



St Lawrence Catholic Church

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15th Sunday of the Year

15th/16th July 2017

Readings: Parish Mass Book Year A, Volume 2: (Missal Page 102): Isaiah 55:10-11; Psalm 64; Romans 8:18-23; Matthew 13:1-23

Next Week: Sixteenth Sunday of the Year: Page 105: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19; Psalm 85; Romans 8:26-27; Matthew 13:24-43

Dear Friends

This weekend is significant in the parish life at St Lawrence's, not because we welcomed Fr Chris (although he is welcome anytime) but because Fr Chris visited us to install the Icon of St Lawrence, which has been so generously provided to us by Helen DeJean. I'm sure you would agree with me that the events leading to the martyrdom of Lawrence on a gridiron is perhaps one of the greatest love stories that is never told, and it is in a strange way ironic that this Sunday's gospel is the parable of the sower. For in the parable of the sower we are reminded that as the seed only grows according to where it is sown we also will only grow in our faith according to how we receive the good news taught to us by Our Lord Jesus Christ. We must truly spiritually receive this in order that we bear fruit. In the third century when Lawrence presented the poor and the marginalised as the true wealth of the Church he couldn't possibly have imagined that the fruit would still be being harvested some eighteen hundred years later in Feltham. Or to put it another way Lawrence would certainly have been the seed that was sown in the rich soil.



This weekend is also significant to me in my formation towards the Permanent Diaconate as I am having the office of acolyte conferred on me by Bishop Paul McAleenan, at St Thomas of Canterbury in Fulham. This represents the beginning of the third stage in my formation (the first two being candidature and reader) and I humbly ask for your love and prayers as I continue on my journey towards ordination. Last weekend I was privileged to be on the sanctuary at Westminster Cathedral as six men from our diocese were ordained to the Permanent Diaconate by Cardinal Vincent. God willing, I will be joining them next summer.

Have a blessed week,

Colin Macken

Sunday Mass: 6pm (Vigil Mass), Sunday 9am, 11am, 1pm (Polish) & 6pm.

Weekday Mass: Monday-Friday 9.30am; Saturday 12noon

Morning Prayer: Monday-Friday 9.15am, Novena to Our Lady: Tuesdays 10am, Exposition and Benediction: Saturdays 11am, Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) – Saturday 11am and 5pm

SACRAMENTS

CONFIRMATION

The Guidelines for those wishing to enrol for the Confirmation Programme for 2017/18 are available from Bridget at all Masses this weekend.

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2018

If you would like your child to be prepared for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion in 2018, application forms will be available from Fr John or Bridget at Saturday evening and all Sunday Masses on **15th/16th July**.

Completed application forms should be returned to Bridget in the Parish Centre **on Tuesday 18th and Wednesday 19th July** between 3.30pm and 5pm.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION

If your child is in year 2 or above in September 2017 and not attending a Catholic School, we invite you to register for our Sunday School programme. The Sunday School programme takes place every Sunday during school term time from 10am - 10.45am.

Official registration will take place on 9th September at 10am in St. Lawrence's School. We require your child to attend Sunday School for one year prior to being prepared to receive First Holy Communion. Please see Bridget if you require more details

PARISH NOTICES

The winning tickets for the Hampers are: Green ticket 203 serial no. AB227933 and Pink ticket 743 serial no. AB994191. These hampers have yet to be claimed. Please check your wallets, purses and pockets as you may have the lucky ticket!

THANK YOU

Thank you to all those who supported Garden Open Day last Sunday. An amazing sum of £202 was raised for the Parish Centre from the refreshments and table top sale.

UCM

The UCM will be holding their Garden Party in the Parish Centre or the garden (weather permitting) on **Monday 17th July** at 7.30pm. Please remember your donation of party fayre.

MASS OF THANKSGIVING AND FAREWELL

On **Wednesday 19th July** Bishop John Wilson will be celebrating a special Thanksgiving Mass here at 6pm for Mr Rory McCormack, our Head Teacher at St Lawrence's, who will be retiring at the end of term. All welcome to the Mass.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF ST PAUL

Next weekend (**22nd/23rd July**) we welcome Fr Francis Raji MSP, from the Missionary Society of St Paul who will be making an appeal at all Masses. The Missionary Society of St Paul was founded by the Catholic Bishops Conference of Nigeria in 1977 and have ordained over 260 priests who minister in more than 16 countries and have over 100 seminarians in formation. See notice board for more details.

