

This week at St Lawrence's



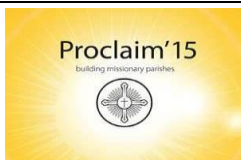
2nd/3rd May 2015

Fifth Sunday of Easter
(Missal Page 264– YEAR B Vol. 1)

Acts 9: 26-31; Psalm 21; 1 John 3:18-24; John 15:1-8

Fifth Sunday of Easter (Missal Page 266): Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; Psalm 97;

1 John 4:7-10; John 15:9-17



Dear Friends

It is my pleasure this weekend to launch the “**Proclaim '15**” initiative in the parish. We are invited to be a part of this national programme throughout the Catholic Church of supporting, enthusing and equipping parish evangelisation, of helping us grow as a missionary parish. The inspiration for this initiative is the beautiful letter from Pope Francis, “*The Joy of the Gospel*”. In this letter the Holy Father writes: “*I wish to encourage the Christian faithful to embark upon a new chapter of evangelisation marked by this joy, while pointing out new paths for the Church's journey in years to come.*”

So how are we going to begin to take up this invitation? On the weekend 6th/7th, 13th/14th and 20th/21st June there will be special inserts in the newsletter, each one helping us discover what it means to live as, in the words of Pope Francis, “missionary disciples”. During the week that follows each of the three weekends we are inviting you to meet in a group for an hour or so, to reflect on that insert from the newsletter and maybe even to organise a group in your own home, inviting your family, friends and neighbours along. It would be wonderful if a large number of parishioners took up this invitation. So it's over to you now. There are sign-up sheets in the Church porch where you can indicate willingness to join a group or organise a group and to say what day and time of day suits you best. Please sign up as soon as you can so that we can get an idea of how this exciting three weeks is going to work. One thing is for sure, it will be a great opportunity to get to know each other better – and that has to be a good thing.

With my love and prayers.

Fr Chris

SACRAMENTS

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Please keep our 90 children in your prayers who will receive their First Holy Communion at our weekend Masses on the **9th/10th May, 16th/17th May, and 23rd May**. Parents are reminded that it is important to attend their rehearsal in the week prior to their child's First Holy Communion day.

CONFIRMATION

Please also keep our 41 young people in your prayers as they approach their Confirmation day. Candidates please remember your meetings with Fr. Chris and Fr. Fortunato in the coming weeks.

PARISH NOTICES

SATURDAY MORNING CHANGES

There will be **no** 11am Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions on **Saturday 9th, 16th and 23rd May**. Instead there will be special First Holy Communion Masses at 12 noon, to which everyone is invited.

CAFOD TABLE TOP SALE – PLANTS, VEGETABLES, ETC.

There will be an outdoor table top sale of plants, vegetables, and many other items in aid of CAFOD this **Sunday** after the 9am and 11am Masses. Bernardine and Teresa will be outside Church so come along and get some plants and vegetables for the garden. This is the last opportunity to take advantage of the Government's £1 for £1 match.

THE LIFE OF CHRIST

On **Tuesday 23rd June** we are hoping to travel to Guildford for the amazing five-hour open air version of the Life of Christ. The performance starts at 10.00am and finishes at 4.00pm, and adult tickets are £18.00. If you would like to go please give your name, contact details and full payment to the Parish Office and we will let you know the travel plans.

REVEREND DANIEL HUMPHREYS

On **Saturday 27th June** at 10.30am Daniel will be Ordained to the Priesthood in Westminster Cathedral. All are very welcome to this beautiful ceremony – and are advised to get there early for a good seat! He will be celebrating his first Mass the day after, Sunday 28th June, at 11.00am at St Mary and St Joseph, Poplar (travel details from the Parish Office). Then on Sunday 5th July we are immensely privileged to welcome “Fr Daniel” to celebrate the 11.00am Mass, followed by a big party in the School. This promises to be a wonderful day and a great opportunity to welcome him home!

NEPAL EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

CAFOD has launched a £3m emergency appeal following the earthquake in Nepal. Thousands of people in this already impoverished country have been killed and many thousands more are in urgent need of food, water, shelter and emergency supplies. Eight million people are affected. CAFOD is responding with Church partners and has deployed a team to provide specialist support. There will be a retiring collection this weekend in support of CAFOD's appeal or donations can be given in at the Parish Office this week.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The Parish BBQ will take place on **Saturday 20th June** in the Parish Centre, more details to follow shortly. Please mark this date in your diary.

PARISH CENTRE BUILDING FUND UPDATE AS AT 21/4/15

Our Target **£250,000.00**

No. of pledges:	139	Bucket Appeal:	£1,119.67
Total amount pledged:	£56,238.31	Total amount banked:	£27,565.75

REST IN PEACE

CYNTHIA ANN EVERETT RIP

We pray for the soul of **Cynthia Ann Everett RIP** whose funeral will take place at Hanworth Crematorium on **Wednesday 6th May** at 1.00pm. Please also keep in your prayers her family and all those who mourn her.

