

This week at St Lawrence's



28th/29th June 2014

Saint Peter and Saint Paul
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Acts:12:1-11; Psalm 33; 2 Timothy 4:6-8 17-18; Matthew 16:13-19
14th Sunday of the Year (Missal Page 99); Zechariah 9:9-10; Psalm 144;
Romans 8:9, 11-13; Matthew 11:25-30

Dear Friends,

The novel “*Quo Vadis?*” by the great Polish writer *Henryk Sienkiewicz* was the inspiration for the Hollywood epic movie “*QUO VADIS?*” *Did you watch it?* The novel is based on the story: that as Saint Peter was fleeing Rome to escape the persecution of Christians by Nero, he met a stranger on the *Via Appia*, the Appian Way, the famous road that leads into Rome. Peter said to the stranger: “*Quo vadis?*” (“*Where are you going?*”), and the stranger immediately answered: “*I am going to Rome to be crucified again.*” Peter then realised that the stranger was Christ himself, and so understood that he must return to Rome himself, and face the persecution.

Many of us have our own *Via Appia*, and our own well-trodden escape route. In the face of difficult responsibilities in the family or at work; when tempted; or perhaps in relationships that failed and for which we blame ourselves; or perhaps a pregnancy outside marriage; an abortion; a horrible deceit; an infidelity in marriage; or in priesthood; or in religious life; a terrible mistake we made against our parents, family or children. Many of us just want to run away, escape; to console ourselves, sometimes with consolations we later regret, that cause us shame and remorse. We might think we were given our chance in life, but we ruined it. We are paying the price. *Will there be another chance?* - YES!

YES, Christ appears to us, going to the very place from which we are running away, the Cross. For those of us who worry and doubt, today’s feast of the Apostles Peter and Paul comes with a message of hope and a promise of healing. Peter betrayed Christ denying him three times on the night of the passion, the very hour where Christ needed him most of all. Paul persecuted Christ in women and children even, hounding them and sending them to prison. We too have betrayed Christ many times, and in many ways. We too by our selfishness and sin have persecuted Christ in others.

The Good News however revealed in the lives of Peter and Paul is that we can take our place among the sinners. Among all those with broken lives and shameful secrets, we know one thing for certain: our sins and mistakes need not dominate or kill us, because they are not for ever. God gives us what he gave Peter and Paul – a second chance...and a third...and a fourth... And these “*second*” chances are as valid as the first. Nothing is irrevocable in our lives. Absolutely nothing. Because Christianity does not teach us how to live. No, Christianity teaches us how to live again and again, and again. Therefore, let us pray for each other and entrust each other to the intercession of these two pillars of the Church: Peter and Paul. A great feast and a feast very dear to me, because a year ago on this day I was ordained to the Priesthood. May God fill you all with zeal to share your faith everywhere.

Fr. Fortunato.

SACRAMENTS

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2015

If you would like your child to be prepared for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion in May 2015, registration dates are as follows:

Tuesday 1st, Thursday 3rd July – 3.00pm to 5.30pm

Saturday 5th July – 9.00am-11.00am

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.

CONFIRMATION 2015

If you are in Year 9 or above and would like to be prepared to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2015 please register with Bridget Brinkley at one of the following times.

Tuesday 2nd, Thursday 4th September – 3.00pm to 5.30pm

Tuesday 9th, Thursday 11th September – 3.00pm to 5.30pm

Saturday 6th September – 9.30am to 11.00am

Please come to the Church where you will be asked to complete a registration form. The programme will begin on Thursday 2nd October.

EXPLORING THE CATHOLIC FAITH

Would you like to find out more about the Catholic Faith? Have you been searching for a deeper meaning for your life? Do you share your life with a Catholic, perhaps you are supporting your husband or wife bringing up your children in the Catholic Faith. If you would like to find out more about the Catholic Church or you thinking about becoming a Catholic please contact Bridget Brinkley on 020 8890 2367 or by e-mailing at bridgetbrinkley@rcdow.org.uk.

PARISH NOTICES

PETER'S PENCE

There will be a retiring collection at all Masses this weekend for Peter's Pence.

UCM

The UCM will meet on **Monday 30th June at 7.30pm** for a “Bring and Buy” sale which will include plants as well as general interest things. The meeting will also have a Quiz for fun.

ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING

For all children who have received their First Holy Communion (and for existing Servers who would like a “refresher course”) there are an opportunity to come for an Altar Servers training session on **Saturday 5th or 12th July**, 10am-11am in the Church.

IN CASE YOU ARE ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL.....

In light of data protection please indicate on entering hospital that your details are to be passed to the RC Chaplain. Also state that you would like the RC Chaplain to visit you.

ST LAWRENCE'S PRAYER GROUP

The Prayer Group meets every **Thursday from 7.30pm to 9pm** in the Presbytery. A time of prayer and thanksgiving. Reflecting on scriptures. Intercessory prayers for the parish and wider community. New members welcome

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.

THANK YOU – CHARITY BARBECUE

“The 7th Feltham Sea Scouts would kindly like to thank everyone who came and supported our Charity BBQ last Saturday. We raised £2075 for Princess Alice Hospice in memory of Nigel Owen. Thank you all for your kind generosity. Marie/Patti”

ST LAWRENCE'S SCHOOL FAYRE - Sunday 6th July

Come and join in the School Summer Fete on Sunday 6th July. There will be all the usual stalls, and refreshments throughout the day. Please note that the car park will be closed on that day, also there will be no pedestrian access to the Church from Victoria Road that day.

