

This week at St Lawrence's



12th/13th March 2016

Fifth Sunday of Lent
(Missal Page 176 – YEAR C Vol. 1)



Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 125; Philippians 3:8-14; John 8:1-11
Next week: PALM SUNDAY (Missal Page 184): Isaiah 50:4-7; Psalm 21; Philippians 2:6-11;
Luke 22:14, 23:56

Dear Friends

Last Saturday's Day of Prayer and Reconciliation was a very beautiful part of our Parish Lenten Journey. Many of you came to confession in the morning and the afternoon, and I am grateful to our visiting priests for the way they cared for you.

This coming week we have confessions for Years 4, 5 and 6 in St Lawrence's School, and in Holy Week I am helping with a Reconciliation Service in Feltham Young Offenders. Someone remarked to me that there must be a lot of sin in Feltham – to which I replied that there is even more forgiveness! But that same forgiveness needs to sink deep inside us, even in those places of un-forgiveness in our hearts, lives, attitudes and relationships. We need to very honestly acknowledge, confront and confess any hardness of heart, and especially in this Jubilee Year of Mercy allow something quite deep to happen in us. If that means allowing the Lord to do some open heart surgery on us, so be it.

Jesus says to us in the Gospel today, *"if there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her"* – and not one of them could (John 8:1-11). As the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ comes closer bring yourself to His Cross, just as you are, and see what He has to say to YOU.

With my love and prayers.

Fr Chris

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

SACRAMENTS

"WALK WITH JESUS" MONDAY GROUP

The "Walk with Jesus" programme for the Monday group meet on **Monday 14th March** from 4.30pm-5.30pm in the Church.

CONFIRMATION

The next preparation meeting for Group Two will be on **Wednesday 16th March** at 7.15pm in St Lawrence's School.

A reminder that Fr Chris will be leading Groups 1 and 2 on a trip to Westminster Cathedral on **Thursday 31st March**. Please pick up a letter with details next weekend.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The next preparation meeting for children and parents is on **Saturday 19th March** at 9.45am. Please come to St Lawrence's School and you will be directed to your meeting rooms.

Please keep in your prayers all our children who are preparing for the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

PARISH NOTICES

REMINDER

Please note that during Lent, there will be Eucharistic Adoration, Monday to Friday at 8.30am.

EASTER FLOWERS

There will be a collection at the end of all Masses this weekend for Easter Flowers.

EASTER RAFFLE

The LIFE Pregnancy Centre in Hounslow have donated an Easter Bunny and Easter Eggs for a raffle. A few tickets still available; the draw takes place after the 11am Mass this Sunday. The proceeds will go towards the new Parish Centre. We have so far raised £453.00. Thank you for your support.

UCM

The UCM will meet on **Monday 14th March** at 7.30pm at the Salvation Army Hall. Sister Nora will give us a talk. It is hoped that members will make every effort to attend.

POLISH CONFESSIONS - SPOWIEDŹ ŚWIĘTA

Confessions (Spowiedź Święta) in Polish will take place on **Monday 14th March** from 7pm.

INTERNATIONAL MASS ON THE FEAST OF ST GEORGE

There will be an International Mass on the Feast of St George, **Saturday 23rd April** at 12 noon. This will also be a farewell Mass for Fr John. We will be looking for two or three hymns in different languages. Food lists will be available shortly. If you would like to contribute towards a leaving gift for Fr John, please hand in your envelope to the Parish Office. There will be a card in the Repository (shop) for you to sign.

PLANT SALE – ADVANCE NOTICE

CAFOD will be having a plant sale on **Sunday 24th April** after the 9am and 11am Masses. Proceeds of this sale will still take advantage of the Government's £1 for £ matching scheme. If anybody wishes to sow seeds for us to sell, we would be very grateful. Contact Theresa on 020 8751 4063 for information.

STOREHOUSE

Thank you for your continued support. This week Storehouse needs Tinned carrots/peas, tinned tomatoes, UHT milk, Coffee and Pasta Sauces.

NURSERY CLASS ADMISSIONS 2016

Dates for Fr Chris to sign the Certificate of Catholic Practice for Nursery Applications:

Tuesdays: 3.45 – 5.00pm

March 15th, April 12th, 19th, May 3rd

- Please come along with your child and their Baptism Certificate.
- Sign up sheets on notice board in Church porch (as we did for Reception applications).
- If you are applying for a school with an earlier deadline than 6th May 2016, please contact the Parish Office for an appointment.

OTHER

INVITATION FROM AHMADIYA MUSLIM ASSOCIATION, HOUNSLOW

The Association invite you to a Tea and Talk, a tour of the Mosque and see a special Qur'an exhibition on **Sunday 13th March** from 2pm to 4pm at the Baitul Wahid Mosque, Raleigh Way, Hanworth TW13 7NX. If you plan to attend please see invitation on the notice board for details and RSVP contacts.

