

This week at St Lawrence's



21st/22nd March 2015

Fifth Sunday of Lent
(Missal Page 169– YEAR B Vol. 1)

Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 50; Hebrews 5:7-9; John 12:20-30
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (Missal Page 176): Isaiah 50:4-7; Psalm 21;
Philippians 2:6-11; Mark 14:1, 15:47

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We are already celebrating the Fifth Sunday of Lent. And some of us have discovered that the Lenten discipline of **prayer, fasting and almsgiving**, has not been difficult. It has been impossible! Some of us feel weighed down by the daily grind, by our worries and anxieties, unable to cope. Some of us are tired, really tired, from long hours of work, or travelling, or from looking after the children and caring for the family. On the surface we keep up appearances. We look reasonably normal. We are not too disturbed. And we manage a smile, a joke and even a laugh. But for some of us, the reality is very different. And we know it. Some of us looking at our inner and private lives are uneasy. We do not like what we see. We feel guilt, condemnation, and deep shame. Some of us keep a lot hidden. We may have feelings of failure, or even quiet despair. *If only things could be different. Better. If only!*

Take courage, the Church says. Do not be afraid. God knows our fears and worries. He understands everything that troubles our heart or mind or conscience. He knows everything that angers us, shames us, or tempts us to despair. As we make the Lenten journey to the great night of Passover, there is hope for all those who feel trapped in their sins, fears and sufferings. Indeed the crucial hour has come for which the Son of God came into the world and although his soul is troubled, he makes himself available to fulfil the Father's will to the end. And this is the will of God: to give eternal life to us who have lost it. However, in order for this to be brought about Jesus dies, like a grain of wheat that God the Father has sown in the world. Indeed, only in this way can a new humanity germinate and grow, free from the dominion of sin and able to live in brotherhood, as sons and daughters of the one Father who is in Heaven. That is why, more than anything else, we need to listen to today's Word. Really listen. God's Word has POWER! Power to change the hearts and lives of those who welcome it: those who say: let this Word become flesh, MY flesh! May God Bless you all.

Fr Fortunato.

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SACRAMENTS

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The Parents Meeting will take place on **Tuesday 24th March** at 2pm and 7pm in the parish centre. Please make every effort to attend and collect your child's workbook.

PARISH NOTICES

UCM

The UCM will meet on **Monday 23rd March** at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre for a talk given by Sister Nora on **Holy Week**. Any lady from the parish would be most welcome.

SCHOOL MASS

On **Thursday, 26th March**, St Lawrence's School will be joining us for the 9.30am Mass for their end of term Mass and Passion Play.

A DAY WITH MARY

On **Saturday 28th 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. There will be confessions and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament during the day. Please bring a packed lunch.

HELP NEEDED- GOOD FRIDAY 3rd APRIL – 10AM

Fr. Chris is looking for 14 children to help him lead the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday in Church at 10am. If your child would like to help please let me know ASAP

bridgetbrinkley@rcdow.org.uk

There will be a short rehearsal for this on **Thursday the 26th March** at 4pm in the Church.

LENTEN ALMS

In addition to enabling parishes to set up and run projects designed to give practical help to the poor, the hungry, the homeless, the lonely and the vulnerable, Caritas is also undertaking a project in partnership with the Bishops' Conference, the Metropolitan Police, the Congregation of Adoratrices and St Mary's University. Entitled Project Bakhita, it has been set up to address the issue of human trafficking – which is one of the greatest scandals of our times. In the UK alone, there are at least 14,000 trafficked people – many of whom have been forced into prostitution, domestic slavery, forced labour and organ transplants.

But Caritas 's work is only possible if it receives donations which are why parishioners in every parish in our diocese are being asked to consider making a Lenten Alms contribution to Caritas this year. You can get more information about Caritas (and make an online donation) at www.rcdow.org.uk/caritas. A collection for Caritas will be taken up at the 8pm Mass on Holy Thursday.

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.

REPOSITORY (CHURCH SHOP)

We are seeking for volunteers to help in the Repository especially at the 11am Mass. If you would like to volunteer please contact the Parish Office or speak to Fr Chris or Fr Fortunato.

CALLING ALL THOSE....

...who are celebrating their 80th Birthday this year. Please see Fr Chris or Fr Fortunato or contact the Parish Office as soon as possible.

PASTORAL CARE

If you know of someone (a neighbour, a friend, a member of your family) who is unwell at home or in hospital or unable to get to Church any longer, and if you think they would value a visit from one of the Priests or Sisters, please let Florie in the Parish Office know. They may be out of sight but they shouldn't be out of mind.

Reminder -The clocks go forward by one hour



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Fr Gerry will be celebrating his 80th birthday on **Saturday 18th April** with a special Mass here at 12 noon, followed by a big party in St Lawrence's School. We will be having a bring and share lunch for Fr Gerry's party. There are food lists and helpers lists in the porch. If you need further information please contact Bridget Brinkley.

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 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 Parish Centre 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 Easterfide.

