

**St Lawrence Catholic Church**

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| **17th Sunday of the Year** |  | **29th/30th July 2017** |

**Readings:** **Parish Mass Book Year A, Volume 2**: (Missal Page108): 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12; Psalm 118; Romans 8:28-30; Matthew 13:44-52

**Next Week: TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD:** Page 173: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; Psalm 96; 2 Peter 1:16-19; Matthew 17:1-9

 **A Treasure Worth Keeping**

The kingdom of heaven is worth investing everything we love to acquire. But we need the wisdom from God to do this.

It is not only in holy places like churches or on religious occasions, that we find God and feel close to him.

In Jesus’ story it was while the man was going about his daily work of digging that he found the treasure. The treasure we look for is hidden right where we are, and we will never be truly happy unless we find that treasure God has hidden in our own lives, that is, the treasure of our own worth as his children.

In his love for us God has given each of us the treasure of our divine dignity as his children. We must be careful not to throw it away.

**FR. JOHN**

**PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The Parish Annual General Meeting will take place on

**Sunday 1st October** at 12 noon in the Parish Centre

*The winning tickets for the Hamper Raffle are: Green ticket 203 serial no. AB227933 and Pink ticket 743 serial no. AB994191. The hampers will be held for one more week until Monday 7th August!*

**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**

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**SACRAMENTS**

**BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS**

A warm welcome to Xavier David Cimpoias who will be baptised this weekend and offer our warmest congratulations to his family

**WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS**

Our warmest congratulations to Matthew Newman and Claire Butcher who celebrate the sacrament of marriage this weekend.

**CONFIRMATION**

The Guidelines for those wishing to enrol for the Confirmation Programme for 2017/18 are available from Bridget.

**FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

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

**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**

**FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE MORNING**

There will be a CAFOD Coffee morning after the 9.30am Mass on **Friday 4th August.**

**MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF ST PAUL**

Thank you for your generous support last weekend, a sum of £829.87 was raised for the work of the Society.

**PLANT SALE - THANK YOU**

Marinha Bragança would like to thank all who supported the plant sale, a sum of £100 was raised 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. **There are now only a few seats left.** **To secure your seat please post your money in an envelope, clearly marked with your name and “WALSINGHAM”, to the Parish Office**.

**OTHER**

[**POWER TO BE CAMPAIGN: EMAIL THE WORLD BANK**](https://goo.gl/1RbtoF)

Join CAFOD's Power to be campaign and email the World Bank to call for local, renewable energy that reaches the poorest communities worldwide <https://goo.gl/1RbtoF>

**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 spoilt 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](http://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**

**JOHN HOURIHAN RIP**

It is with sadness that we learnt of the sudden death on Monday of John Hourihan RIP. Please pray for the repose of his soul and also keep in your prayers his children Kevin and Joanne.

We pray for the repose of God’s little angels, **baby Silas Dias RIP** and **baby Aloysius Caldeira RIP** who died recently. Please keep their parents and family in your prayers at this very difficult and sad time.

The funeral for **baby Silas Dias** **RIP** will take place here on **Tuesday, 1st August** at 9.30am. There will be no morning prayer today.

**Thank you for your generosity in last week’s collection:**

*22-23 July*: Envelopes £860.82; Loose: £813.45

Standing Orders: £750.00 **Total: £2,424.27**

Parish Centre Building Fund: £126.94

**MASS INTENTIONS**

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| Sat 29th  | *11.00**11.00*12.00*13.00**17.00*18.00 | *Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation*Lisa Young RIP*(Baptism of Xavier David Cimpoias)* *Marriage of Matthew Newman and*  *Claire Butcher**Sacrament of Reconciliation*Gerry Ward RIP |
| Sun 30th  | 09.0011.0013.0018.00 | Estella Rodrigues RIP (Anniversary)Joe Cahill RIPMass in Polish (Msza sw.)People of the Parish |
| Mon 31st  | 09.30 | David, Rose and Philip D’Souza RIP |
| Tues 1st  | 09.30 | *No Morning Prayer*FUNERAL MASS – BABY SILAS DIAS RIP |
| Wed 2nd  | 09.30 | Rita Connor RIP |
| Thurs 3rd  | 09.30 | Gerry Ward RIP |
| Fri 4th  | 09.30 | Sr Margaret Horan RIP |
| Sat 5th  | *11.00**11.00*12.00*12.45**17.00*18.00 | *Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation*Alleluia D’Souza RIP*Baptisms of Maddieson Tayte Clarke, Ayden Giovany Dodzi Denyo and Kader Ahmed* *No Sacrament of Reconciliation*Gerry Ward RIP |
| Sun 6th  | 09.0011.0013.00*15.00*18.00 | In Thanksgiving – Gashu FamilyHarry Haldane RIPMass in Polish (Msza sw.)*Marriage of Thomas Black and*  *Melissa Das*People of the Parish |
| Sanctuary Lamp: Ugowe Family in Thanksgiving |