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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

23rd/24th February 2019

Readings: Parish Mass Book Year C, Volume 1: Page 141: 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; Psalm 102;
1 Corinthians 15:45-49; Luke 6: 27-38
Next Week: 8th Sunday of the Year: Page: 144: Ecclesiasticus 27:4-7; Psalm 91; 1 Corinthians 15:54-58; Luke 6:39-45



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Dear Friends

Sadly, it seems to me that we live in an increasingly divided world. Division comes in many forms. It might be the desire to build a wall to separate communities or even nations. It might be an overriding desire to isolate ourselves from our neighbours. It might be on a human level where somehow we cannot find grace within ourselves to forgive those who have wronged us. Perhaps even sadder is that historically Christianity has often mirrored these divisions and in doing so has installed a climate of hatred that increasingly is flourishing.

Today's Gospel is perhaps one of the most extraordinary pieces of scripture ever to be written. Luke paints a vivid picture for us. Despite our human failings, and these are many, we are told by Jesus in today's Gospel to love our enemies, to do good to those who hate us, to bless those who curse us and to pray for those who mistreat us.

In doing so Christ isn't presenting us with some kind of unattainable idealism, but he is presenting us with his requirements, and these requirements must be fulfilled if we desire to be one of his disciples.

It is to Jesus we have to look if we are to know what to do, when Jesus tells us to love our enemies it isn't just for the sake of our enemies, it is for ourselves, for hatred is a consuming and powerful emotion. Ultimately it isn't the hatred that is destroyed but the hater.

Therefore, we should not condemn, we should forgive, no matter how difficult that might be, for it is in forgiveness that we shall be children of our Father in Heaven.

Have a blessed week,

Deacon Colin

**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 & 5pm**

Protecting your Privacy:

In compliance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) which became effective in May 2018, the Parish requires your permission to hold your data for Parish/Diocesan use. You can read our full privacy policy on www.rcdow.org.uk/diocese/privacy-policy.

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

A warm welcome to Samuel Ryan Pereira who will be baptised this weekend and we offer our warmest congratulations to his family.

SUNDAY AND TUESDAY GROUPS

The Sunday Group will meet on **Sunday 24th February** at 10am in St Lawrence's School for their First Holy Communion preparation.

The next class for the Tuesday Group will be on **Tuesday 26th February** at 4.30pm in the Parish Centre.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

The next meeting is on **Wednesday, 27th February** at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. This course is designed to help you explore the Catholic faith and to become a member of the Church if you wish.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SATURDAY GROUPS

There will be **no FHC on March 2nd** it has been cancelled due to a clash with the Flame youth event. It will now take place on **March 9th**, 4.30pm, in the school hall.

CONFIRMATION

The next preparation Class for Confirmation will take place on **Thursday 28th February** at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre.

MISSED OUT? REGISTRATION for a second Confirmation group begins after half term from **25th February until 17th March**. Forms are available at the back of Church or on the website. Once complete please post in the "red letterbox" in Church porch.

PARISH NOTICES

UCM

The UCM will meet on **Monday 25th February at 7.30pm**. An unusual talk will be given by Mrs Patsy Serenti on the History of St Dunstan's Cemetery and those buried there.

LINE DANCING

The Line Dancing Classes will resume again on **Monday 4th March** at 7.30pm. £4.00 per session. All welcome.

LIFE PREGNANCY MATTERS AND PARISH CENTRE FUND

Many thanks to everyone who helped in any way at the recent Table Top Sale and Coffee Morning in aid of Life Pregnancy Matters. Also grateful thanks to the many parishioners who came in and supported this event and gave donations. £432 was raised of which £100 was donated to the Parish Centre Fund. £332 will support the Pregnancy Matters Centre in Vicarage Farm Road to support vulnerable and needy families who attend the centre. *Annie Burke*

LENT

The six-week faith sharing resource for Lent 2019 – **Rejoice and be Glad** starts from **6th March**. We invite you to share in it to grow in your faith journey and be spiritually refreshed. Please put your name on the list if you would like to join a group. Meetings will take place at different times on different days either here or at a leader's home so there is a wide choice.

