

This week at St Lawrence's



16th/17th January 2016

Second Sunday of the Year
(Missal Page 127 – YEAR C Vol. 1)



Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 95; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; John 2:1-11
Next week: Third Sunday of the Year (Missal Page 129); Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10;
Psalm 18; 1 Corinthians 12:12-30; Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

This week we are at a wedding in Cana where Jesus reveals his Divine power by his first miracle, transforming water into wine. The Bible begins with one wedding, that of Adam and Eve in the garden (Genesis 2:23-24), and ends with another, the marriage supper of the Lamb (Revelation 19:9, 21:9, 22:17). **Throughout the Bible, marriage is the symbol of the Covenant relationship between God and His chosen people. God is the faithful Groom and humanity is His beloved bride. Let us pray for God's daily miracles in our families.**

A man who had been a husband for ten years was consulting a marriage counsellor. "When I was first married I was very happy. When I came home from a hard day at the shop, my little dog would race around barking and my wife would bring me my slippers with a heart-warming smile. Now after all these years everything is changed. Now when I come home, my dog brings me my slippers and my wife barks at me." "I don't know what you are complaining about," said the counsellor. "You are still getting the same service."

With love and prayers,
Fr John

Sunday Mass Times: Saturday 6 pm (Vigil Mass), Sunday 9 am, 11 am,
1pm (Polish) & 6 pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) - Saturday 11am & 5pm

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM

We extend a warm welcome to Konstantinos Ewaen Molfesis and Schyler Fernandes who will be baptised this weekend and offer our congratulations to their families.

PARISH NOTICES

ST LAWRENCE'S PRAYER GROUP

St Lawrence's Prayer Group meets on a Thursday at 7.30pm in the Presbytery. The Prayer Session is a time of praise, thanksgiving, sharing on the scriptures, prayers of intention for family, the Church and the world. New members are welcome. Come and see me. *Sr Katherine*

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR REVIEW MEETING

There will be a Review Meeting on **Tuesday 19th January** at 6.30pm in the Presbytery.

BARN DANCE

The Barn Dance will take place in the School Hall on **Saturday 6th February** at 7pm. Tickets will be on sale this weekend.

VOTIVE CANDLES

The suggested donation for these is now **30p** and not **50p** as previously advertised. Your donations cover the significant cost of supplying these candles as well as our other sacristy costs for altar candles, altar wine and altar breads. As you know, costs never go down!

ST LAWRENCE 2016 PILGRIMAGE TO ROME - YEAR OF MERCY

There are still a few seats left on this pilgrimage. The pilgrimage will be from **Monday 10th October 2016 to Sunday 16th October 2016**. The cost is £884.00 per person on a half board basis, insurance £32.00 per person. If anyone would like to join please get a booking form from the Parish Office, complete and return with your deposit as soon as possible.

THANK YOU

FROST PARTNERSHIP

Frost Partnership have handed us a cheque for £150.00 towards the Parish Centre. This is for the boards advertising the Christmas Bazaar. Thank you to all those parishioners who accepted to have a board on their property.

LIFE HOUNSLOW

"Dear Fr Chris and Parishioners of St Lawrence, It was a lovely Christmas surprise to receive a cheque for £122.22 collected over the past few months in the parish. Your generosity to those in need continues to astonish us and our clients are always amazed that people who have never met them can be so caring towards them. We will put the money towards nappies, pushchair rain covers and mattresses for reconditioned cots. Thank you for your kindness. Joanna James, Care Centre Manager, Hounslow"

CAR PARKING

Please note that there is **NO PARKING** on the Church premises except for two marked spaces - one for Fr Chris the other for **disabled** parking. **ALL CAR USERS** are asked to find alternative parking from this time forward for the next seven months. **This applies to weekday and weekend parking**

There is to be absolutely **no double parking** in the school car park.

PLEASE DO NOT PARK ANYWHERE ON THE GREEN AS IT IS FOR RESIDENTS' PRIVATE USE ONLY

LARGE PRINT BIBLE

If anyone would like an extra-large typeface Bible with print you can read please contact the Parish Office and we could order one for you.

OTHER

PAX CHRISTI

The work of Pax Christi is based on the gospel and inspired by faith. Our vision is of a world where people can live in peace, without fear of violence in all its forms. Rooted in Catholic Christianity, we work with all who share our values to abolish war and create communities of peace and justice. There will be a second collection at the end of all Masses **this weekend**.

