

This week at St Lawrence's



31st May/1st June 2014

The Ascension of the Lord
(Missal Page 272 – YEAR A)



Pentecost Sunday (Missal Page 288): Acts 2:1-11; Psalm 103; 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13; John 20:19-23

Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 46; Ephesians 1:17-23; Matthew 28:16-20

Dear Friends,

“Are you lonesome...?” So goes the great Elvis Presley’s song, as some of you may remember!

The terrible pains of loneliness afflict everyone from time to time. No one escapes. Rich or poor, educated or simple, healthy or sick, believer or atheist, saint or sinner. You. Me. For some people, the experience of loneliness has somehow pushed them to new heights of creativity and self-expression in art, music, literature and study. But it has driven others to gambling, drink, gluttony and self-harm. Loneliness has moved some people to seek and find loving encounters in deep friendship and service, or true sexual fulfilment in marriage and family life. But it has driven others to prostitution, pornography and sexual perversions. For some people, loneliness has been the path that has led them to a deeper relationship with God, and to a life of contemplative, and even mystical prayer. But it has brought others to jump off bridges, or throw themselves under a train, or hang themselves, or to end their lives by a fatal over-dose.

Even people who are happily married, or have an exciting social life, or who live in a community, can still be afflicted by loneliness. And there are some very sensitive people, even those surrounded by loving family and caring friends, who can feel lonely nearly all the time. Many people will be lonely, but they will not admit it. They regard it as a personal failure. They think loneliness is a weakness, something to be hidden. These people may put on a wide smile. Yet they suffer behind closed doors. They cry alone. Our experience, in fact, is rooted in the lonely make-up of the human heart. Your heart and mine. It is a loneliness that can never be taken away completely by any human love. To those whose lives are devastated by loneliness, or those who live in the fear of some future loneliness, through bereavement, or sickness, or old age, the Church today celebrates a word of immense hope.

Today is the **Feast of the Ascension**. But this feast does not commemorate a departure. No! It celebrates a presence and a promise:

I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS, EVEN TO THE END OF TIME.

Most of us need to hear this promise personally and often. It is a promise that can inject a massive dose of hope and courage into our veins! This promise can help us to live at peace with our loneliness and restlessness. And to accept the limitations of the people we love, not demanding from them what they cannot give us. Celebrate today. Hear the promise. Believe the word. Receive new hope. Have peace. Be grateful. May God bless you all.

Fr Fortunato

SACRAMENTS

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

We offer our warmest congratulations to the following children who will be receiving their First Holy Communion this weekend -

Saturday 31st May at 12.00noon

Harrison Elizondo-Carter, Megan Elizabeth Crook, Lucas Bruxelles, Taiyo Joshua Talbot, Kieran James Collins, Charlie Teba Mobo, Joel Uwechue, Laila Nicholaou, Marcus Brady, Alessandra Di Benedetio, Khiara Duncan, Jakub Piotr Lewandowski, Bryan Dugblo, Junior Clemant Ngubu and Iremide Emmanuel Badejo

Saturday 31st May at 6.00pm

Eghosa Joshua Omosigho, Elijah Mwiru, Charlotte Ann Smith, Dylan Francis MacKenzie and Ryan Onye

We pray that they will continue to grow in the love of the Lord.

CONFIRMATION

Please keep in your prayers our young people who will be Confirmed next Saturday, 7th June at 3pm.

PARISH NOTICES

FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE MORNING

There will be the usual First Friday Coffee Morning after the 9.30am Mass on **6th June**. The early bird Mass will take place at 06.45am.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Fr Chris would like to meet with the Social Committee on **Monday 2nd June** at 6.30pm in the presbytery. On the agenda will be the distribution of funds raised by the Social Committee as well as other matters.

UCM

The UCM will meet on **Monday 2nd June** for their mass at 7.30pm. Please will members make every effort to attend. The Westminster Diocesan President has been invited and we would like to have a full membership present.

MISSIO COLLECTORS

Please collect your Summer edition Magazines from the porch.

PARISH COUNCIL

Four vacancies have arisen for the Parish Council Committee and we are looking for nominations of candidates. There are forms at the back of Church if you would like to complete and return to the Parish Office. Closing date for nominations is **Sunday 15th June**.

CHARITY EVENT IN MEMORY OF NIGEL OWEN

The Seventh Feltham Sea Scouts will be holding a Barbecue on **Saturday 21st June from 4.00pm to 9.00pm** in memory of the late Nigel Owen in St Lawrence's School Hall. *Tickets on sale after weekend Mass: Adults and children over 11 - £7.00, Children 3-11 years £3.00 and children under 3 - Free.*

CAFOD PEDAL AGAINST POVERTY

John Butcher together with Colin and Conor Macken took part in this fundraising event last Sunday. Please can you pay any sponsorship monies due into the parish office as soon as possible. It is not too late to sponsor this event and if you can help please donate £1 by texting STLW99 followed by a space and then £1 to 70070 (please get the bill payers permission) or for larger amounts visit our Just Giving page at www.justgiving.com/Colin-Macken1/

LIFE – TEN BRIDGES LONDON WALK

"Mary Crawley and Francoise Woods completed this walk on Sunday 11th May. Thank you to all who sponsored them. Over £400 has been raised for the Life Pregnancy Care Centre in Hounslow. Thank you very much. Any outstanding sponsorship money can be left in the Parish Office in a marked envelope. A big thank you to Mary and Francoise. *Annie Burke*"

RETIRING COLLECTION – WORLD COMMUNICATIONS SUNDAY

The Catholic Communications Network (CCN) is the media office for the Catholic Church in England and Wales and provides support for the bishops of England and Wales and the Church more widely in promoting the Gospel through the media on current issue. There will be a retiring collection after all Masses this weekend to fund the work of the CCN.

