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Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)

26th/27th March 2022



Readings: Parish Mass Book Year C, Volume 1: (Page 168): Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 33; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21;

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Week: Fifth Sunday of Lent (Page 176): Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 125; Philippians 3:8-14; John 8:1-11



Then he came to his senses and said, "I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you..."

The parable of the prodigal son, which Jesus tells in this Sunday's Gospel passage, shows the contrast between the Pharisees' and scribes' closed and intolerant heart, and God's compassion towards repentant sinners. Jesus uses this parable to paint the picture of God his Father, who desires not the death of a sinner but that he repents of his sinful ways and lives. (Ezekiel 18:23, 33:11)

Jesus' response to the Temple and civil authorities' complaint is a reminder of the true meaning of the Law and Prophets - mercy and not sacrifice. (Hosea 6:6; Matthew 9:13) His response is a caution against the danger of safe acclaimed sainthood. By being so unaccommodating and questioning Jesus for welcoming "the tax collectors and the sinners", the Pharisees and scribes seek to deny them of the free gift of God's mercy to all, made fully manifest in Jesus Christ. Self-righteousness can breed intolerance and arrogance towards others. How do we see ourselves in relation to others?

The parable of the prodigal son bears fruits of self-awareness. At long last, and upon an honest self-examen, the prodigal son understood that his fate was self-inflicted. Unlike the Pharisees and scribes, he humbled and thought himself no longer deserving of his place as son. He also saw for himself that he deserved better than he had done to himself with his freedom. To come out of this, he mustered the courage to go to his father and ask for his forgiveness. His sorrow for his past and his father's generous heart brought him restoration back into the family he had abandoned. Self-examen and prayer are helpful tools which we too can use to improve our relationship with God and with fellow human beings.

Repentance begins with being truly sorry for the wrongs we did to God and to one another, ask for forgiveness and resolve to live better in the future. The Church invites us to rejoice on this fourth Sunday of Lent because God has already reconciled us to himself through Christ. All we now have to do is to "leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you..."

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MASS TIMES

Sunday Masses: 8.00am, 9.30am and 11.00am

Monday to Friday: 10am Mass

Saturday Morning: 11.00am Mass

Saturday Morning: Confessions: 10.00am to 10.45am with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,

Saturday Evening: 5.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday

This Parish is part of Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust (WRCDT) Registered Charity No: 233699

EASTER HAMPER RAFFLE

Tickets on sale after Mass for 3 Easter Hampers to be won, the proceeds of which will be for our Parish Ukrainian Appeal Fund.

Tickets £1.00 for a strip or 6 strips for £5.00

LENT 2022 AT ST LAWRENCE'S



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday to Friday at 9.00am



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays at 10.30am, Saturday at 11.30pm and Wednesdays at 7.30pm (Polish).



CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY

There is still time to donate – the collection will be open all of Lent or you can donate by visiting the CAFOD website (cafod.org.uk/lent). If you had taken a box, please return any filled boxes to the presbytery.

PASSION PLAY

This is a live enactment of the Way of the Cross with song, drama, reflection and prayer. A powerful act by the Sports & Cultural Society of St Michael & St Martin's Church. **Venue:** St Lawrence's **When:** Friday 1st April at 7.30pm. This is a free event and all are welcome/encouraged to attend.



POLISH COMMUNITY

Lenten Retreat on Saturday 9th April starting at 7pm then concluding with Mass at 8pm.

LENTEN ALMS – The Cardinal's Appeal

This year our Lenten Alms will go towards the Cardinal's Appeal and the next collection will be taken up on Holy Thursday. There is also a Lenten Alms 'wall' box situated by the steps to Our Lady's shrine/candles.



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS ROTA

Thank you to those who completed the Eucharistic Ministers lists recently. We have drawn up a rota, a copy of which is available in the sacristy. If you are unable to make any date please try and swap with someone else and/or inform one of the priests.

INVOLVEMENT IN PARISH ACTIVITIES

Further to the recent mentions in the newsletter regarding the re-opening of activities here at St Lawrence, we are looking at putting together a group of parishioners who may be interested in fund raising for the parish. Previously we've held tea/coffee mornings, international food gatherings, Passover meal, seniors party, barbecues and more. We believe this is a great way for us to interact with others in our parish community. If it is something that you have been involved with in the past or would like to now, please contact Cathy Early on 07713 983485. Thank you.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

On the recommendation of the Diocese, this year we have only renewed boxes for those donors who were active with their donations in the last couple of years. If you do not have a box could you please consider setting up a standing order to support the parish. The new boxes and Standing order forms are available in the Baptistry. If you need more information please speak to Fr John or Fr Joseph.

