

This week at St Lawrence's



28th February/1st March 2015

Second Sunday of Lent
(Missal Page 151- YEAR B Vol. 1)

Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18; Psalm 115; Romans 8:31-34; Mark 9:2-10
Third Sunday of Lent (Missal Page 154); Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 18;
1 Corinthians 1:22-25; John 2:13-25

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Last Sunday we looked at two of God's most beautiful gifts: the *Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation*. They are called gifts, because are conferred on those who bring nothing of their own. If you remember I told you that Baptism is the way in, *the door of the spiritual life*. Through baptism we become much more than just *followers* or *imitators* of Jesus; we become **members** of His Mystical Body; we share in Jesus own relationship with the Father, and so grafted onto Christ we are drawn into the very dynamics of the inner life of God. We become God's own beloved sons and daughters. However, as we know, it's not difficult, but impossible to keep authentically such relationship with God by any effort of our own. So God sends incessantly to our aid his Spirit (of course, if we honestly ask him) to encourage and help us keep such Christian dignity unstained and the flame of our faith alive. The Holy Spirit through the Sacrament of Confirmation comes to strengthen and protect in us the grace we received through Baptism.

This weekend we are considering another of God's magnificent gifts: the *Sacrament of the Eucharist*. The Church teaches us that participating in the Sunday Mass is so essential to our Christian life, since we not only participate in the Lord's passion and death and so come to partake of his risen body and blood, but we also come to be what we truly are: **the body of Christ**. This should impel us then to prepare ourselves well before Mass through silence and examination, and praying for his gracious help in the cleansing of our soul, so that he may make us worthy to receive him worthily. And then once we have received Him, let us not leave him alone and go about our business and take no more notice of him. Let us rather by devout prayer talk to Him and hear what our Lord speaks within us.

Moreover, what is most assuring to me is when we say that Jesus is **really, truly and substantially** present under the forms of bread and wine. How can we understand this? It's the great mystery of our faith and to reach full-undoubted certainty it will be very hard. But I do remind you that whenever Jesus speaks or says something in the Gospel, reality changes: *the five loaves of bread are multiplied; the water turned into very good wine; Lazarus come out and the dead man came out; My son your sins are forgiven* and by God his sins are forgiven. Jesus words affects reality.

So when Jesus pronounces the words of sacrifice at the *Last Supper*: **this is my Body**, taking the bread; **this is the chalice of my blood**, over the cup; just describing something? Just engaging in symbolic speech? No, no, if it's Jesus speaking then what he says – **IS**. Therefore we firmly believe that this blessed sacrament is not a mere sign, or a representation, or token of that Holy Body and Blood of Christ, but that Jesus Christ is **really, truly and substantially** present in our midst, and by His own almighty power and unspeakable goodness consecrated and given to us. May God bless you all!

Fr Fortunato.

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

PARISH NOTICES

FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE

There will be a CAFOD Coffee Morning on **Friday 6th March** after Stations of the Cross.

REMINDER

Please note that during Lent, there will be Eucharistic Adoration, Monday to Friday at 8.30am and an early bird Mass every Friday at 06.45am.

DAY OF PRAYER

Our Parish Day of Prayer will take place on **Saturday 14th March** from 10.30am to 2.30pm with Eucharistic Adoration and Confession. There will be visiting priests for Confession. A soup lunch in aid of CAFOD will be available from 1pm-2pm.

LENTEN ALMS

"A way has to be found to enable everyone to benefit from the fruits of the earth, and not simply to close the gap between the affluent and those who must be satisfied with the crumbs falling from the table, but above all to satisfy the demands of justice, fairness and respect for every human being."
(Pope Francis)

The diocese has asked all parishioners to consider making a Lenten Alms gift to Caritas and you will find leaflets with more information and donation envelopes in the Church. You can get more information about Caritas (and make an online donation) at www.rcdow.org.uk/caritas.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS DAY

A Eucharistic Ministers Day has been organised for **Saturday 21st March** from 12.00noon to 4.00pm in the Parish Centre.

"SACRISTY PARENTS"

We are seeking to start a system of "Sacristy Parents" to assist in getting our altar servers ready before and after Mass. Please contact Florie in the Parish Office or Bridget with your names: Safeguarding checks will be required for anyone who works with children or elderly in the parish. Please also state the time of Mass you attend.

CHILDREN'S MASS

A big thank you to all our children who read so beautifully at the 11 am Mass on Sunday 8th February. Numerous parishioners mentioned how lovely they read, they were a credit to themselves, their parents and their school. Our next children's Mass is on the **8th March at 11 am**. If your child is in year 3 or above and would like to read at this Mass, please let me know. (bridgetbrinke@rcdow.org.uk)

NURSERY SCHOOL FORM SIGNING

Fr Chris will be available to sign Nursery School Forms on the following Tuesdays from 3.45pm to 5.00pm: **March 3rd, 17th, 24th, April 21st, 28th**. Please come with your child and wait in Church and bring all the necessary paperwork with you.

PARISH CENTRE BUILDING FUND UPDATE

Our Target **£250,000.00**

Number Pledges received as of 23 rd February	122
Total amount pledged as of 23 rd February	£54,233.71
Total amount banked as at 23 rd February	£22,881.91

REST IN PEACE

MARY KATE LUCEY RIP

We pray for the soul of **Mary Kate Lucey RIP** who died recently. Her funeral will take place here on **Monday 2nd March** at 12 noon. Please keep in your prayers all the family and friends who mourn her.

