

This week at St Lawrence's



7th/8th February 2015

Fifth Sunday of the Year
(Missal Page 134 – YEAR B Vol. 1)

Job 7:1-4, 6-7; Psalm 146; 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23; Mark 1: 29-39
Sixth Sunday of the Year (Missal Page 137); Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46; Psalm 31;
1 Corinthians 10:31, 11:1; Mark 1: 40-45



Dear Friends

On Wednesday this week we celebrate the beautiful Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, commemorating that blessed day, 11th February 1858, when Our Lady first appeared to young Bernadette and gave her a message and a mission that would, over the next 157 years to today, change countless lives.

Our Lady's Feast Day, 11th February, is now kept universally as the World Day of Prayer for the Sick. Here at St Lawrence's we began our Lourdes celebration early with our special annual Mass with Anointing of the Sick this weekend. Our Church became like a "little Lourdes" as many of our sick, infirm and elderly parishioners came here on pilgrimage to pray together, to worship, to receive the Lord's healing and strengthening touch, to receive His Sacraments – and then party together afterwards. Anyone who has been on a pilgrimage to Lourdes will know that this is a mirror image of a typical day there in the South of France!

My dream is that this pilgrimage experience of believing and belonging, of loving and being loved, of serving and being served, of helping each other meet the Healing Christ, will be a daily reality here in our pilgrim parish. *Do you need to reach out to Him for healing, for mercy, for love? Could you reach out to others, extending a helping hand, a listening ear, offering to do a bit of shopping or some odd jobs, having an occasional cuppa with someone lonely or housebound or in one of our local nursing homes?* The list could go on, and if you think you have a little time to spare and a little talent to offer then please have a word with me, Fr Fortunato or Bridget. Remember, there's as much joy in giving as in receiving!

May Our Lady of Lourdes pray for - and inspire – us all.

Fr Chris



PARISH NOTICES

UCM

The UCM Meeting on **Monday 9th February** will be host to the UCM Westminster Diocesan President, Miss Mary Wardle. Will all members please make every effort to be there. Please wear badges if you have one.

MASS AND BLESSING OF THE PILGRIM STATUE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

The Filipino community warmly invite everyone to a Mass and Blessing of the Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima on **Saturday 14th February** at 2pm, followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre.

READERS TRAINING DAY

A Training Day has been organised for **Saturday 28th February** from 12noon to 4pm in the Parish Centre. This Training Day is for **ALL** current readers and for anyone interested in reading at Mass. We will start with a "bring and share" lunch.

PARISH LENT COURSE

"Anointed" – a faith sharing resource for the six weeks of Lent, exploring what it means for all baptised to share in Christ's mission as priest, prophet and king in the course of daily living. Sr. Katherine will be in touch with Group Leaders. Group Leaders please contact your group members. New members and new leaders please use sign-up sheet at the back of Church. Starts week commencing **23rd 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.

QUESTION BY A PARISHIONER

Fr Chris was recently asked, by one of our elderly parishioners, the question "Does the Saturday 12 noon Mass count for Sunday?" The simple answer is **NO**. If however, you are prevented from attending the Saturday evening or Sunday morning or Sunday evening Masses because of travel or work commitments, it will be very beneficial to attend the Saturday 12 noon Mass if you are able to.

"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 Florie in the Parish Office or Bridget 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.

NATIONAL MASS FOR ALTAR SERVERS IN WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL

We will be taking a group of Altar Servers from the Parish to a special Mass for Altar Servers to be celebrated by the Right Reverend Alan Williams SM, Bishop of Brentwood **On Saturday 14th February at 2.30pm** in Westminster Cathedral. We plan to leave the Church at 11am and return by 5pm. Altar Servers please pick up a letter from the sacristy if you would like to attend.

GROWING IN FAITH

The latest newsletter is available at the back of the Church. Please take a copy as you leave.

