksgiving (60th Wedding Anniversary)
	11.00	Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)
	13.00	People of the Parish
	18.00	

Sanctuary Lamp: Patrick Ibrahim Yakowa RIP

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

Envelopes £1244.52, Loose £800.10, Standing Orders £420 Total: £2464.62

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