# This week at **St Lawrence's**



7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> May 2016



The Ascension of the Lord (Missal Page 277 – YEAR C Vol. 1)

Acts:1:1-11; Psalm 46; Ephesians 1:17-23; Luke 24:46-53 Next week: Pentecost Sunday (Missal Page 294): Acts 2:1-11; Psalm 103; 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13; John 20: 19-23



# **HELPING HANDS**



Thank you to those who attended the Helping Hands meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> April 2016. We successfully had people volunteer for Home Visits, Drivers, Internet Techs, Laundry, Form Filling, Pet Owners and General Helpers. If you still have a desire to be a part of the Helping Hands Group and have something to offer that we do not have or maybe can add to what we already have - possibly you can help with Home Visits, Own A Pet or maybe you can do some Light Gardening or DIY, etc. Do not shy away, whatever your talents are or whatever you may enjoy doing, no matter how small or big shall be a helping hand to our fellow parishioners that need extra helping hands. Please contact Bridget Brinkley (Pastoral Assistant) or Fr Chris.

The volunteers that signed up for Home visits (chinwag/reading), I invite you to come to a meeting on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2016 at 7:30pm in the School Hall. Thank you so much for being a part of Helping Hands by volunteering, praying and being supportive. God Bless you all!



# **SACRAMENTS**

#### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The next preparation class for parents and children preparing to receive their First Holy Communion in June this year will be on **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May** at 9.45am.

## CONFIRMATION

The next Candidates preparation session for Group 2 is on **Wednesday**, **11<sup>th</sup> May** at 7.15pm. The Sacrament of Confirmation for Groups 1 and 2 will take place on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2016 at 12 noon. The rehearsal will take place on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm.

# FIRST HOLY COMMUNION REGISTRATION FOR 2016/2017

If your child is going to be in year 3 or above in September 2016 and would like to make their First Confession and receive First Holy Communion in May 2017 please come to see Bridget on one of the following days:

Tues 10th / Wed 11th May, Tues 17th /Wed 18th May, Tue 24th /Wed 25th May between 3.30pm - 5.30pm or Saturday 28th May 3.30pm -5.30pm

Please complete an application form as you wait with your child in the Church to see Bridget.

# WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CONGRATULATIONS

We have a number of significant Wedding Anniversaries in the parish and extend our warmest congratulations to Leonard & Elizabeth (Noreen) Easterbrook and David & Vivian Marshall - 60 years, Chris & Pam Holland - 45 years, Lourdinho & Josephine Soares - 30 years, Jackline & Louis Fernandes and Camillo & Guilhermina Rodrigues - 25 years and Mark & Michelle Easterbrook - 10 years. Some of them will be going to the Thanksgiving of Marriage Mass at Westminster Cathedral next weekend.

# **PARISH NOTICES**

# **THANK YOU**

- Thank you for your generous support to the Zimbabwean Coffee morning which raised £88.00 and the Polish Cake Sale which raised £270.00 for the Parish Centre.
- We thank Fr Tom Ryan and Fr Kevin O'Neill of the St Columban Society for celebrating Masses last weekend and a thank you to those who helped at the Masses and looked after them. A sum of £756.54 was raised for the Society.
- The CAFOD plant sale raised £130.54. Thank you to everyone for your support and donations.

# ITALIAN EVENING

St Lawrence's Youth Club (SLYC) presents a night to remember in St Lawrence's School Hall on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May**, doors open at 7.00pm. A three course Italian meal served by our youth and an evening of fun, music and raffles. Bring your own drink. Tickets £12.00 per person - on sale this weekend. Proceeds from this event will go towards the World Youth Day Pilgrimage to Krakow in July. Donations of suitable prizes for the raffle and auction would be greatly appreciated.

## **SUMMER FIESTA 2016**

The Goan Community are holding a Summer Fiesta on **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July** from 7.00pm in the School Hall. All proceeds will go towards the Parish Centre Building Fund. There will be delicious Goan food, Live Band and dancing, spot prizes, raffle prizes. Get your tickets early to avoid disappointment. Adults: 12.00 Children (6-10 years) - £6.00. Dress code: Summer wear/dress to impress. Contact George: or Johnny.

## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

As mentioned in last week's newsletter we have eight vacancies that have arisen for the Parish Pastoral Council Committee and are looking for nominations of candidates – "ideas people" who would bring prayerful good sense to our discussions. Do you know somebody in the Parish who "fits the bill"? Even yourself, perhaps? Please nominate someone for election to the Parish Council – be sure to ask their permission first. There are forms at the back of the Church if you would like to complete and return to the Parish Office. Closing date for nominations is **Sunday 29th May**.

## CAKE SALE

Denise will be having a cake sale this Sunday after the morning Masses.

#### FRIENDS OF ST LAWRENCE SCHOOL

On **Friday 13th May** there will be "Family Bingo" in St Lawrence's School Hall starting at 6.30pm. All welcome.

# **GROWING IN FAITH**

The Growing in Faith "Spring" newsletter is available in the porch. Please take a copy.