PROCLAIM

The Proclaim Spring gathering takes place at St Mark's Catholic School, 106 Bath Road, Hounslow TW3 3EJ on **Saturday 16th March** from 9.30am to 3.00pm with Bishop John Wilson. Please see notice board for further details. If interested please speak to Deacon Colin Macken or email colinmacken@rcdow.org.uk.

COLLECTION OF OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Owing to new General Data Protection Regulations we have been obliged to change the way the Offertory Envelopes are distributed. Previously, the envelopes were placed at the left hand side of the church and parishioners collected their own boxes of envelopes. The new regulation has changed all this. Boxes must be handed personally to individuals by an authorised person. You will be able to collect your Offertory Boxes from a table at the **front of the Baptismal Font from the evening Mass on Saturday 2nd March and at all the weekend Masses until Sunday 31st March**. The envelopes are for use for the financial year beginning 6th April 2019. Your envelope numbers will be the same as last year and it would be a great help if you could remember your number when you come to collect your box. It will make it easier for the person giving out the boxes. Your co-operation is greatly appreciated and we look forward to your continued support for St Lawrence's Parish. *Frank Macken – Planned Giving and Gift Aid Co-ordinator.*

PALM AND CROSSES

If you have Palms and Crosses from previous years, please bring them to Church we will burn them to make up ash for use on Ash Wednesday. There is a box in the porch to place them.

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the souls of **Patrick Goldsmith RIP and Maria Nangombe RIP** who died recently. Please also keep in your prayers their families, friends and all who mourn them.

MARIA NANGOMBE RIP – Her Requiem will take place here on **Wednesday 27th February** at 1.00pm.

PATRICK GOLDSMITH RIP – His Requiem will take place here on **Friday 1st March** at 11.00am.

OTHER

CAFOD FAIRTRADE

It is Fairtrade Fortnight from **25th February to 10th March** please remember to buy Fairtrade products in support of local farmers.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2019

A special service will take place on **Friday 1st March** at 3pm at the Salvation Army in Bedford Lane to which all men and women are invited. Refreshments from 2.30pm. The theme this year "Come – Everything is Ready! – come to God's table" has been prepared by the women of Slovenia.

MARY'S MEALS

Mary's Meals will be coming to St Lawrence's the weekend of **6th/7th April**, so this is an opportunity to gather together your unwanted clothes or bedding (no duvets or pillows).

CARDINAL'S MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY - WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL, SATURDAY 8TH JUNE 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 2019. 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 **11th March**.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 23 rd	11.00 11.00 12.00 12.45 15.00 16.30 17.00 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation Rhys Dias - Birthday Thanksgiving Baptism of Samuel Ryan Pereira Mass in Tagalog by Filipino Community Devotions to Our Lady – Filipino Community Sacrament of Reconciliation Alan Tovey RIP (2 nd Anniversary)
Sun 24 th	09.00 11.00 13.00 14.30 18.00	Patrick McLaughlin RIP Anne & Martin Nicholas in Thanksgiving – 40 th Wedding Anniversary Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Mass led by the African Community People of the Parish
Mon 25 th	09.30	Celebrants Intention
Tues 26 th	09.30	Lawrence D'Souza RIP (Month's Mind)
Wed 27 th	09.30	Manuel & Pedrinha Fernandes RIP REQUIEM MASS – MARIA NANGOMBE RIP
Thurs 28 th	09.30	Belinda Gonçalves RIP (3 months)
Fri 1 st	09.30	Jason Fernandes – Birthday Thanksgiving REQUIEM MASS – PATRICK GOLDSMITH RIP
Sat 2 nd	11.00 11.00 12.00 17.00 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation Sean Keaveney RIP Sacrament of Reconciliation People of the Parish
Sun 3 rd	09.00 11.00 13.00 18.00	Iris, Emile & Hyacinth Dupuy RIP Reed Fernandes – Birthday Thanksgiving Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Fr Gerry Burke (Intentions)
Sanctuary Lamp: Janet Danladi in Thanksgiving		

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

16-17 February: Envelopes £779.02 Loose £1,067.26
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