PLANT TABLE TOP SALE

Marinha Bragança will be having a plant sale on **Sunday 23rd July** after the 9am and 11am Masses, proceeds for the Parish Centre.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

Cardinal Vincent will be leading a pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham on **Saturday 7th October**. The theme of the pilgrimage this year is **LIFT UP THE LOWLY** based on the words from the Magnificat. The day will include an outdoor Mass, procession, prayers, Benediction and free time to visit the Basilica and the Slipper Chapel. A coach will leave here at 7.00am to arrive in time for the celebrations. 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 £20.00 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.**

OTHER

GUMLEY HOUSE SCHOOL FCJ

Paid work on an ad hoc basis from July to August 2017 for anyone able to help move furniture while deep cleaning takes place. If interested please contact Mrs Lonergan (Headteacher's PA) on 0208 568 8692 or by email: lloerngan@gumley.hounslow.sch.uk"

GOAN CHAPLAINCY DAY 2017

This event will take place on **Saturday 22nd July** with Mass at 1pm at St Anselm's Church, Southall followed by a party at Villiers High School. Please see poster on notice board. Tickets available from Florie in the parish office.

YOUTH 2000'S SUMMER FESTIVAL: INHERITANCE

A festival for Young Adults 16-35 and families will take place in Walsingham from **24th-28th August** based on the theme INHERITANCE (*We have a promise of an inheritance that can never be spoiled or fade away, kept for you in the heavens 1 Peter 1:3-4*). The Festival will comprise of dynamic talks, creative workshops, adoration & workshop, Reconciliation & Healing. For details and to register please visit www.youth2000.org or email info@youth2000.org or telephone 01328 821153.

ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Open Day and Evening for Admission to Year 7 in 2018 will be held on **Thursday, 28th September 2017**, 8.45 am – 10.15 am, 11.00 am – 12.20 pm and 6.00 pm – 8.30 pm (1 hour tours). Address by the Headteacher, James Mc Nulty at 6.45 pm and 7.30 pm. We look forward to welcoming you.

REST IN PEACE

BRIAN HUNT RIP

We pray for the repose of the soul of Brian Hunt RIP who died recently. Brian and the Hunt Family lived in Feltham and were members of this parish for many years. In recent years he was in a care home in Rickmansworth. Please also keep in your prayers all the family and friends who mourn him. His Requiem Mass will take place here on **Monday 17th July** at 2pm.

BABY ALOYSIUS CALDEIRA RIP

We pray for the repose of God's little angel, baby Aloysius Caldeira RIP who died recently. Please keep his parents and family in your prayers at this very difficult and sad time.

Thank you for your generosity in last week's collection:

8-9 July: Envelopes £870.44; Loose: £902.63
Standing Orders: £750.00 **Total: £2,523.07**

Parish Centre Building Fund: £222.36

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 15 th	11.00 12.00 17.00 18.00	No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation Daniel Archi (Good Health) Sacrament of Reconciliation Sir Ronald Hobson RIP
Sun 16 th	09.00 11.00 13.00 18.00	People of the Parish Clive Cunningham RIP Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Joseph Perera RIP (Anniversary)
Mon 17 th	09.30 14.00	Sr Winifred Graham (Intention) FUNERAL MASS – BRIAN HUNT RIP
Tues 18 th	09.30	Sr Mary Andrew Flaherty RIP
Wed 19 th	09.30 18.00	Cesar Fulgencio and Alleli Conte RIP Mass in Thanksgiving for Mr Rory McCormack
Thurs 20 th	09.30	John Callan RIP
Fri 21 st	09.30	Celebrant's Intention
Sat 22 nd	11.00 11.00 12.00 15.00 17.00 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation Royle van Sanden RIP Mass in Tagalog for the Filipino Community Sacrament of Reconciliation Intentions of the Windsor Family
Sun 23 rd	09.00 11.00 13.00 14.30 18.00	Margaret Harries RIP John Igboanugo Junior RIP Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Mass led by the African Community People of the Parish
Sanctuary Lamp: For the victims of Grenfell Towers RIP		