

This week at St Lawrence's



27th/28th June 2015

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL
(Missal Page 172 – YEAR B Vol. 2)

Acts 12:1-11; Psalm 33; 2 Timothy 4:6-8; 17-18; Matthew 16:13-19
14th Sunday of the Year (Missal Page 103): Ezekiel 2:2-5; Psalm 122;
2 Corinthians 12:7-10; Mark 6:1-6



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This weekend here in England we celebrate the *Solemnity of St Peter and St Paul*, and so we will hear about them during Mass. In this newsletter however I'd like to continue reflecting on the theme: *trusting in the Lord*, presented in the Ordinary Time Sunday's Gospel of Mark.

Mark invites us to meditate on two other of Jesus' miracles. The first miracle is worked for a woman considered impure because she suffered from a haemorrhage for 12 years. The second one is worked for a 12 years old girl who has just died. According to religious customs in ancient Israel any person who touched blood or a dead body was considered impure. Theologically speaking both stories manifest to us the effect and consequence of sin: loosing blood which means loosing life and the sting of sin that is death.

We may or we may not, be bleeding or be dead physically, but perhaps emotionally or psychologically some of us may be grievously wounded or even dead. Is there anyone among us then who does not need the forgiveness and healing love of God to touch them? Most of us know, only too well, that if our lives were put under the moral magnifying glass; if our hearts and minds could be X-rayed for sin and hypocrisy, then our only hope would be the mercy and compassion of God, just as it was shown to the two women. Christ desires to be touched by us so that He can raise us up. He does not care what opinion people may have of him, but He cares about you and me.

Therefore, whatever the sins, imperfections, blemishes and deviations we all show - or we desperately try to hide or disguise - they need not control us, scandalize us and depress us, or drag us down to self-hatred or utter despair. NO! Because God's forgiveness is greater than any sin or failing of ours, and His compassion can bring us back from sickness to health, from death to life. God's mercy can loosen the grip of our vices and sins, our addictions and slaveries. His forgiveness is absolute. His love is unconditional. This is the Good News for all of us. That is why we need never hide the worst truths about our lives; never be afraid to bring out into the light, all our murky secrets and all the skeletons in our cupboards. The truth and nothing else but the whole truth! This is the way to healing. And so once again we are called to TRUST and have FAITH in the Lord. May God bless you and heal you.

Fr Fortunato

OUR NEW PRIEST

I had previously let you know that once Fr Fortunato moves to his new assignment in Bishop's Stortford our new Assistant Priest was to be Fr Jeffrey Downie. Fr Jeffrey has now been re-assigned to St Joseph's in Hanwell. I am therefore delighted to tell you that we are being joined in September by **Fr Biju John**, a priest from Kerala in India who has been working in our Diocese for several years, most recently at the Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden. I know he can be assured of a wonderful welcome.

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

CELEBRATING MARRIAGE

A few weeks ago four married couples from the parish were invited to meet with Fr Chris to watch a short film on the Sacrament of Marriage and to share with each other on some of the joys and challenges of married and family life. It was such an inspiring and helpful evening that Fr Chris would like to extend the invitation to all married couples in the parish (of any age! to join him in the Parish Centre on **Thursday 2nd July** at 7.00pm to repeat the same format and to share with other members of the parish family just what your marriage means to you. It promises to be a beautiful evening.

FIRST FRIDAY

There will be an early bird Mass on **Friday 3rd July** at 06.45am.

The CAFOD First Friday Coffee morning will take place after the 9.30am Mass.

UCM

The UCM will meet on **Monday 29th June at 7.30pm**, the weekend of St Peter and St Paul. We will celebrate the feast with an evening of fun and celebration. We hope all members will come along and join in the fun.

PROCLAIM '15

The last session for young people and young adults takes place on **Friday 3rd July at 7.30pm** in the Parish Centre.

REVEREND DANIEL HUMPHREYS

Congratulations to Daniel who was ordained to the priesthood on Saturday. On **Sunday 5th July** we are immensely privileged to welcome "Fr Daniel" to celebrate the 11.00am Mass, followed by a 'bring and share' lunch in the School hall. This promises to be a wonderful day and a great opportunity to welcome him home! Sign-up sheets for party food and helpers in the porch.

NEW ALTAR SERVERS

There will be a training morning for new Altar Servers on **Saturday 4th and 11th July, starting at 10am** in Church. All children who have made their First Holy Communion are very welcome to join St Lawrence's serving team.