SIGNING OF OFFICIAL FORMS

A donation of £20.00 towards the new Parish Centre Appeal will apply for Passport and Driving Licence Applications and any other documents to verify identity that require signing by the priest.

NURSERY SCHOOL FORM SIGNING

Fr Chris will be available to sign Nursery School Forms on the following Tuesdays from 3.45pm to 5.00pm

February 24th, March 3rd, 17th, 24th April 21st, 28th

Please come with your child and wait in Church and bring all the necessary paperwork with you.

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. 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. Single supplement £186. 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. There will be a meeting for all those interested on **Sunday 22nd February** at 7pm in the Parish Centre.

OTHER

LEARNING 4 EVERYONE

The Privilege of Proclaiming the Word – A study evening for Parish Readers and anyone interested.

Thursday 12th February, 7pm-8.30pm. Venue: Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, London SW1P 1QN

SPECIAL NEEDS AFTERNOON

Sunday 15th February: All parishioners are warmly invited. Creative activities in the Parish Centre at St Michael & St Martin's Church, 94 Bath Road, Hounslow TW3 3EH at 1.30pm. Mass at 3.30pm in the Church, followed by "bring and share" refreshments

A "COME AND SEE" WEEKEND...

....with a difference for men (aged 18+) who are discerning a calling to the priesthood will take place at Allen Hall seminary in Chelsea for 24 hours from the evening of **Friday 20th February**. To reserve one of only 12 places, please contact Fr Richard asap at richardnesbitt@rcdow.org.uk

CONNECT@ CENTRE HOUNSLOW

Caritas St Joseph's will offer the wider community an opportunity to walk with people with intellectual disabilities along the path to reaching their full potential, and so help them to find their unique place in society. The new Connect@Centre opened on Thursday 5 February in the parish centre of St Michael and St Martin, Bath Road, Hounslow, with one activity session starting at 10.30am and one at 2pm. If you are Interested in getting involved or know someone who would benefit from this service please do not hesitate to contact Gail Williams on 020 8732 3960 or gailw@stjoseph.org.uk, or Phoebe Jackson on 07525 812508 or phoebejackson@rcdow.org.uk

PARISH CENTRE BUILDING FUND UPDATE

Our Target £250,000.00

Number Pledges received as of 5 th February	118
Total amount pledged as of 5 th February	£50,607.39
Total amount banked as at 3 rd February	£20,827.59

Mass intentions and other services this week:

Saturday 7st Feria	10.45	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation
	11.45	Benediction
	12.00	Eric Brumwell RIP (Mass & Anointing of the Sick and Housebound)
	17.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
+ First Mass of Sunday	18.00	Maurice Walsh RIP (Anniversary)
+ Sunday 8th Fifth Sunday of the Year	09.00	Lucy Aladics (Intention)
	11.00	Roma Preston RIP (Anniversary)
	13.00	Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)
	18.00	People of the Parish
Monday 9th Feria	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Conrad Pryas RIP
Tuesday 10th St Scholastica	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Celebrant's Intention
	10.00	<i>Novena to Our Lady</i>
Wednesday 11th Our Lady of Lourdes	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Amelia (Millie) Batten RIP
Thursday 12th Feria	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Michael Kirby RIP
Friday 13th Feria	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Katie Doherty RIP
Saturday 14st STS CYRIL & METHODIUS	10.45	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation
	11.45	Benediction
	12.00	Esmeralda Rosario in Thanksgiving
	14.00	Mass and Blessing of the Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima – Filipino Community
+ First Mass of Sunday	17.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
+ Sunday 15th Sixth Sunday of the Year	09.00	People of the Parish
	11.00	Cristovao & Lourdes Dias in Thanksgiving (27th Wedding Anniversary)
	13.00	Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)
	18.00	Rosalie Keats (Intention)

Sanctuary Lamp: Adelaide Barretto RIP (Anniversary)

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

31st January/1st February: Envelopes £963.32 Loose £691.55 Standing Orders £607.00 Total: £2261.87
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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