# **OTHER**

# WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY

The Catholic Communications Network (CCN) is responsible for developing the public profile of the Church in the press, radio and TV, digitally and across social media platforms. It is also a very helpful resource for national and international media professionals. Please help CCN continue this work through contributing generously to the retiring collection this weekend. Some prayer cards commemorating the day are available at the back of Church or you could donate online at http://catholicnews.org.uk/donations.

# SPIRIT IN THE CITY FESTIVAL (1-4 JUNE)

For a detailed programme pick up a leaflet from the back of Church or see flyer on the notice board. Also on 1st June the UK Premier of "Full of Grace", the story of Mary, Mother of Jesus at 6.30pm Prince Charles Cinema. Tickets £15.00 - see flyer on notice board.

# **PARISH PILGRIMAGES**

# YEAR OF MERCY DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

You are invited to join Cardinal Vincent Nichols on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham, Enaland's Nazareth, in this Year of Mercy on **Saturday 9th July**. The cost is £20.00 per person The coach is now **FULL** but there is a waiting list in case anyone drops out. All those who have put your names on the list but haven't yet paid, please do so as soon as possible to secure your seat. Please post your money in an envelope, clearly marked with your name and "WALSINGHAM", to the Parish Office.

## WORLD YOUTH DAY - KRAKOW JULY 2016

SLYC is inviting you to join us on a pilarimage to Poland for World Youth Day (WYD) with Pope Francis. WYD dates are from 18 July 2016 to Sunday 31 July 2016, the cost will be £750 including travel and accommodation. To come on this trip you just need to be 16-35 years old and open to have a fun and life changing experience. If interested please see Fr Chris for more details.

## **LOURDES 2016**

Once again we will be travelling by coach to join the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, 23rd-31st July. On the way to Lourdes we will be visiting the shrine of the Sacred Heart in Paray le Monial and on the return journey we will be stopping in Poitiers and Lisieux – the shrine of St Therese. Price £699 per person based on two sharing plus insurance £35.00, single room supplement £199 per person. Price includes full board whilst in Lourdes and half board at stops on route. Forms available from the Parish Office, complete and return as soon as possible. We especially need young people (16+) to help care for our sick, disabled and elderly pilgrims, and a nurse to accompany us on the pilgrimage.

# ST LAWRENCE 2016 PILGRIMAGE TO ROME - YEAR OF MERCY

There are still a few seats left on this pilgrimage. The pilgrimage will be from Monday 10th October 2016 to Sunday 16th October 2016. The cost is £884.00 per person on a half board basis, insurance £32.00 per person. If anyone would like to join please get a booking form from the Parish Office, complete and return with your deposit as soon as possible. \*\*STOP PRESS\*\* please note that there is 1 twin and 2 triple rooms left.

# **REST IN PEACE**

We pray for the souls of Brian Murphy RIP, Desmond Lynch RIP and James Egan RIP who died recently. Please also keep in your prayers their loved ones and all who mourn them. Their funerals will take place on:

Brian Murphy RIP - Friday 13th May at 2.40pm at Ogden Chapel, Hanworth Crematorium. Desmond Lynch RIP - Friday 27th May at 12 noon at St Lawrence's. James Egan RIP – funeral details will be published next week.

Mass intentions and other services this week:		
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> Easter Feria	11.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation
	11.45	Benediction
	12.00	Sean Kehoe and Brenda & Doug Rich RIP
	17.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	18.00	For the intentions of Mick, Amanda, Dan, Pauline and the
		McCarthy Family
+ Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup>	09.00	Caetano D'Souza in Thanksgiving – 50th birthday
THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD	11.00	Christine Cahalane RIP (Anniversary)
	13.00	Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)
	18.00	People of the Parish
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	09.15	Morning Prayer
Easter Feria	09.30	Brooke Staley (Birthday Thanksgiving)
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	09.15	Morning Prayer
Easter Feria	09.30	John Ferguson RIP
	10.00	Novena to Our Lady
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	09.15	Morning Prayer
Easter Feria	09.30	Celebrant's Intention
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	09.15	Morning Prayer
Easter Feria	09.30	The Easterbrook Family in Thanksgiving -
		10th and 60th Wedding Anniversaries
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	09.15	Morning Prayer
Easter Feria	09.30	Deceased members of the Hutchison, Chiea & Mbinga Families RIP
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup>	11.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and
ST MATTHIAS	11.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	11.45	Benediction
	12.00	Hubert De Souza RIP (First Anniversary)
	17.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	18.00	People of the Parish
+ Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup>	09.00	Chris & Pam Holland in Thanksgiving –
PENTECOST SUNDAY	07.00	45th Wedding Anniversary
	11.00	Sabina Alvares RIP
	13.00	Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)
	18.00	David Hayes RIP (Anniversary)
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Sanctuary Lamp: Raphael Danladi (Intentions)

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

30th April/1st May: Envelopes: £859.66 Loose: £773.19 Standing Orders: £530.10 Total: £2,162.95

PARISH CENTRE UPDATE: MONEY BANKED AS AT 03/05/2016 - £70,721,56

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Sunday Mass Times: Saturday 6 pm (Vigil Mass), Sunday 9 am, 11 am, 1pm (Polish) & 6 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) - Saturday 11am & 5pm