

This week at St Lawrence's



30th/31st January 2016

Fourth Sunday of the Year
(Missal Page 132 – YEAR C Vol. 1)



Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19; Psalm 70; 1 Corinthians 12:31, 13:13; Luke 4:21-30
Next week: Fifth Sunday of the Year (Missal Page 135); Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 137;
1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11

Dear Friends,

Last Monday we celebrated the Feast Day of the Conversion of St Paul, Christianity's greatest preacher. St Paul is remembered for many things – the drama of his life-changing conversion, his missionary journeys, his many letters to the Christian communities he helped to plant, his humanity and passionate desire to spread the Gospel, his fearlessness and faithfulness, his martyrdom with St Peter in Rome. In the second reading at Mass today we hear, in Paul's own words, the most beautiful "hymn of love" ever written. It comes from his first letter to the Corinthians, the Christians in Corinth, but over two thousand years later it speaks directly to us. It is a favourite reading at weddings – and increasingly now at funerals. It seems to sum up all we want to say.

But I want to suggest today that it can help each of us personally to make a good examination of conscience and consciousness, inviting us to take a long and loving look at our own lives, our relationships, our values. *It helps me examine my heart.* Very soon we will be praying for the grace to make a good Lent. One way to make this happen *par excellence* is the great gift of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. I want to suggest to you that it would be wonderful in this Year of Mercy given to us by Pope Francis, if every one of us celebrated the Sacrament for ourselves by making our confession. I believe that once this year is through we would certainly see – and feel – the difference. Keep an eye out in the newsletter for our regular and extra confession times, not just in Lent but throughout the year.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall have mercy shown them" (Matthew: chapter 5, verse 7).

With my love and prayers.

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 Ashvil Carvalho who will be baptised this weekend and offer our congratulations to his family.

CONFIRMATION

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

PARISH NOTICES

MARY'S MEALS

Mary's Meals will be at church **this Sunday morning only** to collect all your unwanted clothing/bedding (**no duvets or pillows please**). Please ensure all clothing/bedding is put into tied black sacks - Three full sacks will feed a child one good nutritious meal every school day for a whole year! Thank you for your support. For more information, visit www.marysmeals.org.uk

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Parish Pastoral Council meet on **Tuesday 2nd February** at 7.30pm in the Presbytery. If anyone has any issues they would like raised, please put them in writing to the Chair, Michelle Moore-Saxton and hand them into the Parish Office by 12noon on the day.

FIRST FRIDAY EARLY BIRD MASS AND CAFOD COFFEE MORNING

Our early bird Mass will take place at 6.45am on **Friday 5th February** and CAFOD's First Friday Coffee Morning will take place after the 9.30am Mass in the Church porch

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.

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.

WORLD YOUTH DAY – KRAKOW JULY 2016

SLYC is inviting you to join us on a pilgrimage to Poland for World Youth Day (WYD) with Pope Francis. WYD dates are from **18 July 2016 to Sunday 31 July 2016**, the cost will be £750 including travel and accommodation. To come on this trip you just need to be 16-35 years old and open to have a fun and life changing experience. If interested more information is available from Fr Chris.

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.

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

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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.

"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.

CARDINAL'S MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL, SATURDAY 14TH MAY 2016 AT 3PM.

The Archbishop will be inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their **10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60)** wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2016. 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 and email (or telephone number, if no email) by the **6th March 2016**.

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the souls of **Eleonore Ferdinande Jones RIP, John Edwards RIP, Victor Power RIP and Eily O'Connor RIP**. Please also keep in your prayers their families and all who mourn them.

- The funeral of **Eleonore Ferdinande Jones RIP** will take place at Hanworth Crematorium on **Wednesday 3rd February** at 2.00pm.
- The funeral of **John Edwards RIP** will take place here on **Thursday 11th February** at 12.30pm.
- The funeral of **Victor Power RIP** will take place here on **Friday 19th February** at 11am.

Mass intentions and other services this week:

Saturday 30th Feria	11.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation
	11.45	Benediction
	12.00	Jim Fitzpatrick RIP
	12.45	Baptism of Ashvil Carvalho
	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)
Monday 1st Feria	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Tanya Tavares in Thanksgiving & Birthday Intention
Tuesday 2nd THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	In Thanksgiving and good health – Cirilo Rodrigues
	10.00	Novena to Our Lady
Wednesday 3rd Ss Laurence, Dunstan and Theodore	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Celebrants Intention
Thursday 4th Feria	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Margaret Carlton (Intention)
Friday 5th St Agatha	06.45	Fr Michael (Intention)
	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	John Champion RIP
Saturday 6th St Paul Miki and Companions	11.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation
	11.45	Benediction
	12.00	Eric Brumwell RIP
	12.45	Baptisms of Aaliyah-Mai Faith Sabaob-Garcia, Lucy Sophia Jones, Maria Wambui Kagema and Mark Badejo
	17.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	18.00	Maurice Walsh RIP
+ Sunday 7th Fifth Sunday of the Year	09.00	Deceased members of the Lambert and Saverimuttu Families RIP
	11.00	Rita Connor (Intentions)
	13.00	Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)
	18.00	People of the Parish

Sanctuary Lamp: Helen Abiegbe Kosin in Thanksgiving

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

23rd/24th January: Envelopes: £1,019.31 Loose: £770.95 Standing Orders: £541.15 **Total: £2,331.41**

Racial Justice - £152.93

PARISH CENTRE UPDATE: MONEY BANKED AS AT 26/1/2016 - £64,977.99

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