



St Lawrence Catholic Church

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First Sunday of Lent

17th/18th February 2018

Readings: Parish Mass Book Year B, Volume 1: Page 148: Genesis 9:8-15; Psalm 24; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:12-15

Next Week: Second Sunday of Lent: Page: 151: Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18; Psalm 115; Romans 8:31-34; Mark 9:2-10

ADOREMUS: NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS, LIVERPOOL, 7-9 SEPTEMBER 2018 "I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE"



Adoremus is an initiative of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales to create a special opportunity to reflect on the centrality of the Eucharist in the life of the Church. The main base for Adoremus is at the Echo Arena and the BT Convention Centre (ACC Liverpool).

The objectives include rejuvenation of Eucharistic Adoration and to ensure long term benefits in our parishes, schools and communities in terms of catechetical formation and liturgical practice.

On **Friday 7th September** the plan is to offer a Theological Symposium and workshops for better forming Parish catechists (especially First Holy Communion programmes), RE Teachers, Hospital and Prison Chaplains, Seminary Communities and Extraordinary Ministers. The focus of the sessions will be on scripture, ecclesiology, Eucharistic language and Catechism, workshop on the rites and music for Eucharistic Adoration.

The highlight of this weekend will be on **Saturday 8th September** in the Echo Arena where 10,000 pilgrims will gather and will include two keynote speakers, drama highlighting reverence and devotion, music, screen presentations on best practice and the Cardinal will lead us in Adoration.

On **Sunday 9th September** the focus will be on Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral for Pilgrimage Masses (ticketed event) and Street Procession which is open to all.

Attendance on Friday and Saturday is £40 per person per day. Accommodation has to be booked through The Liverpool Convention Bureau who have set aside 2000 rooms for this event. Once we have confirmed numbers we can make the necessary bookings. There is no transport arranged.

There are a limited number of tickets allocated to each parish. If you are interested in attending this event, please speak to Fr John as soon as possible, at the latest by 5th March 2018. You can attend any one or more of the three days.

The Diocese has its own Blessed Sacrament Shrine in Covent Garden. Corpus Christi was the first church in England to be dedicated to the Eucharist after the Reformation and has been undergoing extensive restoration. From Easter it will be welcoming pilgrimages from individuals, parishes and schools. The Sodality of the Blessed Sacrament, based at the Church, was established to promote Adoration of, and faith in, the Blessed Sacrament.

PASTORAL VISIT

Bishop John Wilson will be coming to St Lawrence's for a Pastoral visit the weekend of **3rd/4th March**. He will be celebrating most of the weekend Masses and will be meeting with parishioners and members of the various church groups and committees.

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

A warm welcome to Asher Rishon Fernandes, Aleksander Marek Szaraneck, Molly Anna Orpwood and Manuella Konsiwaa Sefah who were baptised this weekend and offer our warmest congratulations to their families.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

There will be a Baptism Preparation Course on **Saturday 10th March** from 2pm-4pm in the Parish Centre.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

The next session will be on **Wednesday 28th February** at 7.30pm.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

First Holy Communion Preparation continues on the following dates - **24th February, 10th & 24th March**. The children will be leading the prayers at the Saturday 6pm Mass on these dates.

CONFIRMATION 2018

Applications have now closed. Group 2 begin preparation on **Tuesday 27th February**.

PARISH NOTICES

THANK YOU

Thank you to all who supported the Coffee morning last Sunday. A sum of £285.00 was raised for the Parish Centre. *Annie Burke*

UCM

The UCM will meet on **Monday 19th February** at 7.30pm for the UCM Mass. It is special for our Foundation and all members will want to attend. Any lady interested in joining the UCM is very welcome.

LAUNCH OF CONNECT @ FELTHAM SATURDAY

24TH FEBRUARY FOLLOWING THE 12 O'CLOCK MASS

A new initiative providing activities for people with intellectual disabilities. If you are interested in finding out more, please come along to the Parish Centre or contact Tiziana on 07545484114.

LINE DANCING

The next Line Dancing session is on **Monday 26th February** at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. Sessions are £4.00 per person. All welcome.

REQUEST FROM A PARISHIONER

A parishioner requires a builder for her garage conversion to a summer house in the Feltham area. Contact no: 0759 280 0920 or 0208 890 0797.

OTHER

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY: FRIDAY 23 FEBRUARY

CAFOD's Family Fast Day this Lent is an opportunity to support our brothers and sisters who don't have enough to eat. On **Friday 23 February** can you give up a meal, or eat a simple meal, in solidarity? This Lent, your donation will make double the difference. For every pound you donate to CAFOD, the UK Government will also donate a pound, up to a total of £5 million, meaning twice the number of lives can be transformed and twice the number of children can have the opportunity to grow up healthy and strong. Please take a Fast Day envelope from church this week and give generously at our retiring collections on **24/25 February**. Further information available at www.cafod.org.uk. There will be an appeal this weekend at all Masses.

