

This week at St Lawrence's



23rd/24th January 2016

Third Sunday of the Year
(Missal Page 129 – YEAR C Vol. 1)

Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10; Psalm 18; 1 Corinthians 12:12-30; Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

Next week: Fourth Sunday of the Year (Missal Page 132); Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19; Psalm 70;
1 Corinthians 12:31, 13:13; Luke 4:21-30



Dear Friends

Three things today:

First, I would like to say an enormous “thank you” to Philomena Franklin and her team of helpers, drivers, cooks, waiters and waitresses for such a wonderful Senior Citizen’s lunch and party on Sunday 10th January. It was a lovely way to end our Christmas celebrations here in the parish by honouring some of our senior parishioners in this way. A lot of work goes into making it happen but the reward is simply to make someone happy. There is a good lesson there!

Secondly, after nearly three years as Episcopal Vicar in West London, Pope Francis has appointed two new Auxiliary Bishops for the Diocese of Westminster to work with our Archbishop, Cardinal Vincent. It has been a privilege to serve the 41 parishes in my pastoral care during this time, along with the primary and secondary schools, hospitals and nursing homes, three prisons and two universities, and to share in the work of the Archbishop’s Council in Westminster each Friday morning. Now I’m back and can get on with trying to be your parish priest. All are welcome to Westminster Cathedral this **Monday, 25th January at 12 noon**, for the Episcopal Ordination of our two new Bishops, Canon Paul McAleenan and Monsignor John Wilson. I will be there with a big smile on my face!

Finally, I am delighted to announce that Sister Mary O’Malley will be returning to the parish to join her fellow Sisters of Mercy, Sister Katherine and Sister Nora. Sister Mary was here for many years as Pastoral Assistant and Catechetical Co-ordinator but will be coming back simply to share in our parish life and our ministry of pastoral care. She will be warmly welcome.

With my love and prayers for each of you.

Fr Chris

**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 Amy Kowalik who will be baptised this weekend and offer our congratulations to her family.

CONFIRMATION

Candidates please see revised dates for preparation sessions on the notice board.

PARISH NOTICES

UCM

The UCM will meet on **Monday 25th January** at the Salvation Army Hall at 7.30pm. Maureen will give us an interesting talk on her visit to the Philippines last year.

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*

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.

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.

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

OTHER

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) **this Sunday at 3.30pm**. All are very welcome to come and worship together with our fellow Christians.

PAX CHRISTI

Thank you for your generosity, £187.56 was collected for the work of Pax Christi.

MARY'S MEALS

With only 1 week to go before Mary's Meals arrives at our church on the morning of **Sunday 31st January**. please remember to bring along all your unwanted clothing/bedding (**no duvets or pillows please**). Put all clothing/bedding into tied black sacks and bring them with you when you come to Mass that morning. Mary's Meals is a no-frills charity committed to spending 93p in every £1 received on its charitable activities with only 6p spent on Fundraising and 1p on Governance. 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

ROMAN CATHOLIC VOLUNTEER CHAPLAINS AT HEATHROW AIRPORT

The Roman Catholic Chaplain of Heathrow Airport, Fr Jude Ifeorah, SMMM is appealing for Volunteer Lay Chaplains at the Airport. The Multi-Faith Chaplaincy Team is based at St George's Chapel and comprises of employees and volunteers. As Catholic Chaplains they offer pastoral and spiritual support and a listening ear to staff, passengers and all who visit the Airport, regardless of religion. They help organise and lead regular Masses, times of prayer and Liturgies of the Word and Holy Communion in the Chapel and Terminal prayer rooms. Their presence at the Chapel and in the Terminals is a "ministry of availability" for all who may need them. For more information please contact Fr Jude Ifeorah on judeifeora2003@yahoo.com.

ANNUAL MASS IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

This special Annual Mass will take place at Westminster Cathedral at 2pm on **Saturday 6 February**. The Sacrament of the Sick will be administered during the Mass. If you will be attending in a wheelchair, please let the Parish Office know by **Wednesday 27th January** to ensure that appropriate space is reserved in the Cathedral.

A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH THE MASS

Venue: The Parish Centre, St Michael & St Martin Church, 94 Bath Road, TW3 3EH (parking available). When: 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 at £10.00 each.

CATHOLIC MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT

A two-day residential course to rediscover the joy of being a man and woman in love, drawing on the wisdom of the authentic Catholic teaching on the Theology of the Body. Courses this year are on **5&6 March**, 18&19 June and 1&2 October. The programme starts at 9am on the Saturday and finishes at 4pm on the Sunday. Venue: High Leigh Christian Conference Centre, Hoddesdon, Herts EN11 8SG. The course is £110 (or £185 to include overnight stay). For more information visit www.smartloving.org/marriage/ or email family@rcdow.org.uk. Registration essential.

Mass intentions and other services this week:

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
	15.00	Mass in Tagalog for the Filipino Community
	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.)
	14.30	Mass led by the African Community
	18.00	Luis & Marinha Braganza (Intention)
Monday 25th THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL THE APOSTLE	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Celebrants Intention
Tuesday 26th Ss Timothy and Titus	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Harry Haldane RIP
	10.00	Novena to Our Lady
Wednesday 27th Feria	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Domingo Antao RIP
Thursday 28th St Thomas Aquinas	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Helen Abiege Kosin in Thanksgiving
Friday 29th Feria	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	George Brooker RIP
Saturday 30th Feria	11.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation
	11.45	Benediction
	12.00	Jim Fitzpatrick RIP
	17.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	18.00	Alexander Cabral & Michael Fernandes RIP (Anniversary)
+ Sunday 31st Fourth Sunday of the Year	09.00	Eamon O'Brien (Get Well)
	11.00	For the intentions of Fran Ballantyne and Family
	13.00	Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)
	18.00	Mrs Pauline Hussey RIP (Anniversary)

Sanctuary Lamp: Kurt Kosin RIP (Anniversary)

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

16th/17th January: Envelopes: £1,103.57 Loose: £748.75 Standing Orders: £541.15 **Total: £2,393.47**

PARISH CENTRE UPDATE: MONEY BANKED AS AT 19/1/2016 - £64,912.89

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