



St Lawrence Catholic Church

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First Sunday of Lent

4th/5th March 2017

Readings: Parish Mass Book Year A, Volume 1: (Missal Page: 151): Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Psalm 50; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

Ash Wednesday: Page 147: Joel 2:12-18; Psalm 50; 2 Corinthians 5:20, 6:2; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

Next Week: – Second Sunday of Lent: Page 155: Genesis 12:1-4; Psalm 32; 2 Timothy 1:8-10; Matthew 17:1-9

Renewing Our Lives This Lent

It was wonderful to see so many people at our Masses on Ash Wednesday. Lent is a time of renewal. You will see from the newsletter that there are many opportunities for prayer, reflection and our Lenten course deepening our understanding on the Mass.

Lent is a time to prune what is not needed in our lives:

Pruning time is a painful time for a fruit tree.

The pruner rids it of all those suckers
which use up a lot of energy but produce no fruit.
However, the aim of this surgery is not to inflict pain,
but to help the tree produce more and better fruit.

Lent is a kind of spiritual pruning time.

There is much that is useless
and perhaps harmful in our lives,
which saps our energy,
and diminishes our spiritual fruitfulness.

Of what shall we prune ourselves this Lent
so that we may become more fruitful branches
of Christ, the true Vine?

FR. JOHN

PARISH NOTICES

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday to Friday at 8.30am

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays at 10.00am, Saturdays at 12.30pm Wednesdays at 7.30pm (Polish)

LENT CATECHESIS

We will be running a course during Lent called 'A Biblical Walk Through The Mass'. This course is aimed at all those who would like to understand the Mass a little better. The course will run for 5 weeks on Tuesday evenings **starting on 7th March** in the Parish Centre at 7pm.

MASS & ANOINTING FOR THE SICK

Our Annual Mass of Healing and Anointing for the Sick will take place on **Saturday 1st April** at 12.00noon. More details in the next couple of weeks.

A DAY WITH MARY

On **Saturday 18th March** St Lawrence's will be hosting "A Day with Mary" – a day of instruction, devotion and intercession based on the message given at Fatima in 1917. The day starts at 10.00am finishing at 5.30pm. There will be confessions and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament during the day. Please bring a packed lunch. Detailed information at the back of Church.

Sunday Mass: 6pm (Vigil Mass), Sunday 9am, 11am, 1pm (Polish) & 6pm
Weekday Mass: Monday-Friday 9.30am; Saturday 12noon
Morning Prayer: Monday-Friday 9.15am
Novena to Our Lady: Tuesdays 10am
Exposition and Benediction: Saturdays 11am
Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) – Saturday 11am and 5pm

THANK YOU

A big thank you to all who supported the Bingo Night last Saturday, with special thanks to the ladies who provided the food and to those who helped set up and to those who provided raffle prizes. An enjoyable evening was had by all and £323 was raised for the Parish Centre.

PLANNED GIVING

Frank Macken will be speaking at all Masses this weekend on Planned Giving. There will be volunteers at the back of Church to help. The new Planned Giving Boxes are ready for collection at the side of the Church.

UCM

The UCM will meet on **Monday 6th March** at 7.30pm for our Mass and also for the celebration of new members being enrolled. UCM Members from Hounslow are joining us, so a special evening will be enjoyed by members who are asked to make every effort to attend wearing their medals.

CELEBRATION BRICKS

We hope to place another order in the next few weeks, if anyone would like to purchase a brick please complete an application form and hand it in to the Parish Office.

'Celebration Bricks' can celebrate a birth, marriage, life of a dear one, an achievement, a blessing or simply YOU or your family leaving a legacy of your connection with this community. There are two options available: *Option 1 – single brick, two lines per brick – 16 characters per line – £50.00 a brick. Option 2 – double brick, four lines per brick – 16 characters per line – £100.00 a brick.*

PILGRIMAGES

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

Thank you to all who attended the meeting last week. This is a reminder to all pilgrims that the balance of the pilgrimage money needs to be received by PAX Travel by **10th March**. There will be no reminders sent out by PAX. Payments should be sent directly to PAX.

