

This week at St Lawrence's



5th/6th July 2014



14th Sunday of the Year
(Missal Page 99 – YEAR A Vol. 2)

Zechariah 9:9-10; Psalm 144; Romans 8:9, 11-13; Matthew 11:25-30
15th Sunday of the Year (Missal Page 102); Isaiah 55:10-11; Psalm 64; Romans 8:18-23
Matthew 13:1-23

Dear Friends

I once heard of a priest who used to walk up and down the aisles of the Church before Mass. As he did so he made a lot of noise, and the noise he made was a very loud "shsh! I suppose he was making the point – rather noisily – that before Mass we should try and keep a holy calm, allowing those around us to pray and prepare for what they are about to receive, allowing ourselves to meet and greet the Lord.

I am very often struck by the prayerful peace in Church before our weekday Masses, before the Polish Mass on Sundays (with 300 people, including children) and before our Sunday evening Mass. You can hear a pin drop. The silence is golden. Compare that with the noise levels before the Saturday 6pm and the Sunday 9am and 11am Masses. It would be hard to pray even if you wanted too..... and we should want to. I am not very keen on saying "shsh", and I shouldn't have to. A calm and prayerful peace in a prayerful peaceful Church should be something we all desire and all help to make happen. Perhaps we should have a call to prayer five or ten minutes before Mass begins, much as we do in our First Holy Communion Masses in May. We'll see. I would be grateful for your comments on this – and even more grateful if nothing more needed to be said.

Each and every time we come into the Church the Lord is waiting for us in the tabernacle, and every moment spent in His Presence is precious. Make the most of it. You'll be glad you did.

Have a peaceful Sunday.

Fr Chris

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS

We extend a warm welcome to Caitlyn Nevaeh Bundy, Luca Morishita Patta, Raffaella Cristina Paturzo, Maya Eva Oninye Payet and Mia-Rose Yuet-Wah Nguyen who will be baptised this weekend and offer our warmest congratulations to their families.

CONFIRMATION 2015

If you are in Year 9 or above and would like to be prepared to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2015 please register with Bridget Brinkley at one of the following times.

Tuesday 2nd, Thursday 4th September – 3.00pm to 5.30pm
Tuesday 9th, Thursday 11th September – 3.00pm to 5.30pm
Saturday 6th September – 9.30am to 11.00am

Please come to the Church where you will be asked to complete a registration form. The programme will begin on Thursday 2nd October.

EXPLORING THE CATHOLIC FAITH

Would you like to find out more about the Catholic Faith? Have you been searching for a deeper meaning for your life? Do you share your life with a Catholic, perhaps you are supporting your husband or wife bringing up your children in the Catholic Faith.

If you would like to find out more about the Catholic Church or you thinking about becoming a Catholic please contact Bridget Brinkley on 020 8890 2367 or by e-mailing at bridgetbrinkley@rcdow.org.uk.

PARISH NOTICES

NEW PARISHIONERS MASS

The 11am Mass this Sunday is for the intentions of our New Parishioners. Following Mass there will be refreshments in the Parish Centre for new parishioners to meet members of the Parish Pastoral Council.

ST LAWRENCE'S SCHOOL FETE - Sunday 6th July

Come and join in the School Summer Fete this Sunday. There will be all the usual stalls, and refreshments throughout the day. Please note that the car park will be closed on that day, also there will be no pedestrian access to the Church from Victoria Road that day.

ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING

For all children who have received their First Holy Communion (and for existing Servers who would like a "refresher course") there are an opportunity to come for an Altar Servers training session on **12th July**, 10am-11am in the Church.

IN CASE YOU ARE ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL.....

In light of data protection please indicate on entering hospital that your details are to be passed to the RC Chaplain. Also state that you would like the RC Chaplain to visit you.

ST LAWRENCE'S PRAYER GROUP

The Prayer Group meets every **Thursday from 7.30pm to 9pm** in the Presbytery. A time of prayer and thanksgiving. Reflecting on scriptures. Intercessory prayers for the parish and wider community. New members welcome

LOURDES RAFFLE

This year is the Silver Jubilee of the Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes and a special Silver Jubilee Raffle has been organised. The draw will take place on 6th September. Tickets are priced at £1.00 each and come in books of 5 tickets. The 1st prize is £500; 2nd - £250; 3rd - £100, 4th - £75 & 5th - £50. Tanya and her team of helpers will be selling raffle tickets after Mass.

THANK YOU – PETER'S PENCE

Thank you for your generosity last weekend. The Peter's Pence collection raised £291.25.

SCHOOL LEAVER'S MASS

St Lawrence's School join us on **Thursday, 10th July** for their "Leavers' Mass". Please pray for the children of Year 6 as they leave St Lawrence's School to begin their secondary school education in the autumn.

CAR WASH

A few youngsters from St Paul's College, going to Lourdes as Redcaps, will be doing a Car Wash the morning of Sunday 13th July - £5.00 per car. Please support them if you are able to.