OTHER

ANNUAL APPEAL FOR THE PRIEST TRAINING FUND

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the Priest Training Fund last weekend. We raised £650.60 and all of this money will be used to increase the number of vocations and to support those who are preparing for the priesthood. If you have not yet made a donation, please give as much as you can. You will find envelopes at the back of the Church or you can also make a donation online by visiting www.rcdow.org.uk/donations.

OUR LADY OF WILLESDEN – MAY PROCESSION

The May Procession at the Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden takes place on **Sunday 10th May** at 3.30pm. The street procession will be made to the Convent of Jesus and Mary where the homily will be preached by Fr William Nicol, Pastoral Director at Allen Hall Seminary. The procession returns to the Shrine Church for Benediction. Come and join us as we pray the Rosary for Peace, and the protection of our City and Diocese. Close to Willesden Junction on the Bakerloo and Overground lines.

A SPECIAL KIND OF RETREAT...

A Foyer de Charité Retreat will be held at the Sion Community, Brentwood from **Sunday 12 July (6pm) – Saturday 18 July (2pm)**. The theme is **God's Plan for the Fullness of Time**, and the preacher will be Mgr. Keith Bartrop, with help from Foyer members and past retreatants. Foyer retreats are held mainly in silence, with three talks a day, and offer a holistic way of deepening our faith in the Church's teaching and our life in Christ. The Foyers are communities of consecrated lay people living with a priest in order to help others grow closer to Christ and live the Catholic faith more fully. For further information or to book a place, contact Mgr. Bartrop: 07879 953953; St. Mary of the Angels, Moorhouse Road, Bayswater, London W2 5DJ; keithbartrop@rcdow.org.uk.

VOLUNTEER WITH CAFOD!

Could you inspire young people to put their faith into action? Do you have the time and skills that you could use to help CAFOD's work? The CAFOD Westminster team are looking for volunteers to help us with schools and youth work in your local area. Full training is provided! If you would like to be part of our team, please contact CAFOD Westminster on 020 8449 6970 or email westminster@cafod.org.uk for an application form. DBS clearance is required.

EXPLORE (LASTING RELATIONSHIPS AND MARRIAGE)

Would you like to know more about being a volunteer for Explore? Come along on Thursday **14th May at 7.30pm** to St Edmund's Presbytery (213 Nelson Road, Whitton) for an informal presentation, chance to ask questions and a glass of wine! Explore works in high schools to facilitate a dialogue between a married couple and a group of young people about marriage and lasting relationships. For more information please contact Mary McGhee on 07786 737437.

STOREHOUSE FOOD BANK

Storehouse was started in 1996 by Riverside Vineyard Church who support those in the community who were struggling by themselves. Some suggestions for suitable items for the shopping list, copies available in the Church porch.

- Breakfast cereals – small/medium sized boxes
- Tinned meat – meatballs, corned beef, curry, etc.
- Rice (no pasta please we currently have lots of stock)
- Tinned fruit/veg/beans/tomatoes
- Tea/coffee/juice/squash (no alcohol please)
- Pasta Sauce
- Biscuits/sweet snacks
- Tinned Fish – tuna, salmon
- Small bags of sugar
- Small bottles of oil

A collection box will be in the Church each weekend and will be emptied and taken to Storehouse each week.

Mass intentions and other services this week:

Saturday 2nd St Athanasius	12.00 17.00 18.00	No Exposition or Sacrament of Reconciliation Virginia & Ninia Masulit (Intentions) Sacrament of Reconciliation Sean Kehoe, Brenda & Douglas Rich RIP
+ Sunday 3rd FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	09.00 11.00 13.00 18.00	Eliza De Araujo RIP (Anniversary) Fernandes Family in Thanksgiving Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) People of the Parish
Monday 4th THE ENGLISH MARTYRS	09.15 09.30	Morning Prayer Ted Chapple RIP
Tuesday 5th Easter Feria	09.15 09.30 10.00	Morning Prayer Maria Alves RIP (Anniversary) Novena to Our Lady
Wednesday 6th Easter Feria	09.15 09.30	Morning Prayer Patricia Claire King RIP
Thursday 7th Easter Feria	09.15 09.30	Morning Prayer Thomas Hutchison RIP (Anniversary)
Friday 8th Easter Feria	09.15 09.30	Morning Prayer David Hayes RIP (Anniversary)
Saturday 9th Easter Feria	12.00 17.00 18.00	First Holy Communion Sacrament of Reconciliation First Holy Communion
+ Sunday 10th SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	09.00 11.00 13.00 18.00	Celebrant's Intention First Holy Communion Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) People of the Parish

Sanctuary Lamp: For the people of Nepal

Thank you for your generosity in last week's Offertory Collections:
25th/26th April: Envelopes: £1203.39 Loose: £599.04 Standing Orders: £548.42
 Total: £2350.85
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

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May is the month of Our Lady, an inspiration to discover the Rosary afresh and to use it more in our own personal and parish prayer life. Our Church Repository has Rosaries, prayer books and prayer cards to help us on that path.

