

This week at St Lawrence's



13th/14th June 2015



11th Sunday of the Year
(Missal Page 95– YEAR B Vol. 2)

Ezekiel 17:22-24; Psalm 91; 2 Corinthians 5:6-10; Mark 4:26-34
12th Sunday of the Year (Missal Page 98); Job 38:1, 8-11; Psalm 106;
2 Corinthians 5:14-17; Mark 4:35-41

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The month of June is traditionally dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the highest human expression of divine love. Just this past Friday, in fact, we celebrated the *Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus*: the feast that sets the tone for the whole month. Popular piety highly prizes symbols, and the Heart of Jesus is the ultimate symbol of God's mercy – but it is not an imaginary symbol, it is a real symbol, which represents the centre, the source from which salvation for all humanity gushed forth. In the Gospels we find several references to the Heart of Jesus, for example, in the passage where Christ says: “*Come unto me, all ye that labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest ... for I am meek and humble of heart.* (Mt 11:28-29)” Then there is the key story of the death of Christ according to John. This evangelist in fact testifies to what he saw on Calvary: that a soldier, when Jesus was already dead, pierced his side with a spear, and from the wound flowed blood and water (cf. Jn 19:33-34). John recognized in that – apparently random – sign, the fulfilment of prophecies: from the heart of Jesus, the Lamb slain on the cross, flow forgiveness and life for all men. But the mercy of Jesus is not just sentiment: indeed it is a force that gives life, it is the power that raises man up!

All of us need to experience resurrection in our own life; we need the experience of deep security; experience of feeling very protected, and having a safe place. Without it, the chaos and suffering that we see all around us, or that we experience deep within us, can be overwhelming and destructive. Some events are so chaotic, so shocking, and so dreadful, that we may find it impossible to face them and cope. We escape or we enter into denial. The Church however offers us a place where we can have a real experience of being loved, of being held. Not a place where we can regress or a place of infantile hiding, but a place of intimacy, acceptance and affirmation where we can grow in love. Above all, we need the experience of being held close to the heart of God, a transforming experience of being held in the embrace of absolute LOVE. May God bless you and your family.

Fr Fortunato

SACRAMENTS

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2016

If you would like your child to be prepared for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion in June 2016, registration dates are as follows:

Tuesday 30th June, Wednesday 1st July, Thursday 2nd July - 3.30pm -6.30pm

Saturday 4th July – 9.30am – 11.30am & 4.30pm – 5.30pm

Tuesday 7th July, Wednesday 8th July, Thursday 9th July - 3.30pm -6.30pm

Please wait in Church with your child to complete an application form with Bridget. If your child was not baptised at St Lawrence's, you will need to provide a copy of their Baptismal Certificate.

PARISH NOTICES

UCM

The UCM will meet on **Monday 16th June** for the termly Mass in the Centre at 7.30pm. All members are reminded to come and any lady parishioner who may be interested in joining the UCM will be welcome.

PROCLAIM '15

The four groups started last week. Please note that the Tuesday group will be joining the Thursday Group on June 18th (they will **not** be meeting on 16th June), then the following week they will meet on Tuesday 23rd. There is still time to join a group:

i) Monday June 15th and 22nd at 10am after Mass in the Church or Prayer Room

ii) Tuesday June 23rd at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre

iii) Thursday June 18th (with the Tuesday Group) and 25th at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre

iv) A group for young people and young adults 14+ on Friday 19th June and July 3rd at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre

PARISH BARBECUE

The Parish Barbecue will take place on **Saturday 20th June** in the Parish Centre after the 6pm Mass. Tickets on sale after Mass at £6.00 for adults and £3.00 for children under 11 years. Bring your own drink. Plenty of lovely raffle prizes.

ITALIAN EVENING

SLYC presents a night to remember on **Friday 26th June** at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. A three course Italian meal served by our youth and an evening of fun, music and raffles. Bring your own drink. Tickets are £10.00 per person. All proceeds towards the Lourdes Pilgrimage.

THE LIFE OF CHRIST

On **Tuesday 23rd June** we are hoping to travel to Guildford for the amazing five-hour open air version of the Life of Christ. The performance starts at 10.00am and finishes at 4.00pm, and adult tickets are £18.00. If you would like to go please give your name, contact details and full payment to the Parish Office and we will let you know the travel plans. **Last call for anyone that would like to go to this event – by 12 noon on Monday 15th June.**

FREE NHS HEALTH CHECK

An NHS health team in partnership with St Lawrence's Church will be doing free NHS health checks and giving free advice on how to stay healthy. **Date: Sunday 21st June from 9am to 12 noon** at St Lawrence's School Hall, Victoria Road, Feltham. The Health check includes Cholesterol and Blood Glucose tests, Blood Pressure, Weight, waist and Body Mass Index, Advice on healthy eating and getting active. The service is available to local residents aged 40 - 74 years, registered with a Hounslow GP and with no pre-existing medical conditions. See poster on notice board.

PARISH CENTRE BUILDING FUND UPDATE AS AT 09/06/15

Our Target £250,000.00

No. of pledges:	139	Bucket Appeal:	£1,985.89
Total amount pledged:	£56,238.31	Total amount banked:	£31,488.07

REVEREND DANIEL HUMPHREYS

A reminder that Daniel's ordination takes place on **Saturday 27th June** at 10.30am at Westminster Cathedral. Anyone wishing to attend this ceremony are advised to get there early for a good seat.