WANTED – A MAN WITH A VAN

With the impending redevelopment of the Parish Centre we are looking for someone who is able to make occasional visits to the tip for us. Please contact the Parish Office if you can help.

ALSO WANTED...

We are looking for someone who could help us update our parish registers. This is quite a big project but can be done over time. All that is required is neat handwriting and a lot of patience. Please ask at the Parish Office for more details.

LIFE COFFEE MORNING

What? Tea, coffee, cakes, bric-a-brac, toys and books will be on sale at this coffee morning. Do come for a cuppa, chat and a bargain. **When and where?** Sunday 12th July in the Parish Centre after the 9am and 11am Masses.

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 Tues, 8th Sept returning on Sun 13th Sept 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

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

The Annual Peter's Pence Collection will be taken up this weekend after all Masses.

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!

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 tinned 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.

GUMLEY HOUSE CONVENT SCHOOL FETE

The Gumley House Convent School summer Fete will take place on **Sunday 5th July** from 12.00noon to 4.00pm. Please note that there will be **no parking** at the school and the entrance is at Gumley Gardens off St John's Road, Isleworth.

THE SVP ST JOHN BOSCO CHILDREN'S SUMMER CAMP

The SVP St John Bosco Children's Summer Camp (held at Aldham, Essex) is an activities camp with a Catholic ethos that runs as follows:
Week One Saturday 25 July - 1 August for Boys; Week Two Saturday 1 August - 8 August for Boys
Week Three Saturday 8 August - 15 August for Girls
It is for children aged 8 to 13 and costs £145 per week. Transport available from various parts of London. Should you require an application form or more information then please contact (between 6pm and 9pm) the boys' camp on 01708 509790 or the girls' camp on 01634 311350. More information can be found on the website <http://svpboscocamp.org.uk>

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the souls of **Sidney Chitson RIP and Joan Patricia Terry RIP** who passed away recently.

Sidney Chitson's funeral will take place at Hanworth Crematorium on **Friday 3rd July** at 3.40pm.

Joan Patricia Terry's funeral will take place here on **Wednesday 8th July** at 10.30am

Please also keep in your prayers all the family who mourn them.

Mass intentions and other services this week:

Saturday 27th St John Southworth	11.00 11.00 11.30 12.00 15.00 17.00 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation Benediction In Thanksgiving Teresita Logarta Mass in Tagalog for the Filipino Community Sacrament of Reconciliation Harry & Philomena Booker RIP
+ Sunday 28th STS PETER AND PAUL	09.00 11.00 13.00 14.30 18.00	Olga Pereira RIP People of the Parish Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Mass led by the African Community Giuseppe Leonetti RIP (1 Month)
Monday 29th Feria	09.15 09.30	Morning Prayer Breda Fowles (90th Birthday Intention)
Tuesday 30th Feria	09.15 09.30 10.00	Morning Prayer Glen Vaughan RIP Novena to Our Lady
Wednesday 1st DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL	09.15 09.30	Morning Prayer Celebrant's Intention
Thursday 2nd Feria	09.15 09.30	Morning Prayer Fr Daniel Humphreys (Intention)
Friday 3rd ST THOMAS	06.45 09.15 09.30	Sebastiana Escolastica Rato RIP (2nd Anniversary) Morning Prayer Breda Fowles (Intention)
Saturday 4th Feria	11.00 11.00 11.30 12.00 12.45 15.00 17.00 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation Benediction Katherine Jackson (Intention) Baptisms of Lenny George Parkes, Albert Bernard Davies, Bella Florence Davies and Alexandra Bondoc Baptism of Nikie Owen Sacrament of Reconciliation In Thanksgiving for Baby Harry
+ Sunday 5th 14 th Sunday of the Year	09.00 11.00 13.00 18.00	People of the Parish Fr Daniel Humphreys in Thanksgiving Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Valerie Curran RIP

Sanctuary Lamp: Odette Yongue (Intention)

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

20th/21st June: Envelopes: £792.91 Loose: £533.92 Standing Orders: £488.25 Total: £1815.08
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Sunday Mass Times: Saturday 6 pm (Vigil Mass), Sunday 9 am, 11 am, 1 pm (Polish) & 6 pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) - Saturday 11am & 5pm

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