ST EDMUNDS EDUCATION FORM

The next Meeting is on **Wednesday 20th January** at 8 p.m. Francis Campbell (Vice-Chancellor, St Mary's University) will give a talk on 'Challenges and Opportunities in Catholic Education'. Venue - St Edmund's Social Club, Nelson Road, TW2 7BB (Doors open 7.30 p.m.). See poster on notice board.

ST MARY'S UNIVERSITY, TWICKENHAM

invites you to a prayer service led by the Most Reverend Archbishop Richard Clarke of Armagh to celebrate Christian Unity Week on **Wednesday 20th January** at 12.30pm at St Mary's University Chapel. The service will be followed by light refreshments. You can register your attendance at <http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/date/222009> or call the Chaplaincy office on 0208 240 4331. See poster on notice board.

VOCATION DISCERNMENT GROUP

The group for adults (18-30's) meets on **Friday 22 January**, 7-9pm in the Hinsley Room next to Westminster Cathedral. Fr Richard Nesbitt and Sr Kasia Kowalska on "Responding to God's Call in the Year of Mercy". For more info contact Fr Richard at richardnesbitt@rcdow.org.uk

SONGS OF PRAISE

This annual gathering of Churches Together in Feltham, Hanworth and Bedfont to celebrate the Week of prayer for Christian Unity takes place at All Saint's Church on Uxbridge Road (opposite the Leisure Centre) on **Sunday 24th January at 3.30pm**. All are very welcome to come and worship together with our fellow Christians.

MARY'S MEALS

Mary's Meals will be coming to our church in a couple of weeks time to take away your unwanted clothing and bedding (**no duvets or pillows please**). Over the next few weeks please collect your unwanted clothes and put them in tied sacks. Then on the morning of **Sunday 31st January** bring them with you when you come to Mass. Not only will you be getting rid of un-needed clothes/bedding and giving yourself a little more space but you will also benefit a really worthwhile charity. Mary's Meals feeds children one good meal every day at school in over 12 countries. Because of our low costs we can do this for as little as £12.20 per child per year! For more information, visit www.marysmeals.org.uk

A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH THE MASS

Venue: The Parish Centre, St Michael & St Martin Church, 94 Bath Road, TW3 3EH (parking available). **Days:** Either **Monday's beginning 8th Feb from 7:30pm** or **Wednesday's beginning 10th Feb from 9:45pm**. **Length of course:** 5 weeks. **Cost:** £16 for the resources. We will explore the roots of the words and gestures we experience at Mass and explains their profound significance. In this study, you will come to know and understand the Mass as never before, leading you to a richer, more fruitful worship experience.). Contact: mauro@hotmail.co.uk

FOLLOW ME MULTICULTURAL CELEBRATION WITH BUFFET

The Multicultural event is scheduled to be formally launched at a colourful event to be held at Feltham Community College Hall, Feltham, TW13 7EF on **Sunday, 14th February, 2016**, from 3 pm to 8pm. We are looking for volunteers to help, please see Fr John if you can help. A few tickets are available to purchase after the Mass.

Mass intentions and other services this week:

Saturday 16th Feria	11.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation
	11.45	Benediction
	12.00	Timothy Cahalane RIP
	12.45	Baptisms of Konstantinos Ewaen Molfesis and Schyler Fernandes
	17.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	18.00	People of the Parish
+ Sunday 17th Second Sunday of the Year	09.00	Edward & Cecilia Cabral RIP
	11.00	Kathleen & John Hamill RIP
	13.00	Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)
	18.00	For the intentions of the Nigerian Chaplain from Feltham Mass Centre
Monday 18th Feria	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Theresa Obu (Birthday Intention)
Tuesday 19th Feria	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Harry Haldane RIP
	10.00	Novena to Our Lady
Wednesday 20th Feria	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Diego D'Souza, Lily Coutinho & Janet D'Souza RIP
Thursday 21st St Agnes	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Ray Palmer RIP (Anniversary)
Friday 22nd Feria	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Celebrant's Intention
Saturday 23rd Feria	11.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation
	11.45	Benediction
	12.00	Fredrico de Britto RIP
	12.45	Baptism of Amy Kowalik
	17.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	18.00	Steve Walsh RIP (Anniversary)
+ Sunday 24th Third Sunday of the Year	09.00	People of the Parish
	11.00	Timothy Cahalane RIP
	13.00	Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)
	18.00	Luis & Marinha Braganza (Intention)

Sanctuary Lamp: In Thanksgiving Afoke Ryan Omoniyodo

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

9th/10th January: Envelopes: £1,532.61 Loose: £840.67 Standing Orders: £541.15 **Total: £2,914.43**

PARISH CENTRE UPDATE: MONEY BANKED AS AT 12/1/2016 - £64,640.58

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