



# St Lawrence Catholic Church

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**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

**Readings: Parish Mass Book Year A, Volume 1:** (Missal Page: 262): Acts 2:14, 36-41; Psalm 22; 1 Peter 2:20-25; John 10:1-10

**Next Week: – Fifth Sunday of Easter:** Page 265: Acts 6:1-7; Psalm 32; 1 Peter 2:4-9; John 14:1-12

## The Good Shepherd - Vocations Sunday



Today is Good Shepherd Sunday; it is also "Vocations Sunday". On this day we are especially asked first of all to pray that the Church may be provided with priests and religious to do its work of spreading the Gospel.

We know that at the present time there is a critical shortage. But, while we may earnestly pray that our Church be supplied with priests and religious it needs, there can be a tendency among us to pray that OTHERS may answer that call. We do not see ourselves as included. We may pray earnestly for more young people to offer themselves as priests and religious but clearly exclude our own children.

But the problem is a wider one. We have for too long given a much too narrow meaning to the word 'vocation'. We tend to limit it to a calling to be a priest or a member of a religious community. But, in fact, every single one of us has a vocation. For most of us, probably, it is what we are now doing be it as spouses, parents, teachers, doctors, civil servants, running a business, salespersons... or whatever.

Nevertheless, each one of us should be asking ourselves today:

*Is what I am spending my energies on every day my real vocation?*

*Is this what God wants me to be doing with my life?*

*How is what I am doing giving witness to my Christian faith?*

*What contribution am I offering to making this world a better place for people to live in?*

*To what extent am I a spreader of truth, of love, of justice, of freedom, of tolerance and acceptance?*

God is calling every single one of us to work for the Gospel. For a small number it may be as a priest or religious – and that call can come at any time in one's life. But there are hundreds of other ways of serving the Church and helping to build up the Christian community. Where is God calling me to make my own unique contribution based on the particular talents God has given me?

Let us pray that more men and women may embrace the vocation to the priesthood and religious life.

**FR. JOHN**

*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.*



## PARISH NOTICES

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

We offer our warmest congratulations to the following children who will be receiving their First Holy Communion this weekend:

#### Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May at 12.00noon

Lewis Matthew Kayitale, Kathriz Floriana Valencia, Liam Jude Adrineda, Miah Kaye Jones, Freya Katherine Joyce Carag, Samantha Elizabeth Mencidor, Amy Isaura Gonzalez-Pestana, Laura Jasinska, Alyssa Lot Saludo, Karina Kasiulyte, Brayen Serwatka, Amber-Rose Star Pennington, Viktor Kaleta and Nicholas Quinzo.

#### Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May at 6pm

Julia Samantha Sedyka, Zuzanna Jessica Sedyka, Amariah Vanderpuye and Michaela Vanderpuye.

#### Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May at 9am

Valerie Elizabeth Pommells, Henry James Waterer Dowling, Max Stafford-Davies, Melissa Dedunli Weerasinghe and Ethan David Reader.

#### Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May at 11am

Ashton Samuel D'Sa, Ian Lalitesh Darlucio, Trena Silva, Tanika Silva, Modupe Bridget Marques, Marina Uzhvak, Oliver Wielgus, Lilia Helena Romanowska, Michal Kowalewski and Eduardo Gomes Ferreira.

### BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

A warm welcome to Natalia Grace Biedzio who will be baptised during the week and offer our congratulations to her family.

### SATURDAY MORNING CHANGES

There will be no 11am Eucharistic Adoration on **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> May**. Instead there will be special First Holy Communion Masses at 12 noon, to which everyone is invited.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION REHEARSALS

The following are the dates and times for your child's First Holy Communion Rehearsal in Church. You must attend the rehearsal date allocated.

1 <sup>st</sup> Holy Communion Date	Rehearsal Date
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> May, 12 noon	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> May, 4pm
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> May, 11am	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> May, 5pm
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> May, 12 noon	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> May, 4pm
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> May, 6pm	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> May, 5pm
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> May, 11am	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> May, 4pm

### UCM

The UCM will meet on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May** at 7.30pm. Members will have a very interesting talk on "Remembering being an evacuee in Wartime".

### CAFOD COFFEE MORNING

CAFOD's Coffee Morning will take place after the 9.30am Mass on **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May**.