MISSIO SUMMER EDITION

Collectors please collect your copies from the table in the porch

2015 PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY

The pilgrimage commences with a BA flight to Rome and we will be visiting Lanciano, site of the Eucharistic miracle; Loreto, actual house of the Holy Family from Nazareth, and finally San Giovanni, Shrine of St Padre Pio. The date is from **Tuesday, 8th September returning on Sunday 13th September** and the total cost is £735 on a half-board basis. Our Travel agent has informed us that we have been allocated additional places on this pilgrimage. If you are interested in securing a place, please pick up a booking form and itinerary from the office.

An early reminder to those who have already paid their deposit is that the outstanding balance must be received by Pax Travel by the **8th July 2015**, they will not be sending out any reminder letters

OTHER

CELEBRATE TWICKENHAM

On **Saturday, June 20th and Sunday 21st** at St Mary's University, Waldegrave Road, Twickenham, Greater London TW1 4SX.. *The theme this year is "Your word is a lamp to guide my feet (Psalm 119:105).* For more details visit the website at: www.celebrateconference.org or see flyers in the porch. **Highly Recommended**

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2016

Pope Francis has invited young people from all over the world to join him in Poland next year. Our own diocese are arranging a pilgrimage for this event from **19th – 31st July**. The cost is £750.00, including travel by coach and accommodation, and is open to young people who will be aged 18 or over by 19th July 2016. To indicate your interest in this pilgrimage please print your name and contact number on the list in the Church porch. Get your name in early before the list closes!

FOUNDATION DEGREE IN HEALTHCARE CHAPLAINCY

St Mary's University, Twickenham is recruiting students to begin its successful Foundation Degree in Healthcare chaplaincy. This part time two year course provides Priests, Religious and lay people with a recognised NHS qualification to be appointed as a Roman Catholic Hospital Chaplain. Supported by the Diocese of Westminster and the Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales, the Foundation Degree combines pastoral experience with Theological learning to equip chaplains and volunteers to work on behalf of the Church serving patients and staff within the NHS. For more details or to enrol for October, please email the Cardinal's Advisor for Healthcare Chaplains: Fr Peter Scott at peterscott@rcdow.org.uk.

TEN TEN THEATRE

"Ten Ten, the Catholic professional theatre company, is recruiting for a 'Head of Sales and Marketing' (fixed-term) and a team of 'Education Resource Writers' (freelance) to join its small, family-run team. For more information, visit tententheatre.co.uk/recruitment/"

STOREHOUSE FOOD BANK

Storehouse was started in 1996 by Riverside Vineyard Church who support those in the community who were struggling by themselves. This week they desperately need fanned meat and vegetables. A collection box will be in the Church each weekend and will be emptied and taken to Storehouse each week. Thank you for your support.

REST IN PEACE

VALERIE CURRAN RIP

We pray for the repose of the soul of **Valerie Curran RIP** whose funeral will take place at Feltham Cemetery on **Friday 19th June** at 10.30am. Please also keep in your prayers all the family and friends who mourn her.

Mass intentions and other services this week:

Saturday 13th Feria	11.00-11.30 12.00 17.00 18.00	No Exposition Sacrament of Reconciliation First Holy Communion Thanksgiving Mass Sacrament of Reconciliation Deceased members of the O'Hanlon Family RIP
+ Sunday 14th 11 th Sunday of the Year	09.00 11.00 13.00 18.00	Starina D'Souza RIP Elias Baldesco (Birthday Intention) Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) People of the Parish
Monday 15th Feria	09.15 09.30	Morning Prayer Gerry Ward (Birthday Intention)
Tuesday 16th Feria	09.15 09.30 10.00	Morning Prayer Giacomo Leccese (Get Well) Novena to Our Lady
Wednesday 17th Feria	09.15 09.30	Morning Prayer Bernard Keaveney RIP
Thursday 18th Feria	09.15 09.30	Morning Prayer Hubert De Souza and deceased members of the DeSouza Family RIP
Friday 19th Feria	09.15 09.30	Morning Prayer Marie Ryan RIP
Saturday 20th Feria	11.00 11.00 11.30 12.00 12.45 14.00 17.00 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation Benediction Nirmala Hinduja RIP (Anniversary) Baptisms of Kirsten Serginson, Teddy James Magnier and Darcy Siân Ellis Baptisms of Joshua Lorge Santillan, Kylie Angel Villamor Bruno and Nyla Anaïs Gilber Sacrament of Reconciliation For the intentions of the Power Family
+ Sunday 21st 12 th Sunday of the Year	09.00 11.00 13.00 18.00	Christine & Michael Bigley RIP Ian Dias RIP (1st Anniversary) Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) People of the Parish

Sanctuary Lamp: Hubert De Souza RIP

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

6th/7th June: Envelopes: £1302.96 Loose: £717.14 Standing Orders: £497.25 Total: £2,517.35
Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trustees: Registered Charity No. 233699-

Sunday Mass Times: Saturday 6 pm (Vigil Mass), Sunday 9 am, 11 am, 1pm (Polish) & 6 pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) - Saturday 11am & 5pm

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