PLEASE SEE NOTICE BOARD FOR OTHER EVENTS/NEWS

PILGRIMAGES 2015

LOURDES 2015

Once again we will be travelling by coach to join the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, **25th July to 2nd August**. On the way to Lourdes we will be visiting the shrine of St Martin of Tours and on the return journey we will be stopping in Rocamadour and St Bernadette's shrine in Nevers. Price £699 per person plus insurance. Single supplement £186. Price includes full board whilst in Lourdes and half board at stops on route. Booking forms are available from the Parish Office. **We especially need young people (16+) to help care for our sick, disabled and elderly pilgrims, to accompany us on the pilgrimage.** We are blessed to have 3 nurses on the trip. **COMPLETED FORMS AND DEPOSIT TO BE HANDED TO THE PARISH OFFICE BY FRIDAY 6TH MARCH.**

OTHER

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This year the Women's World Day of Prayer takes place on **Friday 6th March** at Hanworth Methodist Church, Churchfields Avenue, Hanworth. Please arrive by 2.00pm for a 2.15pm start. The H25 bus from Beadfont and Feltham stops nearby at the final stop on the route. This year's service is provided by the women of Bahamas. All welcome – women and men. Further details at wwdp.org.uk

MARY'S MEALS - ONE WEEK TO GO:

With only 1 week to go before Mary's Meals arrives at our church on the morning of **Sunday, 8th March**, please remember to bring along all your unwanted clothing/bedding (**no duvets or pillows please**). Put all clothing/bedding into tied black sacks and bring them with you when you come to Mass that morning or on Saturday evening. Mary's Meals is a no-frills charity committed to spending 93p in every £1 received on its charitable activities with only 6p spent on Fundraising and 1p on Governance.

28 FEBRUARY - 1 MARCH CAFOD LENT FAST DAY APPEAL

CAFOD is working with poor communities around the world on our behalf, helping them to tackle poverty and injustice. Fast Days are our opportunity to support this vital work. Please return your Fast Day envelope with your donation to CAFOD. There will be a second collection in support of CAFOD's work after all Masses this weekend. This Lent, every pound you give will be matched by the UK Government, up to the value of £5m. This means your gift will have double the impact. CAFOD at Romero House needs to receive money by Wednesday 1 July for it to qualify for match funding.

SPEC

SPEC is part of Westminster Youth Ministry. Each Year a number of young adults (aged 18-25) join the resident community for a year as volunteer missionaries helping the community in its primary mission of retreat ministry for children and young people in the parishes and schools of the Diocese of Westminster. Perhaps this is the ideal opportunity for you – or someone you know – to combine a year of service with a year of formation in faith in a supportive Catholic community. More details are available at <http://dowym.com/spec/>; email: spec@rcdow.org.uk; phone 020 3757 2500; facebook: [speccentre](https://www.facebook.com/speccentre); twitter: @SPEC_Community.

AMAZING GRACE

Notre Dame de France Church, Leicester Square, welcomes Saltmine Theatre's production of AMAZING GRACE - a play in two parts, for its London premiere, on **Tuesday 10th March 2015** at 7.30 pm. Amazing Grace tells the inspiring story of John Newton: from slave ship captain to church leader and author of the famous hymn. A powerfully moving performance about slavery, freedom and the remarkable power of love and grace to transform a life. An evening not to be missed! Tickets: £10.00-£12.00* book online: www.bit.ly/agtickets or T: 020 7440 2663, email: info@spiritinthecity.org

FAMILIAS 2015

The Familias 2015 event is to be hosted at Vaughan House on the **19th March**, in conjunction with **Papyrus**, the national charity which aims to spread awareness of the problem of young suicide and work towards preventing it. Please see flyer on notice board and booking forms at the back of the church, if you wish to go

Mass intentions and other services this week:

Saturday 28th Lent Feria	10.45	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation
	11.45	Benediction
	12.00	Patrick Galligan (RIP)
	12.30	Stations of the Cross
	15.00	Mass in Tagalog (Filipino Community)
	17.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
+ First Mass of Sunday	18.00	People of the Parish
+ Sunday 1st Second Sunday of Lent	09.00	Eugene Hourihan RIP
	11.00	George & Daisy Maple RIP
	13.00	Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)
	18.00	Holy Souls Canha Family
Monday 2nd Lent Feria	08.30	Eucharistic Adoration
	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Audrey Hume RIP
	12.00	FUNERAL MASS – MARY KATE LUCEY RIP
Tuesday 3rd Lent Feria	08.30	Eucharistic Adoration
	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Anne Naysmith RIP
	10.00	Novena to Our Lady
Wednesday 4th Lent Feria	08.30	Eucharistic Adoration
	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Joe Ward RIP
	19.30	Stations of the Cross in Polish (Droga Krzyzowa)
Thursday 5th Lent Feria	08.30	Eucharistic Adoration
	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Celebrant's Intention
Friday 6th Lent Feria	06.45	For Vocations
	08.30	Eucharistic Adoration
	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Raymond Jeyaprogasam RIP (Anniversary)
	10.00	Stations of the Cross
Saturday 7th Lent Feria	10.45	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation
	11.45	Benediction
	12.00	Sr Theresa Whooley (Intention)
	12.30	Stations of the Cross
	17.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
+ First Mass of Sunday	18.00	Peter Ward, John & Bridie Kehoe RIP
+ Sunday 8th Third Sunday of Lent	09.00	Special Intention
	11.00	Mary Lucey RIP
	13.00	Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)
	18.00	People of the Parish

Sanctuary Lamp: Paul Omoniyodo (Intention)

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

21st/22nd February: Envelopes £1,014.30 Loose £922.07 Standing Orders £480.92 Total: £2,417.29
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