

This week at St Lawrence's



22nd/23rd February 2014

Seventh Sunday of the Year
(Missal Page 139 – YEAR A)



Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18; Psalm 102; 1 Corinthians 3:16-23; Matthew 5:38-48
Eighth Sunday of the Year (Missal Page 142): Isaiah 49:14-15; Psalm 61;
1 Corinthians 4:1-5; Matthew 6:24-34

Dear Friends,

How do children learn? Let's start with ourselves, how we learnt to walk, talk and, even earlier than that, how we learnt to smile. Basically our learning was a responding, a reflecting, a copying of what we saw and what we heard. Smile at someone – even a tiny tot – and they'll smile back at you. If this is true of the most basic physical reality of being human its also true of everything that makes us who we are and who we become – our values, our beliefs, our faith, and above all our capacity to love.

St John says that we love because God first loved us. I often say to parents of small children, "watch out, your children are going to look like you!", and I don't just mean the colour of their eyes or the size of their nose. Children – that's all of us – learn to live well and to love generously according to the role models that nature has given, the example of those who love us first, our parents.

Today's Gospel reading at Mass is all about the challenge and invitation to live in imitation of Christ, to do what Jesus would do, to love as He would love. Never stop learning. My dream and my desire for our parish family – our Church, our school, every family – is that we will do all we can to help each other grow in our faith, to accompany each other in all the ups and downs of our lives, to help each other not just reach for our dreams but God's dream for us. By your own simple acts of kindness, generosity, mercy and love you are more powerful and influential than you will ever know.

With my prayers for each of you.

Fr Chris

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LENT - A TIME OF GRACE AND RENEWAL OF OUR FAITH

As we pray and reflect with Jesus on the final stages of His journey on earth – may we be renewed in our faith and experience the joy and peace of Easter.

PARISH LENT COURSE

"Come Follow Me" – a faith sharing resource for the six weeks of Lent on the theme of "The Joy of the Gospel". 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 **9th March**.

STRENGTH TO STRENGTH

A six session DVD series designed to give practical help to those wishing to pray more in their daily lives. Sessions will take place every Friday during Lent, commencing **Friday 7th March** at 7pm in the Parish Centre. All are welcome.

"WALK WITH ME" BOOKLETS

A Lenten journey of personal or group prayer for Lent exploring the theme of "Evangelii Gaudium – The Joy of the Gospel". Price £1.00 each. If you have not seen or used this booklet before, consider taking this up for your Lenten reflection.

"MY DAY BY DAY" BOOKLETS

This booklet contains the reading of the day and can be used for personal or group reflections. Cost £1.00 each

A DAY WITH MARY

On **Saturday 15th March** St Lawrence's will be hosting "A Day with Mary" – a day of instruction, devotion and intercession based on the message given at Fatima in 1917. The day starts at 9.30am with a video presentation in the School Hall; 10.45am Procession of Our Lady, Angelus, Crowning, Sung Litany, Mass; 12.30 Lunch; 1.30pm Exposition & Procession of the Blessed Sacrament, recitation of the Joyful and Luminous Mysteries, sermon, silent Adoration, meditations on the Passion; 3.35pm Tea break; 4.15pm sermon, recitation of the Glorious mysteries, Act of Consecration, Benediction and enrolments finishing at 5.30pm. There will be confessions and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament during the day. Please bring a packed lunch. See poster in the porch.

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.

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

We extend a warm welcome Jack James Rodgers, Karen Boateng and Justin Dias who will be baptised this weekend and offer our warmest congratulations to their families.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

If you are an adult who, for whatever reason, has not received the sacrament of Confirmation please contact Bridget regarding our Lenten preparation programme.

PARISH NOTICES

CAFOD CAKE SALE AND COFFEE MORNING

There will be a Cake Sale and Coffee morning this Sunday after the 9am and 11am Masses in aid of CAFOD.

St Lawrence's parish is now a promoter of the **Fairtrade** mark and will be using **Fairtrade** products. There will be items on display during the Coffee Morning.

MASS LED BY THE AFRICAN COMMUNITY

Mass led by the African Community will take place here **this Sunday at 2.30pm**. All welcome.

BARN DANCE

The Social Committee will be hosting a Barn Dance in St Lawrence's School Hall on **Saturday 1st March at 7pm**. Tickets on sale in the repository at £6.00 for Adults and children over 11 years and £3.00 for children under 11 years.

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 His Eminence Cardinal Vincent Nichols on **Saturday 15th March at 2pm** 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.

LOST PROPERTY

Are you missing a set of keys? a ladies wristwatch? a coin purse? If so, please contact the Parish Office.

OTHER

HIS EMINENCE CARDINAL VINCENT NICHOLS

Following his return from Rome, there will be an opportunity for parishioners to attend one of two celebratory Masses in Westminster Cathedral. The first is a Mass with Solemn Rite of Welcome on **Friday, 28 February at 5:30 pm** and the second a Mass of Thanksgiving on **Sunday, 2 March at 10:30 am**. On both days there will be reserved seating for guests with tickets, and it is recommended that anyone wishing to attend arrive early to get a seat.

