

This week at St Lawrence's



19th/20th March 2016

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
(Missal Page 184 – YEAR C Vol. 1)

Isaiah 50:4-7; Psalm 21; Philippians 2:6-11; Luke 22:14, 23:56

Maundy Thursday: Page 199 ; Good Friday – Page 204 ; Easter Vigil – Page 223

Next week: Easter Sunday (Missal Page 258): Acts 10:34, 37-43; Psalm 117;

Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-9



Dear Friends

This week is Holy Week, or the Great Week, as it is sometimes known. It acts out the greatest story ever told: the story that God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life, that love is His word and love His way. As Christ enters and endures His Passion for love of you and me and for all who ever have or ever will be born, the Church's solemn invitation to each of us is to walk with Him, to stay close to Him and to learn the lessons of His passionate love for the world. So be there; there as He washes His disciples feet – so teaching us how to serve others – and gives us the gift of His life-giving Eucharist; there as He hangs on the Cross and pours His life-blood over you; there at the empty tomb as we see Him as the light that darkness could not overpower; there on Easter Day to meet your Risen Saviour. Make this Holy Week perhaps the holiest week of your life so far. Then you will really know how Easter joy feels.



A Prayer for Holy Week

Father in heaven,

*the love of your Son led Him to accept the suffering of the cross
that His brothers and sisters might glory in new life.*

Change our selfishness into self-giving.

*Help us to embrace the world you have given us,
that we may transform the darkness of its pain*

into the life and joy of Easter.

Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Fr Chris

THIS IS HOLY WEEK

CHRISM MASS – TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK

Fr Chris will be attending the Chrism Mass at Westminster Cathedral at **12noon** on **Tuesday 22nd March**. This is one of the most solemn and significant liturgies of the Church, and includes the blessing of oils to be used in sacramental celebrations in the forthcoming year. Parishioners are warmly encouraged to take part in this beautiful liturgy.

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER – MAUNDY THURSDAY

The Mass of the Lord's Supper takes place on **Maundy Thursday at 8 pm**. The Mass will be followed by watching at the altar of repose until midnight.

Please sign your name on the list in the porch if you are willing to have your feet washed during the service. We are looking for six men and six women.

CHILDREN'S STATIONS OF THE CROSS – GOOD FRIDAY MORNING

Children are encouraged to take part in the special Children's Stations of the Cross at **10 am** on Good Friday morning and then to participate in the Walk of Witness with their parents.

WALK OF WITNESS – GOOD FRIDAY MORNING

Our Walk of Witness along the High Street with members of other local Christian churches **starts at 11 am** on Good Friday morning (meet on the Green at 10.50am). Please join in this powerful event.

GOOD FRIDAY CHILDREN'S LITURGY/WORKSHOP

All children must be signed in when attending this workshop. This workshop is aimed at children from 3 – 10 years old. All children under 5's must be accompanied by an adult who will need to stay with them throughout the event. The event starts at **2:30pm** on Good Friday in the School Hall and finishes with the children being returned to church at the end of the service.

The workshop will be following the story of Jesus through Easter week by using songs, prayers and crafts. The items that are made from this event will be displayed in the church throughout Eastertide.

GOOD FRIDAY

The Celebration of the Passion of the Lord takes place at **3.00pm** and Stations of the Cross at **7.30pm**.

EASTER VIGIL – HOLY SATURDAY

The Easter Vigil starts in the School playground at **8 pm** on **26th March**.

EASTER SUNDAY

Masses at **9am, 11am and 6pm**.

CONFESSIONS IN HOLY WEEK

Confessions will be available on Holy Thursday from **6.30pm-7.30pm** and on Good Friday from **12noon – 1.00pm**.

WIELKI TYDZIEŃ

March 23rd

19.30pm - Droga Krzyżowa.

Wielki Piątek, March 25th – 5.30pm - Liturgia Męki Pańskiej

8.30-9.30pm – Adoracja Jezusa w grobie i adoracja krzyża

Wielka Sobota, March 26th 12.30-2.00pm - Świecenie Pokarmów

8.00pm – Liturgia Wielkiej Soboty Wspólnie z Parafia St Lawrence

Niedziela Wielkanocna i Poniedziałek Wielkanocny – 1.00pm – Msza św.

PARISH NOTICES

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

MAUNDY THURSDAY – The Lenten Alms collection for Caritas will be taken up during the offertory.