CONNECT @ HOUNSLOW – EVERY THURSDAY

A safe place for Adults with Learning Disabilities who would like to take part in Art, Music and Dance activities in the Parish Centre at St Michael & St Martin, Hounslow. For further details please see the noticeboard or contact Gail Williams on 07815 763330.

PRAY AS YOU GO

The Jesuit society have introduced a website www.prayasougo.org to help us pray in our busy lives. There are some cards in the porch.

PARISH PILGRIMAGES

YEAR OF MERCY DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

You are invited to join Cardinal Vincent Nichols on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham, England's Nazareth, in this Year of Mercy on **Saturday 9th July**. With the theme of 'Mary, the Mother of Mercy', the day will include an outdoor Mass, procession, prayers, Benediction and free time to visit the Basilica, the Slipper Chapel and the Holy Door. A coach will leave from here at 7.00am to arrive in time for the celebrations. Please come prepared for all types of weather and bring a packed lunch and drinks. We will return home about 8.30pm. The cost of the day will be £20.00 per person. Please sign up on the list in the porch. **To secure your seat please post your money in an envelope, clearly marked with your name and "WALSINGHAM", to the Parish Office.**

WORLD YOUTH DAY – KRAKOW JULY 2016

SLYC is inviting you to join us on a pilgrimage to Poland for World Youth Day (WYD) with Pope Francis. WYD dates are from **18 July 2016 to Sunday 31 July 2016**, the cost will be £750 including travel and accommodation. To come on this trip you just need to be 16-35 years old and open to have a fun and life changing experience. If interested please see Fr Chris for more details.

LOURDES 2016

Once again we will be travelling by coach to join the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, **23rd-31st July**. On the way to Lourdes we will be visiting the shrine of the Sacred Heart in Paray le Monial and on the return journey we will be stopping in Poitiers and Lisieux – the shrine of St Therese. Price £699 per person based on two sharing plus insurance £35.00, single room supplement £199 per person. Price includes full board whilst in Lourdes and half board at stops on route. Forms available from the Parish Office, complete and return as soon as possible. **We especially need young people (16+) to help care for our sick, disabled and elderly pilgrims, and a nurse to accompany us on the pilgrimage.**

ST LAWRENCE 2016 PILGRIMAGE TO ROME - YEAR OF MERCY

There are still a few seats left on this pilgrimage. The pilgrimage will be from **Monday 10th October 2016 to Sunday 16th October 2016**. The cost is £884.00 per person on a half board basis, insurance £32.00 per person. If anyone would like to join please get a booking form from the Parish Office, complete and return with your deposit as soon as possible.

****STOP PRESS**** There are still a few places left, however please note that there is 1 twin and 2 triple rooms left. If you know someone who is going and can share that would be helpful.

CAR PARKING

Please note that there is **NO PARKING** on the Church premises except for Disabled drivers who can park at weekends - Saturday night, Sunday morning and evening. **This applies to weekday and weekend parking. No double parking in the school car park. NO PARKING ON THE GREEN AS ITS FOR RESIDENTS' PRIVATE USE ONLY**

Mass intentions and other services this week:

Saturday 12th Lent Feria	11.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation
	11.45	Benediction
	12.00	Estevam & Clara Monteiro RIP
	12.30	Stations of the Cross
	17.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
18.00	Victor Frost RIP	
+ Sunday 13th Fifth Sunday of Lent	09.00	Cristovao Dias in Thanksgiving
	11.00	Bernard & May Early RIP (Anniversary)
	13.00	Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)
	18.00	People of the Parish
Monday 14th Lent Feria	08.30	Eucharistic Adoration
	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	For the intentions of Jose and Family
	19.00	Polish Confessions - Spowiedź Święta
Tuesday 15th Lent Feria	08.30	Eucharistic Adoration
	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Celebrant's Intention
	10.00	Novena to Our Lady
Wednesday 16th Lent Feria	08.30	Eucharistic Adoration
	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Margaret Harries RIP (Anniversary)
Thursday 17th ST PATRICK	08.30	Eucharistic Adoration
	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Osai Ojigbo (Birthday Intention)
Friday 18th Lent Feria	08.30	Eucharistic Adoration
	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Eamon O'Brien RIP
	10.00	Stations of the Cross
Saturday 19th ST JOSEPH	11.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation
	11.45	Benediction
	12.00	Vera Lobo RIP
	12.30	Stations of the Cross
	17.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
18.00	Eugene Hourihan RIP	
+ Sunday 20th PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD	09.00	People of the Parish
	10.45	Gather on the Green for Procession
	11.00	Fr Peter Raposo RIP (First Anniversary)
	13.00	Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)
18.00	Holy Souls – Canha Family	

Sanctuary Lamp: Bartholomew Fernandes RIP

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

5th/6th March: Envelopes: £1,099.35 Loose: £990.36 Standing Orders: £554.00 **Total: £2,643.71**

PARISH CENTRE UPDATE: MONEY BANKED AS AT 8/3/2016 – £67,126.72

The Passage – £803.39

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