MISSIO

Monsignor Canon James Cronin, National Director of Missio has recently returned from Cambodia where the Church is in much need of our prayers. This Lent, he would like parishes to consider supporting a future priest in a mission country like Cambodia. It costs over £700 to train a seminarian for one year with £200 raised locally by the seminarian's family, parish and diocese, however in reality it is almost impossible for them to raise the remaining £500. There will be a special collection the weekend of **1st/2nd March** for this special appeal from Missio.

A LIFELINE FOR MARRIAGE

Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. It is designed to provide the tools to help get your marriage back on track. It will give you the opportunity to rediscover each other and examine your lives together in a new and positive way. This programme has helped many thousands of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. For confidential information about or to register for the programme beginning with a weekend on the **28th-30th March 2014**, call or text 07973 380443; email infor@retrouvaille.org.uk; or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk.

PILGRIMAGES 2014

PARISH PILGRIMAGE - MALTA

All those booked to go to Malta, please note your final payment is due to Tangney Tours by **Monday 3rd March**. There will be no reminder sent by Tangney so please make a note of this date.

LOURDES 2014

Fr Chris will be leading a pilgrimage to France by coach for the parishes of Feltham, Heston and Cranford from **19th July to 27th July**. The price is £699 per person based on two people sharing and includes overnight stays in Paray Le Monial (Shrine of the Sacred Heart), Poitiers and Lisieux (Shrine of St Therese) including half board accommodation and visits to local Shrines/Cathedrals. 5 Nights stay in Lourdes on a full board basis, joining the Westminster Lourdes Pilgrimage. *Supplementary charges: Single supplement £230.00 per person, Travel Insurance: £34.00 per person*. Booking forms available from the Parish Office. Completed booking forms with deposit should be returned as soon as possible to the Parish Office. Early booking essential. **We especially need young people (16+) to help care for our sick, disabled and elderly pilgrims, and a nurse to accompany us on the pilgrimage.**
PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED BOOKING FORMS TO THE PARISH OFFICE THIS WEEKEND OR LATEST 2nd MARCH.

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the souls of **Wendy Bigg-Wither RIP, and John Francis Hendley RIP**. The Funeral of **Wendy Bigg-Wither RIP** will take place at Hanworth Crematorium on **Wednesday, 26th February at 12.40pm**. The Funeral of **John Francis Hendley RIP** will take place here on **Thursday 27th February at 12.30pm**. Please also remember in your prayers their families and all who mourn them.

Mass intentions and other services this week:

Saturday 22nd THE CHAIR OF ST PETER THE APOSTLE	11.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	11.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	11.45	Benediction
	12.00	Christina & Augustus Stackpoole RIP
	12.45	Baptisms of Jack James Rodgers, Karen Boateng and Justin Dias
	15.00	Mass in Tagalog for the Filipino Community
	17.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
+ First Mass of Sunday	18.00	Joseph Guy Laval RIP
+ Sunday 23rd 7 th Sunday of the Year	09.00	For the intentions of the staff and patients at Derwent Lodge Care Home
	11.00	People of the Parish
	13.00	Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)
	14.30	Mass led by the African Community
	18.00	Antonia & Saverio Moné RIP
Monday 24th Feria	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Michael Brennan RIP
Tuesday 25th Feria	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Christina Power RIP
	10.00	<i>Novena to Our Lady</i>
Wednesday 26th Feria	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Kurt Kosin RIP
Thursday 27th Feria	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Pat Mannix (Intentions)
	12.30	FUNERAL MASS – JOHN FRANCIS HENDLEY RIP
Friday 28th Feria	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Margaret Deere RIP
Saturday 1st March ST DAVID	11.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	11.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	11.45	Benediction
	12.00	Peter Ward, John & Bridie Kehoe RIP
	12.45	Baptisms of Nathan Zek Gomes, Henry William Nodwell and Irene Elefante
	17.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
+ First Mass of Sunday	18.00	Kurt Kosin RIP (Month's Mind)
+ Sunday 2nd 8 th Sunday of the Year	09.00	Jim Fitzpatrick RIP
	11.00	George & Daisy Maple RIP
	13.00	Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)
	18.00	People of the Parish

Sanctuary Lamp: Janet Danladi (Intentions)

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

15-16 February: Envelopes £950.77, Loose £750.15, Standing Orders £420.00 Total: £2120.92

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Sunday Mass Times

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

NURSERY ADMISSIONS 2014 - FORM SIGNING

Fr Chris will be available Nursery Form signing at the following times for St Lawrence's School:

Tuesdays 3.30-4.30pm: March 4th, 11th; April 1st, 22nd

Please come with your child and wait in Church.