

This week at St Lawrence's



29th/30th January 2011

Fourth Sunday of the Year (A)

Missal page *old 57/new 60*

Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13; Psalm 145; 1Corinthians 1:26-31; Matthew 5:1-12

Dear Friends,

I have received a message of thanks from the Rector of the English College at Valladolid for hosting Peter on his pastoral placement here at St Lawrence's. I would like to extend those thanks to all of you for making him so very welcome. Having Peter here has been a reminder to me of how I first began to hear God's call on my life to serve him as a priest, a calling that never ceases to bring me a deep-down happiness and peace. As Peter shared with us last weekend: asking the question in prayer "God, what would you have me do in my life" is the pathway to living freely and faithfully. Fr Gerry said at the end of Peter's reflection at Mass that what we heard was the best example of "preaching", telling the story of what God has done in my life. Pray that we will all of us find the same way, the same words of witness when we are called to do so. Our prayers and thanks go with Peter as he leaves us this weekend to continue his journey of discernment and formation. Pray too that many more young men will hear and answer the Lord's call in just the same way.

Fr Chris

Sunday Mass Times

Saturday 6 pm (Vigil Mass), Sunday 9 am, 11 am & 6 pm

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SPECIAL SERVICES

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

This Wednesday 2nd February is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord and Mass will start with the blessing of candles and a procession from the back of the church.

CELEBRATING LOVE & MARRIAGE

A special Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony will be held at St Lawrence's on Saturday 12th February at 12 noon for all the married couples in the parish - whether you have been married for just a few months or for many decades, we hope you will be able to join us for this LOVELY celebration just before St Valentine's Day!

UNEXPECTED VISIT

We are delighted to announce that Archbishop Vincent Nichols has chosen to mark Education Sunday on 20th February by celebrating the 11 am Mass at St Lawrence's! After the Mass there will be an opportunity for parishioners to meet the Archbishop informally in the School hall.

THE SACRAMENTS

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Our First Communion families are reminded to bring the children's workbooks to Mass next weekend 5th/6th February for another of our First Communion Group's special Eucharistic Celebrations.

PARISH GROUPS

CAFOD

As it will be the First Friday of the month this Friday 4th February, our CAFOD group will be serving refreshments after Mass.

There will also be a CAFOD Coffee Morning after morning Masses on Sunday 13th February. Any offers of help and donations of home-made cakes and pastries will be most warmly received. Please email Theresa Butcher if you can help (12352@blueyonder.co.uk).

READERS

Weekday and weekend Readers are reminded that they have a meeting with Fr Chris on Saturday 5th February at 10.30 am in the parish centre. Please let him know if you are unable to come.

NEW GROUPS

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA

St Lawrence's used to have a thriving group of Knights of St Columba and representatives of the Knights will be making an appeal for new members at

all Masses next weekend 5th/6th February in an attempt to revive the group here. Although membership is open only to males, the KSC organise activities centred on the Church, Family, Community and Youth which involve the whole family. All males over the age of 16 are warmly encouraged to join this excellent Catholic organisation.

BEREAVEMENT VISITORS

We are looking to recruit a few more volunteers to join our newly-forming group of Bereavement Visitors. If you feel you may have a gift to bring to this gentle ministry in the parish, please speak to Fr Chris or Sisters Mary or Katherine as soon as possible.

PILGRIMAGE NEWS

ECUMENICAL PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 16th – 19th MAY 2011

There are just a few places left on the Ecumenical Pilgrimage to Lourdes, which will take place from Monday 16th May 2011 to Thursday 19th May 2011 and cost £500. Please see Fr Chris this weekend if you would like to go.

SCHOOL NEWS

PRIEST'S REFERENCE FORMS

Fr Chris will be available to sign the "Priest's Reference Form" for school admissions on the following days ONLY:

Thursdays 3rd February, 3rd March, 7th April between 3.45 pm – 4.45 pm
Saturdays 26th March, 30th April between 9.30 am – 10.30 am

Please come with your child and wait in the church.

The deadline for applications to St Lawrence's Nursery is 4th May 2011.

PARISH BOUNDARY

The Archbishop has agreed to an extension of the boundary of the parish to include the area known as East Bedfont. This means that everyone living in TW13 and TW14 is now included within the parish boundary. This has implications for admissions to St Lawrence's School where priority is given to families living within the parish. The new boundaries will be used in respect of admissions for Reception and Nursery in September 2011.

REST IN PEACE

RAY PALMER RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Ray Palmer RIP who died last week after a long illness. His Requiem will be celebrated on Friday 11th February at 11 am. Please keep his wife Betty and their son Paul in your prayers at this most difficult time. May Ray rest in peace in the kingdom of heaven.

Mass intentions and other services this week:

Saturday 29th Feria	11.00 11.00 11.45 12.00 17.00 17.00 18.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Benediction Mary Kenny RIP Holy Hour for Vocations Sacrament of Reconciliation Conceição de Jesus Gonçalves RIP (A)
+ Sunday 30th Fourth Sunday of Year	09.00 11.00 18.00	Deceased Members of the Thomas & Mann Families RIP Manuel Gonçalves RIP People of the Parish
Monday 31st St John Bosco	09.15 09.30	Morning Prayer Romel Villanueva & Family (in thanksgiving)
Tuesday 1st ferial	09.15 09.30 10.00	Morning Prayer Ellen White INT Novena to Our Lady
Wednesday 2nd Presentation of the Lord	09.15 09.30	Morning Prayer Norah Winterhalder RIP
Thursday 3rd SS Lawrence, Dunstan, Theodore	09.15 09.30	Morning Prayer Rosario Dieran RIP
Friday 4th Feria	09.15 09.30	Morning Prayer Derrick Juriansz RIP
Saturday 5th St Agatha	11.00 11.00 11.45 12.00 17.00 17.15 18.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Benediction Eric Brumwell RIP (A) Sacrament of Reconciliation Rosary Sebastiana Rodrigues RIP (A)
+ Sunday 6th Fifth Sunday of Year	09.00 11.00 12.45 18.00	Alfred Deacon INT Margaret & Harry Haldane INT Baptisms of Lorenzo Nayaar & Arkar Zaw People of the Parish

Sanctuary Lamp: For the intentions of Sister Teresa

Thank you for your generosity in the Offertory Collections last week:

Envelopes £1365.35, Loose £602.58, Total: £1967.93

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