

# This week at St Lawrence's



12th/13th July 2014

Rooting Out Weeds  
Matthew 13:24-43



15th Sunday of the Year  
(Missal Page 102 – YEAR A Vol. 2)  
Isaiah 55:10-11; Psalm 64; Romans 8:18-23, Matthew 13:1-23  
16th Sunday of the Year (Missal Page 105): Wisdom 12:13, 16-19; Psalm 85; Romans 8:26-27;  
Matthew 13:24-30

## Happy Holiday Time

It is that time of year again when we all look forward to a summer break. I hope you will get some time to rest and relax over the next weeks and that we get some sunshine!

A few years ago at a meeting in London it came to light that, while many of us look forward to our summer holidays, for many other families, six weeks off school during the summer is a time of anxiety and fear. The only food that some children will eat during the day will be a meal, be that breakfast or lunch, provided at school, no school means no dinner! And for many others, it is not only the lack of food that blights their lives, many will live in a home with parents who, for whatever reason, are unable to provide a stable happy environment for their children. September can't come quick enough for those children; in a society where some have so much, this is a very sad position for any child or parent to be in.

You might be thinking, *'what could I do to help, I have my own family to look after, I have to work, cook and shop.'* And so many other things to juggle, the swimming lessons, the tennis lessons, and the football practice, the list goes on. We know we should *probably* do something, but where would we begin and what could we do, sometimes the stumbling block to helping is simply, *who do I contact.*

Pope Francis calls on **all** Catholics, not just those with a bit of spare time, **'to do more to seek out those on the fringes of society who need help most.'** Here at St.

Lawrence's there are many groups that offer help and support to others. I know many of you are involved with organisations outside the parish offering your time and talents to those less fortunate.

**Caritas Westminster** was established in 2011 to help and encourage everyone to be able to reach out in practical ways to help those in need. **Caritas** means charity, **Caritas** is faith in action, **Caritas** is love, **Caritas** is what Jesus asks of us and what Pope Francis reminds us of *'Love one another'*.

Caritas Westminster is financially supported by the *Growing in Faith* campaign which many of you are part of. So if you are thinking 'I would like to help but I am not sure where to begin' watch this space. We hope that during the next year we will be able to establish **Caritas St. Lawrence's** and that, by doing so, we will all be able to do more to help those most in need in our parish.

Wishing you all of God's blessing this summer time.

Bridget

## SACRAMENTS

### WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

We offer our warmest congratulations to Thomas Mahoney and Rosanna Hayes who celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage this weekend and to John Witkins and Yaryma Fancy who celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage later in the week.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2015

If you have forgotten to register your child for the First Holy Communion programme, which begins early September, we have added an additional slot on **Tuesday 15th July at 3.30pm**. Please come with your child and wait in Church to meet with Bridget. Your child must be in year 3 or above in September to register.

### 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 2<sup>nd</sup>, Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September – 3.00pm to 5.30pm

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September – 3.00pm to 5.30pm

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:bridgetbrinkley@rcdow.org.uk).

## PARISH NOTICES

### UCM

The UCM will meet on **Monday 14th July at 7.30pm** in the Parish Centre. A talk on some Yorkshire Martyrs will be given.

The following **Monday, 21st July** will be the UCM end of term Garden Party.

### 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.

### 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 6<sup>th</sup> September. Tickets are priced at £1.00 each and come in books of 5 tickets. The 1<sup>st</sup> prize is £500; 2<sup>nd</sup> - £250; 3<sup>rd</sup> - £100, 4<sup>th</sup> - £75 & 5<sup>th</sup> - £50. Tanya and her team of helpers will be selling raffle tickets after Mass.

### 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.

### LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

Fr Chris and just over 40 pilgrims will be setting off for Lourdes on Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> July. Please keep them in your prayers for a safe journey there and back. All parishioners, especially our sick and housebound will be prayed for at Our Lady's Grotto.

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**.

### ST LAWRENCE'S SCHOOL FETE

Thank you to all who supported the School Fete last Sunday - good weather and lots of fun. A profit of £2,920 was generated, thanks once again.