HOUNSLOW FOSTERING TEAM

The Hounslow Fostering Team will be visiting St. Lawrence's Church on **Sunday 25th February** to speak to prospective carers about fostering. If you are interested and would like more information on fostering or how to apply to become a foster carer please do come along to our coffee morning on Sunday 25th February in the Parish Centre after the 9am and 11am Masses or contact Bridget for more information.

MARY'S MEALS

Mary's Meals feeds children one good meal every day at school in over 15 countries across Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean. Because of their low costs they can do this for as little as £13.90 per child per year! Mary's Meals will be coming to our Church on **17th/18th March** to take away your unwanted clothing and bedding (**no duvets or pillows or books please**). Over the next few weeks gather your unwanted clothes and put them in tied sacks ready for collection on 18th March. **PLEASE DO NOT BRING YOUR BAGS BEFORE THE 17TH/18TH MARCH AS WE DO NOT HAVE STORAGE SPACE.**

MASS FOR BEREAVED PARENTS

The annual Mass for bereaved parents will take place at **2.30pm on Saturday 10th of March** at Westminster Cathedral. Parents will

be invited to write the names of their deceased children on a card which will be taken up with the offertory.

CARDINAL'S MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY - WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL, SATURDAY 19TH MAY 2018 AT 3PM.

The Cardinal will be inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their **5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60)** wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2018. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give Florie in the Parish Office the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address, name and place of Church of marriage and email address (or telephone number, if no email) by **16th March**.

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the souls of:

- **Patricia Balbontin RIP** whose funeral service will take place on **Wednesday 28th February** at 10.20am at Hanworth Crematorium

- **Teresa Ann Prior RIP** whose funeral service will take place on **Monday 5th March** at 12.20 at Hanworth Crematorium

- **Jill Smith RIP** whose funeral will take place on **Wednesday 21st February** at 12 noon at St Mary's RC Church, 103 Alcester Road, Studley, Warwickshire. Jill was School Secretary at St Lawrence's from 1966 to 1974 and a governor of the school for 25 years. In that time, she also served as Chair of the Governors.

- **Sailas Mapiki Garadi RIP** the brother of Precious Gashu who died back home in Zimbabwe.

May they rest in peace. Please also keep their families in your prayers.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 17 th	11.00 11.00 12.00 12.30 13.15 17.00 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation Christine & Augustine Stackpoole RIP Stations of the Cross Baptisms of Asher Rishon Fernandes, Aleksander Marek Szaraneck, Molly Anna Orpwood and Manuella Konsiwaa Sefah Sacrament of Reconciliation Joseph & Helen RIP
Sun 18 th	09.00 11.00 13.00 18.00	People of the Parish Mafalda Pacitti RIP Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Christopher Blanchfield RIP
Mon 19 th	09.30	Maria Pilomena Fernandes RIP
Tues 20 th	09.30	Sebastiao Pereira (Intention)
Wed 21 st	09.30 19.30	Shaheen Yousufzai in Thanksgiving and Good Health Stations of the Cross in Polish
Thurs 22 nd	09.30	Celebrant's Intention
Fri 23 rd	09.30 10.00	Joseph and Vineetha Pereira RIP Stations of the Cross
Sat 24 th	11.00 11.00 12.00 12.30 15.00 17.00 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation Alsen Antao (Birthday Intention) Stations of the Cross Mass in Tagalog for the Filipino Community Sacrament of Reconciliation Alan Tovey RIP (First Anniversary)
Sun 25 th	09.00 11.00 13.00 14.30 18.00	Marlon Dias in Birthday Thanksgiving Pat Jayawardena (Intentions) Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Mass led by the African Community People of the Parish
Sanctuary Lamp: Janet Danladi in Thanksgiving		

Thank you for your generosity in last week's collection:

10-11 February: Envelopes £855.13; Loose: £1,025.30
Standing Orders: £742.00 **Total: £2,622.43**

Sunday Mass: 6pm (Vigil Mass), Sunday 9am, 11am, 1pm (Polish) & 6pm.
Weekday Mass: Monday-Friday 9.30am; Saturday 12noon;
Morning Prayer: Monday-Friday 9.15am,
Novena to Our Lady: Tuesdays 10am, Exposition and Benediction:
Saturdays 11am,
Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession):
Saturday 11am and 5pm