EASTER FLOWERS

There will be a collection at the end of all Masses next weekend **28th/29th March** for Easter Flowers.

OTHER

CLASSICAL CONCERT IN AID OF CARITAS WESTMINSTER,

8pm Wednesday 25th March at SS Anselm & Cecila, Kingsway, WC2.

Rarely performed Psalm 51 by Bach (based on the famous 'Stabat Mater' by Pergolesi) will be played by the Venice Chamber Orchestra: L'OFFERTA MUSICALE, conducted by Riccardo Parravicini, with soprano Miranda Heldt and contralto Elena Traversi as soloists. Tickets £10 in advance at www.bit.ly/Bach51

ST. MARK'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

In recent weeks St. Mark's has received letters from Government Ministers congratulating the School on being in the top 100 non selective state schools nationally for 5+ A*-C grades, for sustained improvement, for Key Stage 2 to 4 value added, for the English Baccalaureate and for the attainment and value added progress of disadvantaged pupils. The Sunday Times list St. Mark's as the 15th best comprehensive school in the country earlier in the term. I would like to thank the St. Mark's students and parents in Feltham parish for your contribution towards the continuing success of the School. We are also very appreciative of the support we receive from the Parish Priests. Paul Enright (Headteacher)

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 24th, April 21st, 28th**. Please come with your child and wait in Church and bring all the necessary paperwork with you.

REST IN PEACE

PATRICIA KING RIP

We pray for the repose of the soul of **Patricia King RIP** who passed away recently. Her funeral will take place here on **Monday 23rd March** at 11.30am. Please keep in your prayers all the family that mourn her.

PARISH CENTRE

BUILDING FUND UPDATE

Our Target **£250,000.00**

No. of pledges as at 16/3/15: 126

Total amount pledged as at 16/3/15: £55,121.01

Total amount banked as at 16/3/15: £24,117.21

next weekend (28th/29th March) Mass intentions and other services this week:

Saturday 21 st Lent Feria	11.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation	
	11.45	Benediction	
	12.00	Eily O'Connor RIP	
	12.30	Stations of the Cross	
	17.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
+ First Mass of Sunday	18.00	Intentions of the Lock Family	
+ Sunday 22 nd Fifth Sunday of Lent	09.00	People of the Parish	
	11.00	Bernard and May Early RIP	
	13.00	Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)	
	14.30 18.00	Mass led by the African Community Harry and Philomena Booker RIP	
Monday 23 rd Lent Feria	08.30	Eucharistic Adoration	
	09.15	Morning Prayer	
	09.30	Mary Galligan (Birthday Intention)	
	11.30	FUNERAL MASS – PATRICIA KING RIP	
Tuesday 24 th Lent Feria	08.30	Eucharistic Adoration	
	09.15	Morning Prayer	
	09.30	Celebrant's Intention	
	10.00	<i>Novena to Our Lady</i>	
Wednesday 25 th THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD	08.30	Eucharistic Adoration	
	09.15	Morning Prayer	
	09.30	Denis McGillicuddy & Abina O'Connor RIP	
	19.30	<i>Stations of the Cross in Polish (Droga Krzyzowa)</i>	
Thursday 26 th Lent Feria	08.30	Eucharistic Adoration	
		No Morning Prayer	
	09.30	Fr Brian Heaney RIP (Anniversary) <i>(with school)</i>	
Friday 27 th Lent Feria	06.45	Rose Hunter RIP	
	08.30	Eucharistic Adoration	
	09.15	Morning Prayer	
	09.30	Paul, Francisca & Raphael Omoniyodo in Thanksgiving	
	10.00	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>	
Saturday 28 th Lent Feria	09.30	DAY WITH MARY (9.30am-5.30pm)	
	10.45	Video Presentation on "The Message of Fatima" (School Hall) <i>Procession of Our Lady. Angelus. Crowning. Sung Litany.</i>	
	13.30	Mass in honour of Our Lady <i>Exposition and Procession of the Blessed Sacrament</i> <i>The Five Joyful Mysteries. Sermon on Our Lady by Fr Fortunato</i> <i>The Five Luminous Mysteries. Silent Adoration. Meditations on the Passion.</i>	
	16.15	<i>Sermon on Our Lady by Fr Chris</i> <i>The Five Glorious Mysteries. Act of Consecration. Benediction.</i> <i>Enrolments in the Brown Scapular and Miraculous Medal</i> <i>During the Day: Confession and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
	18.00	Edna Manliclic RIP	
	+ First Mass of Sunday	18.00	
	+ Sunday 29 th PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD	09.00	People of the Parish
		11.00	Susan Truss RIP (Anniversary)
		13.00	Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)
		18.00	Raymond Restel RIP

Sanctuary Lamp: Francisca Omoniyodo (Intention)

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

14th/15th March: Envelopes £985.30 Loose £804.69 Standing Orders £488.25 Total: £2,278.24
Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trustees: Registered Charity No. 233699

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