### THE WHY COURSE.

Following on the success of our previous course 'A Biblical Walk Through the Mass' we would like to offer a short 3 week course in the parish centre on Monday the **15<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> May** and **12<sup>th</sup> June** at 7pm. This course is called 'The WHY course' and will cover three topics, Why God? Why Christ? and Why the Church?

This course is open to everyone and if you have never been part of a faith learning course I would encourage you to come and join us. If you need more details please contact Bridget at [bridgetbrinkley@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:bridgetbrinkley@rcdow.org.uk) or the parish office.

### GARDEN WORKING PARTY

We are looking for volunteers to join our Garden Working Party to help clear the Church gardens (back and front) of weeds, mow the lawn, trim, plant, etc. If you are able to help please turn up on **Saturday 13 May and 20<sup>th</sup> May** from 10am to 1pm. We have a limited number of garden tools but please bring your own if you can. Refreshments will be available.

### A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

The installation of the icon of St Lawrence will take place on **Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> July at the 12 noon Mass** followed by lunch in the Parish Centre. The Icon is a gift to the Parish in thanksgiving from Helen Dejean. Fr. Chris will join us for the celebration and will bless the Icon. To help us celebrate this day we are arranging a Flower Festival and Art Competition. More details to follow in the next few weeks. If you are interested in helping to organise this event please contact Bridget.

### COFFEE MORNING

The monthly Coffee morning organised by the Church Cleaning Team will take place on Sunday after the 9am and 11am Masses this Sunday.

### TABLE TOP SALE AND COFFEE MORNING

There will be a Table Top sale and coffee morning next **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May** after the 9am and 11am Masses. Enquiries to Sharyn Chapple.

## OTHER

### COFFEE MORNING – 30<sup>th</sup> APRIL THANK YOU

The 7<sup>th</sup> Feltham Sea Scouts would like to say a big thank you to everyone who supported their fundraising cake sale. They made an amazing £355.07. *Well done boys!*

### PRIEST TRAINING FUND

A warm welcome to Rajiv Michael a seminarian at Allen Hall who will be speaking at all Masses this weekend.

Today's second collection is for the annual Priest Training Fund. The Fund helps pay for the training of seminarians (we currently have 39), the education of priests for special ministries, and ongoing enrichment to strengthen priests. Your gift helps ensure we can provide training for these men responding to Christ's call to dedicate their lives serving the Church. Please be as generous as you can. Please also pray for vocations; please take home a prayer card for vocations. If you do not have a donation leaflet, plenty are still available at the back of Church. You can donate online anytime at [www.rcdow.org.uk/donations](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations).

## REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the souls of **Royle Van Sanden RIP, Mary Smyth RIP, Jack Devereux RIP, Arthur Greenwood RIP, Joan Warren RIP, Paul Munro RIP, Rita Godfrey RIP, John Igboanugo RIP, John Cumming RIP** and **Eric Sellors RIP** who died recently. Please also keep in your prayers their families, friends and all who mourn them.

**Rita Godfrey RIP** – Funeral Service at Hanworth Crematorium on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May** at 11.00am.

**Paul Munro RIP** – Funeral Mass here on **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May** at 10.30am.

**Joan Warren RIP** – Funeral Mass here on **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May** at 10.30am

**John Igboanugo RIP** – Funeral Mass here on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May** at 11.30am

Funeral arrangements for Arthur Greenwood RIP will be announced shortly.

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

29-30 April: Envelopes £768.56; Loose: £818.74 Standing Orders: £628.00 **Total: £2,215.30**  
Parish Centre Building Fund - £45.02

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 6 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 12.00 17.00 18.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation FIRST HOLY COMMUNION Sacrament of Reconciliation FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
Sun 7 <sup>th</sup>	09.00 11.00 13.00 18.00	FIRST HOLY COMMUNION FIRST HOLY COMMUNION Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) People of the Parish
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup>	09.30	David Hayes RIP Baptism of Natalia Grace Biedzio
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup>	09.30	Sean Moroney RIP
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup>	09.30	Hubert D'Souza RIP (Anniversary)
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup>	09.30	Maria C Fernandes RIP (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary)
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup>	09.30	Pereira Family in Thanksgiving ( <i>moved from 15<sup>th</sup> May</i> )
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Sun 14 <sup>th</sup>	09.00 11.00 13.00 18.00	Veronica Charlton RIP FIRST HOLY COMMUNION Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) People of the Parish
Sanctuary Lamp: Raphael 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**