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

St Paul's College Car Wash

A group of students from St Paul's College, Sunbury are going to Lourdes as Redcaps and will be at St Lawrence's this Sunday at the 9am and 11am Masses raising funds by doing a car wash. Please support them as best you can.

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.

OTHER

THE EPISCOPAL ORDINATION OF MGR NICHOLAS HUDSON

We have a new Auxiliary Bishop in Westminster and parishioners are invited to attend the Episcopal Ordination of Mgr. Hudson in Westminster Cathedral on **Wednesday, 4 June, 2014** at 11 am. There will be limited seating and the Cathedral will be open from 10am. If you are planning on attending arrive early or take a folding seat with you.

CELEBRATE TWICKENHAM

On **Saturday, June 28th and Sunday 29th** at Gumley House Convent School, St John's Road, Isleworth TW7 6XF. Celebrate Twickenham is a lively, Catholic, faith filled weekend for the whole family organised by a team from Catholic Charismatic Renewal – with inspiring talks and workshops, streams for children & young adults aged 3 to 21 and Mass on both days. It's a perfect way for everyone to share and join together in a vibrant atmosphere to celebrate the love of God. Saturday Registration starts at 9am and the evening ends around 9.30pm. Sunday registration starts at 9am and the afternoon ends at 3.30pm. Booking forms available from the Parish Office. Costs: Adults 22 and over - £40, Creche (0-3 years) – Free, Reception to School Year 6 - £10, School Year 7 to 11 - £15 and Sixth Form & Young Adults - £20. For more details visit the website at: www.celebrateconference.org. The theme this year is "Jesus – the hope of all the world (Matt 12:21)". **Highly Recommended!**

SPIRIT IN THE CITY FESTIVAL

The biggest Catholic Faith Celebration in West End Churches in the heart of London **11-14 June 2014**. Come and join us for the four-day celebration of our Catholic faith, including; Gregorian chants, uplifting presentations, workshops, Eucharistic street processions, prayer, reflections of the theme of joy and much more. On Saturday 14th June, outdoor celebration in Leicester Square with live music on stage, workshops, prayer and reconciliation services. Spirit in the City is one example of what shines out from Pope Francis' invitation – **dare to go out to the market-places and share the wonderful gift of our faith** with all the people we happen to meet. For detailed programme see the leaflets or visit www.spiritinthecity.org. Email: info@spiritinthecity.org, twitter: @SiTC_Festival or Tel: 020 7440 2663.

REST IN PEACE

AMY RUTH QUINN RIP

We pray for the repose of the soul of Amy Ruth Quinn RIP whose funeral will take place at St Augustine's Care Home Chapel, Firfield House, Simplemarsh Road, Addlestone KT15 1QR on Tuesday 10th June at 10.30am followed by burial at Bedfont Cemetery at 12.30pm. Please keep in your prayers her family and all who mourn her.

Mass intentions and other services this week:

Saturday 31st THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	12.00 17.00 18.00	For World Peace (First Holy Communion Mass) Sacrament of Reconciliation People of the Parish (First Holy Communion Mass)
+ First Mass of Sunday		
+ Sunday 1st THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD	09.00 11.00 13.00 18.00	Victoria Carbungco RIP Frank O'Connor RIP Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Bouchereau Family Intentions
Monday 2nd Easter Feria	09.15 09.30	Morning Prayer David Hayes RIP
Tuesday 3rd St Charles Lwanga and Companions	09.15 09.30	Morning Prayer Fr Bill Wilby (Intention)
Wednesday 4th Easter Feria	09.15 09.30	Morning Prayer Alex Soares RIP
Thursday 5th St Boniface	09.15 09.30	Morning Prayer Oby Esther Onyiuke RIP
Friday 6th Easter Feria	06.45 09.15 09.30	Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart of Jesus Morning Prayer Albert Fowles RIP
Saturday 7th Easter Feria	12.00 17.00 15.00 18.00	David Hayes RIP Sacrament of Reconciliation SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION Philomena Hoareau (Intention)
+ First Mass of Sunday		
+ Sunday 8th PENTECOST SUNDAY	09.00 11.00 13.00 15.00 18.00	Sharyn Chapple in Thanksgiving Christopher Maple (Intention) Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Baptism of Antony Calmiano People of the Parish

Sanctuary Lamp: Austin Mahon RIP

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

24th/25th May: Envelopes £924.86, Loose £798.76, Standing Orders £420.00 Total: £2123.62
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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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