LOURDES

West London Parishes pilgrimage by Coach to Lourdes from **Saturday 22nd July to Sunday 30th July**. Cost: £775.00 per person based on two sharing. Single supplement: £215 per person. Travel insurance: £36 per person. Pilgrimage will include 5 nights in Lourdes, overnight stays in Bourges, Ars and Reims. For more information and a booking form please contact Florie in the Parish Office.

Canon Paschal Ryan and Fr Chris Vipars will lead the pilgrimage.

If any youngsters aged 16+ would like to join the pilgrimage as Redcaps please contact Florie.

OTHER

LENTEN ALMS

The Cardinal's Appeal

This year the Cardinal has asked that the Lenten Alms collection be directed to the Cardinal's Appeal fund. The funds raised will go to support parishes or groups in their work to further the mission of the Church: to serve the evangelisation of youth, to develop marriage and family life projects, and to provide service in society, especially to those on the margins. There are leaflets at the back of the Church giving more information and envelopes for your offering. The collections taken up at the Holy Thursday Service will be for the Cardinal's Appeal. In addition, there will be a Lenten Alms 'wall' box situated near the entrance to the Sacristy.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

A seven week Spirit filled Seminar with renowned International speakers at St Michael & Martin's Parish Hall, Bath Road, Hounslow TW3 2EB. Every Friday **from March 10 to April 21**, 7pm-9.30pm. Please see noticeboard for a

detailed programme or pick up a flyer from the porch table.

CAFOD

It is Fairtrade Fortnight from **27th February to 13 March** please remember to buy Fairtrade products in support of local farmers.

Lent Fast Day is on **Friday 10 March** when you could consider giving up a meal. There is a Fast Day envelope attached to the newsletter this weekend, please return it with your donation on **11th/12th March**. If you are a UK taxpayer, please Gift Aid your donation so that CAFOD can claim an extra 25% at no extra cost to you. Our CAFOD representatives will give a short talk at Masses next weekend.

MASS FOR BEREAVED PARENTS

As part of the season of prayer and action '*Called to Serve the Sick*', Bishop Paul McAleenan will celebrate a Mass for bereaved parents at Westminster Cathedral on **Saturday, 11th March at 2.30pm**. It's a time to remember, to pray, to give thanks, and to entrust deceased children to the Lord. All are welcome to attend. During Mass, after the homily, parents will be invited to write the name of their deceased child on a card and the cards will be taken along with the offertory to the sanctuary.

ANNUAL MASS IN THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY will take place on **Saturday 3rd June 2017** at 3.00pm for those celebrating a significant anniversaries. Please let Florie know by **10th March** if you would like to attend.

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the souls of **Alan Tovey RIP, Sheila Webb RIP** and **Mary Brownlie RIP** who died recently. Funeral arrangements to be announced shortly. Please also keep in your prayers their families, friends and all who mourn them.

Thank you for your generosity in last week's collection:

25th/26th February: Envelopes £951.77; Loose: £869.33
Standing Orders: £665.00 **Total: £2,486.10**

PARISH CENTRE UPDATE:

Money banked as at 28/02/2017 = £96,425.02

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 4 th	11.00-11.30 11.45 12.00 12.30 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation Benediction Michael Gilbert RIP Stations of the Cross No Sacrament of Reconciliation People of the Parish
Sun 5 th	09.00 11.00 13.00 18.00	Frank Doran RIP Reed Fernandes – Birthday Intention Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Raymond Jeyapragasam RIP
Mon 6 th	09.30	Anthea Carstens (Get Well)
Tues 7 th	09.30	For the intentions of the Jayawardena Family
Wed 8 th	09.30	Denis McGillicuddy and Abina O'Connor RIP
Thurs 9 th	09.30	Ava Rose Stuart RIP
Fri 10 th	09.30 10.00	Celebrants Intention Stations of the Cross
Sat 11 th	11.00-11.30 11.45 12.00 12.30 17.00 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation Benediction Philip Humphreys RIP Stations of the Cross Sacrament of Reconciliation Rupert Dove Medows RIP
Sun 12 th	09.00 11.00 13.00 18.00	People of the Parish Julia, Denis & Patrick Lyons RIP Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Deceased members of the Canha Family RIP
Sanctuary Lamp: Paul Omoniyodo (Intentions)		