



# St Lawrence Catholic Church

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**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

**25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

**Readings: Parish Mass Book Year A, Volume 1:** (Missal Page: 164): 1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13; Psalm 22; Ephesians 5:8-14;

John 9:1-41

**Next Week: – Fifth Sunday of Lent:** Page 170: Ezekiel 37:12-14; Psalm 129; Romans 8:8-11; John 11:1-45

## Lord That I May See



The man in the Gospel story today has his sight restored. Notice how his sight grows more clearly throughout the account until he finally worships Jesus.

There are many forms of blindness besides physical blindness, and in some ways these are just as crippling, for example:

- Selfishness blinds us to the needs of others.
- Insensitivity blinds us to the hurt we are causing to others.
- Snobbery blinds us to the equal dignity of others.
- Pride blinds us to our own faults.
- Prejudice blinds us to the truth.
- Hurry blinds us to the beauty of the world around us.
- Materialism blinds us to spiritual values.
- Superficiality blinds us to a person's true worth and causes us to judge by appearances.

Lent is a time for each of us to ask whether we are in the light or still blind.

The time is drawing near for us to renew our baptismal promises in the Holy Saturday liturgy. May we remove our blindness and begin walking in the light of the Risen Jesus.

Let us remember in prayer those who died and were injured in the attack on Wednesday at Westminster. We pray for their families and loved ones. When we pray we come to realise that Jesus is present in our sufferings. Jesus is with us as our hope in adversity and our strength in grief.

**FR. JOHN**

### PARISH NOTICES

#### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

There will be no Eucharistic Adoration on **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March, Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March and Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April.**

#### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

#### END OF TERM SCHOOL MASS

We welcome the children of St Lawrence's School on **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March** for their end of term Mass.

#### MASS & ANOINTING FOR THE SICK

Our Annual Mass of Healing and Anointing for the Sick will take place on **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April** at 12.00noon followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre.

There are lists at the back of Church for those who would like to attend, helpers, offers of lifts for those with no transport.

#### PARKING

Please note that there will be **NO** parking in the Church grounds on **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March** in order to accommodate the Funeral taking place that day.

## LENT CATECHESIS

The Lent course 'A Biblical Walk Through The Mass' takes place on Tuesday evenings during Lent in the Parish Centre at 7pm.

## LENTEN MEDITATIONS

The group meditation/reflection will take place as usual this Monday at 10am in the Prayer room.

## KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA COFFEE MORNING

The Knights of St Columba invite you to extend your commitment to the Parish through the Knights of St. Columba. There will be a Coffee morning this Sunday after the 9am and 11am Masses in the Parish Centre when there will be an opportunity to learn more about the work of the Knights.

## LITURGY PLANNING FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

There will be a meeting on **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March** at 7pm in the Presbytery to discuss Liturgy for Holy Week and Easter Services. Some key people have been contacted by email but if anyone would like to come along who has a part in helping with the Liturgy you are most welcome e.g. Eucharistic Ministers.

## GOOD FRIDAY CHILDREN'S LITURGY/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. All children must be signed in when attending this workshop.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS LED BY THE CHILDREN – GOOD FRIDAY MORNING

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

Children who would like to take part in the Stations of the Cross please contact Bridget as soon as possible.

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The next preparation and final session for children is on **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April** at 9.45am. Please come to St Lawrence's School Reception.

## CONFIRMATION

The final preparation session is on **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March** and parents are invited to join us for this final session. Candidates please return both slips as soon as possible to Bridget or drop into the Parish Office.

Please keep in your prayers all children preparing for the sacraments.

## PLANNED GIVING

The new Planned Giving Boxes are available for collection at the side of the Church.

Those who registered for envelopes in recent weeks will find them on the left hand side of the Church. They will be located in boxes on the right in numerical order from 229-257.

## NURSERY SCHOOL FORM SIGNING

Fr John will be available to see families to sign Nursery School Applications on the following dates. To make an appointment to see him please put your name on one of the lists on the notice board. Please use the sign up sheets on the notice board. Please attend with your child, along with all the forms needed, their Baptism Certificate and the Certificate of Catholic Practice.

**Saturday, 22nd April 9.30-10.30am**

**Tuesday, 25th April 3.45-5.00pm**

**Tuesday, 2nd May 3.45-5.00pm**

## OTHER

## CAFOD THANK YOU

A big thank you to all who supported CAFOD. An amazing sum of £1,401.81 plus £147 in Gift Aid.

## RIVERSIDE AFTER CARE & EARLY RISERS CLUBS

The Early Risers Breakfast Club will be opening at St Lawrence's Parish Centre on **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April** from 7.30am to 9am. Breakfast will be provided and children will be walked to St Lawrence and Cardinal Road Infant Schools by Early Risers Staff. To register your child or for further details please contact Kate, Play Leader on 07539 498952 between 3pm-5.30pm or 7.30am-8.30am, Monday to Friday.

## REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the souls of **Don O'Sullivan RIP and Marlene Prosser RIP** who died recently. Please also keep in your prayers their families, friends and all who mourn them.

The funeral of Marlene Prosser RIP will take place on **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March** at 10.00am. Please note that this is the only Mass in Church that day.

The Funeral of **Don O'Sullivan RIP** is to be arranged shortly.

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

18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> March: Envelopes £865.56; Loose: £840.32  
Standing Orders: £665.00 **Total: £2,370.88**

Parish Centre Building Fund (incl. Bricks) - £201.58

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 25 <sup>th</sup>	11.00-11.30 11.45 12.00 12.30 15.00 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation Benediction Guillermo Jego, Mario Balbontin, Juan Fritz and Emelina Pietra Santa RIP Stations of the Cross Mass in Tagalog for the Filipino Community No Sacrament of Reconciliation Sheila Webb RIP
Sun 26 <sup>th</sup>	09.00 11.00 13.00 14.30 18.00	Mary Keffe RIP May and Bernard Early RIP Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Mass led by the African Community People of the Parish
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup>	10.00	No Exposition or Morning Prayer REQUIEM MASS – MARLENE PROSSER RIP
Tues 28 <sup>th</sup>	09.30	Celebrant's Intention
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup>	09.30	In Birthday Thanksgiving – Paul & Francisca Omoniyodo and Winifreda Winosa William
Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup>	09.30	Manuel Francisco Pereira RIP
Fri 31 <sup>st</sup>	09.30	No Exposition or Morning Prayer Residents of Southville Care Home (Intention) (with School)
Sat 1 <sup>st</sup>	11.00 12.00 17.00 18.00 19.00	No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation MASS OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK Sacrament of Reconciliation People of the Parish Polish Community Lenten Retreat
Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup>	09.00 11.00 13.00 18.00	Martin Stephen Lambert, Savrimuthu and Annammah RIP Mary and Tim Moriarty RIP Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Deceased members of the Canha Family
Sanctuary Lamp: Joseph Danladi in Thanksgiving		

**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**