## REST IN PEACE

### MICHAEL MATTHEWS RIP

We pray for the repose of the soul of Michael Matthews RIP who passed away last week. His funeral will take place here on **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July at 11.30am**. Please also keep in your prayers his wife, children and all who mourn him.

### 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](http://www.catholicchurch.org.uk/assisted-dying-bill) **IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO WRITE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND CERTAINLY BEFORE 18<sup>TH</sup> 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.

#### APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA (SEA SUNDAY)

Today is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them we would not have most of the items we buy in the shops. Today's second collection is for the Apostleship of the Sea (AoS), the Church's official maritime welfare agency. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. This annual collection is absolutely vital to enable it to continue its work, so please give generously and remember seafarers in your prayers. For more information on the work of AoS please visit [www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk](http://www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk). Thank you.

#### CATENIAN ASSOCIATION

Osterley circle is a vibrant circle of young professionals and businessmen. Any Catholic male over 21 is welcome to attend. Next meeting & dinner is Wednesday 16th July at 7:30PM in the Conservative Club, Gresham Road, Hounslow, TW3 4BX. Please contact Mike Kenton on 0208 577 0338 to book in by Sunday evening please.

## PILGRIMAGES

### LOURDES

The coach for Lourdes will be departing from **Browells Lane at 6am on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> 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 pilgrimage package from Tangney Tours including a travel voucher. If you have any queries please contact Florie in the Parish Office.

### DOWRY OF MARY PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

The Annual Pilgrimage to Walsingham takes place on **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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:

<b>Saturday 12<sup>th</sup></b> Feria	11.00 11.00 11.45 <b>12.00</b> 15.00 17.00 <b>18.00</b>	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation Benediction <b>Bernardo Pereira RIP</b> Marriage of Thomas Mahoney and Rosanna Hayes Sacrament of Reconciliation <b>People of the Parish</b>
<b>+ Sunday 13<sup>th</sup></b> 15 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year	<b>09.00</b> <b>11.00</b> <b>13.00</b> <b>18.00</b>	<b>Austin Mahon RIP</b> <b>Margaret Dineen (Mags) RIP</b> <b>Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)</b> <b>Andrzej Pichlewski RIP</b>
<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup></b> Feria	09.15 <b>09.30</b>	Morning Prayer <b>Joseph Perera RIP (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)</b>
<b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup></b> St Bonaventure	09.15 <b>09.30</b>  10.00	Morning Prayer <b>Intentions of Florence Kabuye and the Katale Kabuye Family</b> Novena to Our Lady
<b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup></b> Our Lady of Carmel	09.15 <b>09.30</b> <b>11.30</b>	Morning Prayer <b>Joyce Rosario in Thanksgiving</b> <b>FUNERAL MASS – MICHAEL MATTHEWS RIP</b>
<b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup></b> Feria	09.15 <b>09.30</b>	Morning Prayer <b>Celebrant's Intention</b>
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup></b> Feria	09.15 <b>09.30</b> 13.30	Morning Prayer <b>Owen Banningan RIP</b> Marriage of Jack Witkins and Yaryma Fancy
<b>Saturday 19<sup>th</sup></b> Feria	11.00 11.00 11.45 <b>12.00</b> 12.45  17.00 <b>18.00</b>	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation Benediction <b>Carol Narsi RIP</b> Baptisms of Ryan Shiju, Jack Alexander Santos Cole and Joel & Josiah Opoku Kwakye Sacrament of Reconciliation <b>Annette Lynch RIP</b>
<b>+ Sunday 20<sup>th</sup></b> 16 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year	<b>09.00</b> <b>11.00</b> <b>13.00</b> <b>18.00</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b> <b>Intentions of the Horeau Family</b> <b>Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)</b> <b>Eurfrocinio Mendoza RIP</b>

### Sanctuary Lamp: For World Peace

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

5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> July: Envelopes £1165.66, Loose £752.75, Standing Orders £420.00 Total: £2338.41

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**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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