NEW ARRANGEMENT FOR THE RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Those sitting on the Baptismal Font side of the church and by the side aisle on Our Lady side of the church will be ushered first to come through the back and down the central aisle and go back through the side aisles. Next will be those sitting on both sides of the nave coming through the central aisle and going back to their seats through the side aisles. **PLEASE** wait for the stewards to call you up. For those in the porch and choir loft the arrangement remains the same but please remain in your places and a Minister will come to you.

FORTY DAYS FOR LIFE

Volunteers needed this Lent! Can you offer an hour a week and your prayers this Lent to help unborn babies and their families? Please see the poster at the back of Church for more details.

CATHOLICS IN HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE: ETHICS AND

PRACTICE - A training day organised by St Mary's University. Would you like to explore the unique contribution that faith makes to the health and social care sector? Are you interested in learning about the ethical challenges work in this sector may bring? **Dates:** 2 April - 11.30am-4.45pm St Patrick's Catholic Church, 21a Soho Square, London W1D 4NR. **Register:** stmarys.ac.uk/events/2022/04/catholics-in-health-and-social-care **Cost** £20. **14 May** - 11.30am-4.45pm online via Zoom. **Cost:** free. **Register:** stmarys.ac.uk/events/2022/05/catholics-in-health-and-social-care

CARITAS WESTMINSTER

Please see notice board for information, workshops and events taking place during Lent and an opportunity to volunteer.

LENT RETREAT FOR YOUNG ADULTS (aged 18-30s) with the Assumption Sisters on Saturday 2nd April 2022 in Kensington. Young people are invited for a day retreat (10.30am-6.30pm) to prepare for Holy Week and Easter, with talks, workshops, prayer, Stations of the Cross, time for confessions and mass. **Venue:** Milleret House, 23 Kensington Square W8 5HN. Donations only. **Register** by emailing: tramy@assumptionreligious.org

UKRAINIAN COMMUNITY AT ST LAWRENCE

The Ukrainian Community are appealing for help either by prayer, monetary gifts or donations of clothes and other items. They will be putting up a list of items required on the notice board. It is a very distressing time for them with so many having loved ones in Ukraine who are in constant danger.

PARKING ON CHURCH PREMISES

The Parking Bays on the Church Premises are for Disabled Badge Holders only. Please display your badge clearly on the dashboard. The access way is for drop off only and not parking. This is applicable on Sundays, Holy Days of Obligation, Funerals, Weddings and other such special occasions. Parking is available at Tesco, Feltham Leisure West and on Sundays limited parking in the school.

ST LAWRENCE SCHOOL SPONSORSHIP APPEAL

To donate to Mr Duggan and Mrs Thompson fundraising appeal go to <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/leo-duggan>

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the souls of **Caetano (Pele) De Souza, Mary Casey, Judith Pinlac, Mary Orlanda De Lima (Linda), Brian Beagan, Jean Reed, Charles David Annan, Robert Alan Clark, Sally-Anne Gutcher, John Murray, Joan Shaza and Maria Simon** who passed away recently.

- **Jean Reed RIP** – Her funeral will take place at Hanworth Crematorium (Ogden Chapel) on **Monday 28th March at 11.30am.**

- **Brian Beagan RIP** – His Requiem will take place here on **Wednesday 30th March at 12noon.**

- **Mary Orlanda De Lima (Linda) RIP** – Her funeral will take place at Feltham Cemetery on **Monday 4th April at 11.30am.**

The funerals of Judith Pinlac, Mary Casey and Caetano (Pele) De Souza will be advised as soon as we have details. We also keep in our prayers their families and all who mourn them.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 26	11am 5.00pm	Adelina Menezes RIP Bridget McDonagh RIP
Sun 27	8am 9.30am 11am	Jesus Nogollos RIP Mario Pereira RIP Paul, Francesca & Raphael Omoniyodu in Birthday Thanksgiving
Mon 28	10am	John Igboanugo Junior RIP
Tues 29	10am	Tina, Joaquim & Family (Intentions)
Wed 30	10am 12noon	Clyde Pires in Birthday Thanksgiving REQUIEM – BRIAN BEAGAN RIP
Thurs 31	10am	Micky Agnelo Antao in Thanksgiving – 21 st Birthday
Fri 1 April	10am	Rachel Sinclair (Intention)
Sat 2	11am 5.00pm	Michael Gilbert RIP Judith Pinlac RIP
Sun 3	8am 9.30am 11am	Gerard Hayes RIP In Thanksgiving Mendonca Family Veronica Quainoo in Thanksgiving
Sanctuary Lamp: Delia Doyle RIP		

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