GOOD FRIDAY - HOLY PLACES, this annual collection will be taken up during the veneration of the cross.

EASTER – the traditional Easter offering for the Clergy of the parish.

PARKING IN HOLY WEEK

Please remember that parking restrictions apply in the local roads during Holy Week. Every year, a number of parishioners receive Penalty Notices whilst in church because they have parked inappropriately.

A DAY WITH MARY



On **Saturday 2nd April** 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 9.30am with a Video Presentation in the School Hall; 10.45am Procession of Our Lady, Regina Caeli, Crowning, Sung Litany, Mass; 12.30 Lunch; 1.30pm Exposition & Procession of the Blessed Sacrament, Recitation of the Joyful and Luminous Mysteries, Sermon, silent Adoration, Divine Mercy Chaplet; 3.30pm Tea break; 4.10pm Sermon, Via Lucis, Act of Consecration, Benediction and Enrolments finishing at 5.30pm. There will be confessions and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament during the day. Please bring a packed lunch.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

There are still a few boxes awaiting collection. If you are on the Planned Giving Scheme and haven't collected your new box, please do so this weekend. If anyone would like to join the Planned Giving Scheme using envelopes or standing order for your weekly offertory contribution please contact the Parish Office.

EASTER RAFFLE

Thank you for your support, a total of £521.00 was raised towards the Parish Centre. The winning tickets were: **1st Prize** – green ticket no 16-20 serial number AC395936; **2nd Prize** – claimed; **3rd Prize** – blue ticket no. 76-80 serial no. AC366283 (Sean Furtado); **4th Prize** – green ticket no. 241-245 serial no. AC235121 and **5th Prize** – blue ticket no. 456-460 serial no. AB185318.

MISSIO COLLECTORS

Please collect your magazines from the back of Church.

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 for information.

NURSERY CLASS ADMISSIONS 2016

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

Tuesdays: 3.45 – 5.00pm

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.

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the souls of **Alice Fitzpatrick RIP, Mona Ibson RIP and Martin Hoban RIP** who died recently. Please also keep in your prayers their families and all those who mourn them.

Mona Ibson RIP – Funeral Service on **Tuesday 29th March** at Hanworth Crematorium

Martin Hoban RIP – Funeral Service here on **Monday 4th April** at 12.45pm.

Alice Fitzpatrick RIP – Funeral arrangements will be published next week

Mass intentions and other services this week:

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
Monday 21st Lent Feria	09.30	No Eucharistic Adoration or Morning Prayer End of Term Mass – St Lawrence's School
Tuesday 22nd Lent Feria	08.30	Eucharistic Adoration
	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	In Thanksgiving – Elvis and Sharnifa Lobo
	10.00	Novena to Our Lady
Wednesday 23rd Lent Feria	08.30	Eucharistic Adoration
	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Celebrant's Intention
	19.30	Stations of the Cross in Polish (Droga Krzyzowa)
Thursday 24th MAUNDY THURSDAY	9.00	Eucharistic Adoration and Morning Prayer
	18.30-19.30	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	20.00	Mass of the Lord's Supper
		Followed by Watch of Prayer until Midnight
Friday 25th GOOD FRIDAY	10.00	Children's Stations of the Cross
	11.00	Walk of Witness (gather on Feltham Green)
	12.00-1.00pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	15.00	The Celebration of the Passion of the Lord
	17.30	Polish – Liturgia Meki Panskiej
	19.30	Stations of the Cross
	20.30	Polish – Adoracja Jezusa w grobie I adoracja krzyza
Saturday 26th HOLY SATURDAY	12.30-14.00	Polish Blessing of Easter Baskets (Swiecenie Pokarmow)
	20.00	The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night
+ Sunday 27th EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION	09.00	Celebrant's Intention
	11.00	Celebrant's Intention
	13.00	Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)
	18.00	Celebrant's Intention

Sanctuary Lamp: Joseph Danladi (Intentions)

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

12th/13th March: Envelopes: £1,060.09 Loose: £981.70 Standing Orders: £530.10 **Total: £2,571.89**

PARISH CENTRE UPDATE: MONEY BANKED AS AT 15/3/2016 – £67,608.57

THE PASSAGE: £863.39 EASTER FLOWERS: 473.98

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Sunday Mass Times: Saturday 6 pm (Vigil Mass), Sunday 9 am, 11 am,

1pm (Polish) & 6 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) - Saturday 11am & 5pm