



St Lawrence Catholic Church

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

13th/14th May 2017

Readings: Parish Mass Book Year A, Volume 1: (Missal Page: 265): Acts 6:1-7; Psalm 32; 1 Peter 2:4-9; John 14:1-12

Next Week: – Sixth Sunday of Easter: Page 268: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Psalm 65; 1 Peter 3:15-18; John 14:15-21



Recently we have had a number of funerals and there are more to come in the next few weeks. Our deepest sympathy to all who are grieving their loved ones.

In the Gospel reading Jesus knew that his friends were distressed, he was about to leave them, and he says to them 'don't let your hearts be troubled trust in God, trust in me. These are among the loveliest words in the whole of the Gospel.

Sometimes when we are distressed the only thing we can do is to trust in God. Trust is the greatest thing we can give to another person. Then the unbearable becomes bearable.

Faith can be a source of comfort and inspiration, especially when we are troubled. So when we feel troubled or distressed may we hear again the gentle words of Jesus 'believe in God and believe also in me.

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.



**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**

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 13th May at 12.00noon

.Amelie Nelta Cristina Previllon, Beatriz Alexandra Lopes Jubilado, Daria Wiktoria Broda, Ella Lucia Moran, Julia Loprieno, Maria Anne Fatyga, Alfie James Collins, Elvin Hyso, Emmanuel Amankona, Marcell Zwierzynski, Mia Abigail Bradley, Peter Dimitrov, Rubie Rhianna Stewart, Shyla Renae Phillip-Myers, Zara Pires and Josiah Anthony Williams.

Sunday 14th May at 11am

Austin Koko Sampson, Jessica Angela Faria Au, Sophia Jurgita Santacroce, Vuong Nguyen, Beckham Amo, Elwina Paul, Nadia Barnor, Sheshiana Devmini Manatunga and Daniel Henriques Serrao.

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

A warm welcome to Jan and Lena Abramowicz who were baptised during the week and offer our congratulations to their family.

TABLE TOP SALE AND COFFEE MORNING

There will be a Table Top sale and coffee morning this **Sunday** after the 9am and 11am Masses.

SATURDAY MORNING CHANGES

There will be no 11am Eucharistic Adoration on **20th May**. Instead there will be a special First Holy Communion Mass 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 st Holy Communion Date	Rehearsal Date
Saturday 20 th May, 12 noon	Tuesday 16 th May, 4pm
Saturday 20 th May, 6pm	Tuesday 16 th May, 5pm
Sunday 21 st May, 11am	Wednesday 17 th May, 4pm

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 **15th & 29th May** and **12th 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 or the parish office.

UCM

The UCM Day of Prayer will be on **Friday 19th May** commencing with Mass at 9.30am. We then move into the Parish Centre for the rest of the day for prayer finishing with Benediction. Please bring your own packed lunch. Tea and coffee will be provided. Please note that there will be **no parking** in Church that day due to the funeral later that morning.

CAR PARKING

Please note that there will be **no parking** in Church grounds on the mornings of **Monday 15th, Wednesday 17th, Friday 19th and Monday 22nd May** due to the funerals of Paul Munro, Joan Warren, John Igboanugo and Arthur Greenwood.

Also, on **Wednesday 24th May** there will be **no parking** in the afternoon in Church ground from 12 noon onwards due to the funeral of Jack Devereux. Members of the Over 50's club please make note of this.

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 20th 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. Thank you to those who helped this weekend.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

The installation of the icon of St Lawrence will take place on **Saturday, 15th 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.

OTHER

PRIEST TRAINING FUND

Thank you for your generosity to the Priest Training Fund collection last weekend, the amount collected was £930.04. It's not too late to make a donation if you wish. Envelopes are available at the back of Church, or by contacting the parish office. Please continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood. For more information, or to make a donation, visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations.

OUR LADY OF WILLESDEN

You are invited to join the May procession at the Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden, praying for the capital and our diocese as we walk through the streets of NW10 on **Sunday 14th May** at 3.30pm. Details on notice board.

CELEBRATE TWICKENHAM

17-18 June 2017 at St Mary's University, Twickenham. For more details please visit www.celebrateconference.org or email Twickenham@celebrateconference.org or call 07778 12427/07717 473160.

A FESTIVAL OF HOPE – SPIRIT IN THE CITY

At Leicester Square from **9-10 June**. Theatre, music, workshops, prayer, talk. Please see poster or take a leaflet at the back of Church. www.spiritinthecity.org or email: info@spiritinthecity.org or call 020 7440 2663.

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 and John Igboanugo RIP** who died recently. Please also keep in your prayers their families, friends and all who mourn them.

Paul Munro RIP – Funeral Mass here on **Monday 15th May** at 10.30am. There will be no 9.30am Mass today.

Joan Warren RIP – Funeral Mass here on **Wednesday 17th May** at 10.30am. There will be no 9.30am Mass today and no parking in Church.

John Igboanugo RIP – Funeral Mass here on **Friday 19th May** at 11.30am. No parking in Church.

Arthur Greenwood RIP – Funeral Mass here on **Monday 22nd May** at 10am. There will be no 9.30am Mass today and no parking in Church.

Jack Devereux RIP – Funeral Mass here on **Wednesday 24th May** at 2.00pm. No parking from 12 noon in Church.

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

6 – 7 May: Envelopes £889.90; Loose: £1,247.71
Standing Orders: £628.00 **Total: £2,765.61**
Parish Centre Building Fund - £364.49

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 13 th	11.00 12.00 17.00 18.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation FIRST HOLY COMMUNION <u>No Sacrament of Reconciliation</u> Roberto Ordona RIP
Sun 14 th	09.00 11.00 13.00 18.00	Veronica Charlton RIP FIRST HOLY COMMUNION Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) People of the Parish
Mon 15 th	10.30	FUNERAL MASS – PAUL MUNRO RIP
Tues 16 th	09.30	Lancelot Potts RIP (First Anniversary)
Wed 17 th	10.30	FUNERAL MASS – JOAN WARREN RIP
Thurs 18 th	09.30	Zygmunt Mieczyslaw Wolanski RIP (50 th Anniversary) [moved from 17 th May]
Fri 19 th	09.30 11.30	Ignatius Abreu RIP (Anniversary) (Also UCM Day of Prayer) FUNERAL MASS – JOHN IGBOANUGO RIP
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Sun 21 st	09.00 11.00 13.00 18.00	People of the Parish FIRST HOLY COMMUNION Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Sean Quinn (Intention)
Sanctuary Lamp: Raphael Danladi in Thanksgiving		