OTHER

ASSISTED DYING BILL - PLEASE WRITE TO A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF LORDS

The Bill to legalise "assisted dying" - meaning assisted suicide - will be debated in the House of Lords on 18th July 2014. There will be a free vote because it is not government legislation. If passed, this Bill would place vulnerable people at serious risk. Especially if you have direct experience of caring for a dying person, either as a family member or as a health or social care professional, please write before 18th July to a Peer to tell them your views. For more information, including details of how to write to a Peer, please visit www.catholicchurch.org.uk/assisted-dying-bill **IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO WRITE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND CERTAINLY BEFORE 18TH JULY.**

TREASURERS OF WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL

An exhibition of the rare ecclesiastical objects, vestments, chalices and sacred relics acquired by the Cathedral since its opening in 1903 will take place during July on a Monday, Tuesday and Thursday (except Thursday 24 July) from 10.00am to 5.00pm. Tokens are available from the Cathedral Shop.

INTER-FAITH EVENT

The Centre for Spirituality and Cultural Advancement (CSCA) would like to cordially invite you to join us in this blessed month of Ramadan to break bread and share 'One Meal For All'. The event will be held on the **Saturday 12th July 2013 at 8.00 pm** at the Manor House, Manor Lane, Feltham, TW13 4JQ. Please RSVP Farzana Kosar farzana@spiritandculture.org.uk if you are able to attend.

APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA (SEA SUNDAY)

Next week is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. There will be a second collection for Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church in Great Britain. It provides practical and spiritual support to seafarers visiting our ports. Please give generously to support its important work. For more information about its work visit www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk.

PILGRIMAGES

LOURDES

The coach for Lourdes will be departing from Browells Lane at 6am on Saturday 19th July. All those going to Lourdes please be here by 5.30am so that we can make good time to get our ferry from Dover. You will all have received a "Handy Tips" note. If you have any queries please contact Florie in the Parish Office.

Anyone wanting to send a prayer request to be placed at the Grotto in Lourdes, please hand in your envelope (no money please) to the Parish Office by **Friday 18th July**.

DOWRY OF MARY PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

The Annual Pilgrimage to Walsingham takes place on **Sunday 7th September**. A coach will leave from here at 7.15am to arrive in time for the welcome of flags and banners from different countries, so come in your national dress. Mass at 12 noon will be followed by a picnic and procession, which will end with Benediction. Please come prepared for all types of weather and bring a packed lunch and drinks. We will return home about 8.30pm. The cost of the day will be £16.00 per person. Please sign up on the list in the porch. **To secure your seat please post your money in an envelope, clearly marked with your name and "WALSINGHAM", to the Parish Office.**

SANTIAGO AND FATIMA – 9 – 14 SEPTEMBER 2014

All those going on this pilgrimage please send your final payments to Pax Travel as soon as possible. A coach will pick up St Lawrence's pilgrims from Browells Lane at 5am on Tuesday 9th September, then pick up pilgrims from St George's before making its way to Gatwick. The cost of the coach will be £12.00 per person. Please put your money in an envelope clearly marked with your name and "Santiago", to the Parish Office.

Mass intentions and other services this week:

Saturday 5th Feria	11.00 11.00 11.45 12.00 12.45 15.00 17.00 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation Benediction David Hayes RIP Baptisms of Caitlyn Nevaeh Bundy, Luca Morishita Patta, Raffaella Cristina Paturzo and Maya Eva Oninye Payet Baptism of Mia-Rose Yuet-Wah Nguyen Sacrament of Reconciliation Danny O'Connell RIP (Anniversary)
+ Sunday 6th 14 th Sunday of the Year	09.00 11.00 13.00 18.00	Estella & Joaquim Rodrigues RIP For the intentions of New Parishioners Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) People of the Parish
Monday 7th Feria	09.15 09.30	Morning Prayer Gerald Rajeevkanna Kanagarasa RIP
Tuesday 8th DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL	09.15 09.30 10.00	Morning Prayer Joe Blanchfield RIP Novena to Our Lady
Wednesday 9th Feria	09.15 09.30	Morning Prayer Celebrant's Intention
Thursday 10th ST THOMAS	09.30	No Morning Prayer Austin Mahon RIP (with School – Leaver's Mass)
Friday 11th ST BENEDICT	09.15 09.30	Morning Prayer Camilo Rodrigues in Birthday Thanksgiving
Saturday 12th Feria	11.00 11.00 11.45 12.00 15.00 17.00 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation Benediction Bernardo Pereira RIP Marriage of Thomas Mahoney and Rosanna Hayes Sacrament of Reconciliation People of the Parish
+ First Mass of Sunday	18.00	
+ Sunday 13th 15 th Sunday of the Year	09.00 11.00 13.00 18.00	Austin Mahon RIP Margaret Dineen (Mags) RIP Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Andrzej Pichlewski RIP

Sanctuary Lamp: For persecuted Christians

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

28th/29th June: Envelopes £1104.65, Loose £662.82, Standing Orders £420.00 Total: £2187.47
Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trustees: Registered Charity No. 233699

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

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