GROWING IN FAITH

An update on where we are with Growing in Faith. We received 212 pledges of which 13 had to be written off and the total sum pledged is £235,048. To date we have received £66,599 in cash, of which £13,320 is for the new Parish Centre. The total estimated to be raised after five years is £221,427 of which £56,020 will be for the new Parish Centre.

OTHER

LIFE PREGNANCY CENTRE

Joanna James would like to thank all parishioners for your very generous support either in donations or making cakes or helping any anyway. At the Cake and Coffee morning £452.40 was raised in addition to the £500.00 raised in sponsorship by Mary Crawley and Françoise Woods in the Ten Bridges Walk. The centre also received offers for equipment and recruited some new volunteers.

CAFOD EVENTS - THE CLIMATE IS CHANGING...

If you are aged 18-30 you are invited to this special campaign evening for Young Adults on **Wednesday 2 July**. Come find out what CAFOD is doing to tackle climate change from guest speaker Antony Mbandi, Director of Caritas Kitui (Kenya), and learn how you can help! Held at CAFOD's offices in Lambeth, SE1 7JB. Doors open at 6pm, drinks and food provided.

There will be a special campaign evening open to all on **Thursday 10th July**, held from 6-8.30pm at Amigo Hall, St George's Cathedral, Corner of St George's Road and Lambeth Road SE1 6HR. Book online at <http://www.cafod.org.uk/Events/youngadultclimateevent> or call 0207 095 5324

CATECHETICAL CO-ORDINATOR - ST MARGARET ON THAMES PARISH, TW1 1RL

We are currently seeking to appoint a Catechetical Co-ordinator to work with the parish priest and pastoral team in developing, supporting and co-ordinating programmes and courses to facilitate spiritual and catechetical growth at St Margaret on Thames parish. The successful candidate will be a practising Roman Catholic, experienced in catechetical and pastoral ministry and must be a strong team player with excellent communication and administration skills. **Hours of work:** 17 hours per week **Salary:** £10-12 per hour **Closing date:** 30 June 2014

ASSISTED DYING BILL - PLEASE WRITE TO A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF LORDS

The Bill to legalise "assisted dying" - meaning assisted suicide - will be debated in the House of Lords on 18th July 2014. There will be a free vote because it is not government legislation. If passed, this Bill would place vulnerable people at serious risk. Especially if you have direct experience of caring for a dying person, either as a family member or as a health or social care professional, please write before 18th July to a Peer to tell them your views. For more information, including details of how to write to a Peer, please visit www.catholicchurch.org.uk/assisted-dying-bill **IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO WRITE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND CERTAINLY BEFORE 18th JULY.**

CAFOD PEDAL AGAINST POVERTY

Conor and Colin Macken together with John Butcher would like to say a big thank you to the Parish for all the support received by "Team St Lawrence" on the recent sponsored bicycle ride. The total amount raised so far is £368 plus an extra £30:11 on the "just giving" page, making a total of £398:11. Can we also say a special thank you to those who gift aided their donation.

We can no longer accept cash donations for this event but the just giving page is still open so if anyone would still like to donate to help CAFOD with their work in the developing world they can by visiting <http://www.justgiving.com/Colin-Macken> or to donate £1 by text please, please text "STLW99 (followed by a space)£1" to 70070. Text will cost £1 plus your network charge for a text message. £1 will go directly to CAFOD. Please get the bill payers permission first.

DIOCESAN/CAFOD VACANCIES – SEE NOTICE BOARD

Mass intentions and other services this week:

Saturday 28 th St John Southworth	11.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	11.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	11.45	Benediction
	12.00	Margaret Foley (Intention)
	15.00	Mass in Tagalog for the Filipino Community
+ First Mass of Sunday	17.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	18.00	People of the Parish
+ Sunday 29 th STS PETER & PAUL	09.00	Declan Tynan RIP
	11.00	Deceased members of the Obodoako & Mgbem Families RIP
	13.00	Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)
	18.00	Mary Elisabeth RIP
Monday 30 th Feria	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Ruth Quinn RIP
Tuesday 1 st DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Austin Mahon RIP
	10.00	Novena to Our Lady
Wednesday 2 nd Feria	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Celebrant's Intention
Thursday 3 rd ST THOMAS	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Steffie-Grace Rosario in Thanksgiving
Friday 4 th Feria	09.15	Morning Prayer
	06.45	John Katala Kabuye RIP
	09.30	Oby Esther Onyiuke RIP
Saturday 5 th Feria	11.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	11.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	11.45	Benediction
	12.00	David Hayes RIP
	12.45	Baptisms of Caitlyn Nevaeh Bunoy, Luca Morishita Patta, Raffaella Cristina Puturzo and Amelia Silvester-Smith
	17.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
+ First Mass of Sunday	18.00	Danny O'Connell RIP (Anniversary)
+ Sunday 6 th 14 th Sunday of the Year	09.00	Estella & Joaquim Rodrigues RIP
	11.00	For the intentions of New Parishioners
	13.00	Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)
	18.00	People of the Parish

Sanctuary Lamp: For persecuted Christians

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

21st/22nd June: Envelopes £1004.06, Loose £669.94, Standing Orders £420.00 Total: £2094.00
Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trustees: Registered Charity No. 233699

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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