

# This week at St Lawrence's



28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> March 2015

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**  
(Missal Page 176– YEAR B Vol. 1)



Isaiah 50:4-7; Psalm 21; Philippians 2:6-11; Mark 14:1, 15:47  
Easter Sunday (Missal Page 251); Acts 10:34, 37-43; Psalm 117; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-9  
(Maundy Thursday: Page 192 ; Good Friday – Page 197 ; Easter Vigil – Page 216)

Dear Friends

This week is Holy Week, or the Great Week, as it is sometimes known, a week that 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

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## THIS IS HOLY WEEK

### CHRISM MASS – TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK

Fr Chris and Fr Fortunato will be attending the Chrism Mass at Westminster Cathedral at **12noon** on **Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

### PASSOVER MEAL – WEDNESDAY EVENING

Our annual celebration of a Passover Meal takes place on **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April** at **7.30pm**. Please contact Tanya Webster if you are able to help in anyway. She will be available at the end of all Masses this weekend with a food list. If you have taken a ticket but find you are unable to attend, please return it to the Parish Office, as this is a popular event and we usually have a waiting list.

### 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 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 Easteride.

### 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 **4<sup>th</sup> April**. During this service, Claus Bedenbecker, Hiranthi Keshani Corea, Thomas Anthony Davies and Regina Chineze Offiah will celebrate their full initiation into the Catholic Church. Please pray for them in the coming days.

### 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 **11.00am - 12noon**.

### WIELKI TYDZIEŃ

March 31 <sup>st</sup>	18.30-20.00pm – Spowiedź święta
April 1 <sup>st</sup>	19.30pm - Droga Krzyżowa.
Wielki Piątek, April 3 <sup>rd</sup> –	5.30pm - Liturgia Męki Pańskiej
	8.30-9.30pm – Adoracja Jezusa w grobie i adoracja krzyża
Wielka Sobota, April 19 <sup>th</sup>	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

### EASTER FLOWERS

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

### 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.

### 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

### LENTE ALMS

If you have decided to make a contribution to Caritas as part of your Lenten Alms, your donation should be returned in one of our Lenten Alms envelopes on Holy Thursday. You can get more information about Caritas (and make an online donation) at

[www.rcdow.org.uk/caritas](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/caritas). A collection for Caritas will be taken up at the 8pm Mass on Holy Thursday.

### REPOSITORY (CHURCH SHOP)

We are seeking 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.

There is a good selection of Easter cards, First Holy Communion and Confirmation Cards and Gifts, books and lots more. Come and have a look.

### CALLING ALL THOSE...

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

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

*Fr Gerry will be celebrating his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

### 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.

### 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.

## PARISH CENTRE

### BUILDING FUND UPDATE

**Our Target    £250,000.00**

No. of pledges as at 26/3/15:	129
Total amount pledged as at 26/3/15:	£56,939.21
Bucket Appeal:	£353.20
Total amount banked as at 26/3/15:	£25,265.41

### Mass intentions and other services this week:

		<b>DAY WITH MARY (9.30am-5.30pm)</b>
<b>Saturday 28<sup>th</sup></b> Lent Feria	09.30	Video Presentation on "The Message of Fatima" (School Hall)
	10.45	Procession of Our Lady. Angelus. Crowning. Sung Litany.
	13.30	<b>Mass in honour of Our Lady</b> Exposition and Procession of the Blessed Sacrament The Five Joyful Mysteries, Sermon on Our Lady by Fr Fortunato The Five Luminous Mysteries. Silent Adoration. Meditations on the Passion.
	16.15	Sermon on Our Lady by Fr Chris The Five Glorious Mysteries. Act of Consecration. Benediction. Enrolments in the Brown Scapular and Miraculous Medal
+ First Mass of Sunday	<b>18.00</b>	During the Day: Confession and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament <b>Edna Manliclic RIP</b>
<b>+ Sunday 29<sup>th</sup></b> PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD	<b>09.00</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b> <b>Susan Truss RIP (Anniversary)</b> <b>Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)</b> <b>Raymond Restel RIP</b>
	<b>11.00</b>	
	<b>13.00</b> <b>18.00</b>	
<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup></b> Lent Feria	08.30	Eucharistic Adoration Morning Prayer <b>Sr Joseph Diviney (Intention)</b>
	09.15	
	<b>09.30</b>	
<b>Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup></b> Lent Feria	08.30	Eucharistic Adoration Morning Prayer <b>Mary Lucey RIP</b> Novena to Our Lady Polish - Spowiedz swieta
	09.15	
	<b>09.30</b>	
	10.00 19.30	
<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup></b> Lent Feria	08.30	Eucharistic Adoration Morning Prayer <b>Nerita McGovern (Intention)</b> Stations of the Cross in Polish (Droga Krzyzowa)
	09.15	
	<b>09.30</b>	
	19.30	
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup></b> MAUNDY THURSDAY	18.30-19.30	Sacrament of Reconciliation <b>Mass of the Lord's Supper</b> Followed by Watch of Prayer until Midnight
	<b>20.00</b>	
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup></b> GOOD FRIDAY	10.00	Children's Stations of the Cross Sacrament of Reconciliation Walk of Witness (gather on Feltham Green) <b>The Celebration of the Passion of the Lord</b> <b>Polish – Liturgia Meki Panskiej</b> Stations of the Cross Polish – Adoracja Jezusa w grobie I adoracja krzyza
	11.00-12.00	
	11.00	
	<b>15.00</b>	
	<b>17.30</b>	
	19.30 20.30	
<b>Saturday 4<sup>th</sup></b> HOLY SATURDAY	12.30-14.00	Polish Blessing of Easter Baskets (Swiecenie Pokarmow) <b>The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night</b>
	<b>20.00</b>	
<b>+ Sunday 5<sup>th</sup></b> EASTER SUNDAY	<b>09.00</b>	<b>Celebrant's Intention</b> <b>Celebrant's Intention</b> <b>Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)</b> <b>Celebrant's Intention</b>
	<b>11.00</b>	
	<b>13.00</b>	
	<b>18.00</b>	

### Sanctuary Lamp: Deceased members of the Pereira and Fernandes Families

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

21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> March: Envelopes £1286.10 Loose £771.27 Standing Orders £488.25 Total: £2545.62  
 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**