

This week at St Lawrence's



5th/6th February 2011

Fifth Sunday of the Year (A)

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Isaiah 58:7-10; Psalm 111; 1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Matthew 5:13-16

Dear Friends,

Next Saturday, 12th February, at 12 noon, we will be celebrating a special Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Marriage. All married couples are invited to this. Among them will be some of the ten couples who have married here since I arrived in the parish, and some of you who have been together significantly longer! During this Mass, the couples present will be renewing their Marriage Vows and their commitment to each other. It should be a beautiful celebration and I hope that many of you will be present as participants or witnesses. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those involved in marriage preparation here, in particular Rose-Marie and Keith Calmiano and Theresa and John Butcher. Theresa and John are handing over this year to Annie and Graham Baker and I thank all three couples for their generosity. The Sacrament of Marriage is a mirror of divine love, a high calling and a God-given vocation. Pray for all married couples you know, for those just starting on the road of life together and for those who suffer the pain of loss and separation. Pray that many more, especially the young in this day and age, will hear and respond to the calling to Christian Marriage in the Church. Let all of us do all that we can to inspire them.

Fr Chris

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WELCOME

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA

We are joined this weekend by representatives of the Knights of St Columba, an organisation for male Catholics over the age of sixteen. St Lawrence's used to have a thriving group of Knights and we are hoping to revive it by recruiting lots of new members.

Although membership is open only to males, the KSC organise activities centred on the Church, Family, Community and Youth which involve the whole community. It's a great organisation to have in a parish and would offer our male parishioners the same kind of companionship and support that the UCM offers our ladies. All male parishioners are encouraged to join!

THE SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM

We extend a very warm welcome to the Christian Church to babies Arkar Lawrence Zaw and Lorenzo Nayyar who are due to be baptised this weekend and offer their families our congratulations.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Our First Communion parents are reminded that they have a meeting this Tuesday 8th February at 2.30 pm or 8 pm and that the children meet this Wednesday or Thursday 3.30 pm – 5 pm.

CONFIRMATION FOR ADULTS

If you missed out on the Sacrament of Confirmation when you were younger and would like to explore the possibility of getting Confirmed now, please have a word with Sister Mary. We will be running a short preparation course before Easter.

PARISH GROUPS

UCM

The UCM will meet on Monday 7th February at 7.30 pm. There will be a talk on Recycling. Please would all members make every effort to attend as the speaker has been specially invited from the Recycling Team at Hounslow Council.

ST VALENTINE'S COFFEE MORNING

Our CAFOD group are appealing for help with their "St Valentine's" Coffee Morning after morning Masses next Sunday 13th February. As well as help on the day, they are also looking for donations of home-made cakes and pastries to sell. Please contact Theresa Butcher at 12352@blueyonder.co.uk if you can assist in any way.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Our Social Committee meet on Tuesday 15th February at 7 pm to arrange the calendar of parish social events for the year. If you have any ideas or would like to offer your help, please do come along – new members welcome.

READERS, MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST & MUSICIANS – REPLIES NEEDED

All Readers, Ministers of the Eucharist and Musicians are asked to reply to Fr Chris' Invitation to the Day of Recollection on Saturday 5th March as soon as possible – very few slips have been returned so far. If you are a Reader, Minister of the Eucharist or a member of a parish Choir and have not received a letter, please collect one from the Sacristy this weekend.

FOR OUR YOUNGEST PARISHIONERS ...

PICTURE BOOKS NEEDED

Do you have any picture books suitable for children aged 2-3 years which we can leave in the porch for our youngest parishioners? Any appropriate picture books in good condition will be gratefully received.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY HELPERS NEEDED

Our wonderful team of Children's Liturgy leaders really need your help. They are looking for a few more adults to lead the sessions which, as you know, take place during the first part of Mass and aim to explain the Gospel to children in more simple language. Those who are already involved will tell you that it is a lovely way to help nurture the faith of our children and not nearly as daunting as it first seems, because support and training are offered before you are left to lead a session on your own. If you would like to find out more, please have a word with Sister Mary or Fr Chris.

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 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.

REST IN PEACE

RAY PALMER RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Ray Palmer RIP whose Requiem will be celebrated on Friday 11th February at 11 am – the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes to whom Ray had a great devotion. Please keep his wife Betty and their son Paul in your prayers. May he rest in peace.

Mass intentions and other services this week:

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 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
Monday 7th Feria	09.15 09.30	Morning Prayer Maurice Walsh RIP (A)
Tuesday 8th Feria	09.15 09.30 10.00	Morning Prayer Derrick Juriansz RIP Novena to Our Lady
Wednesday 9th Feria	09.15 09.30	Morning Prayer Mary Fogarty INT
Thursday 10th St Scholastica	09.15 09.30	Morning Prayer Charles Petrie RIP
Friday 11th Our Lady of Lourdes	09.15 09.30 11.00	Morning Prayer Eleanor Mendoza RIP Requiem of Ray Palmer RIP
Saturday 12th Feria	11.00 11.00 11.45 12.00 17.00 17.15 18.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Benediction Army & Andy Hudson INT (Thanksgiving Mass for the Sacrament of Matrimony) Sacrament of Reconciliation Rosary Deceased Members of the O'Hanlon Family
+ Sunday 13th Sixth Sunday of Year	09.00 11.00 12.45 18.00	Vitor Manuel Elias RIP (A) Richard Greatorex RIP (A) Baptism of Kenisha Mason People of the Parish

Sanctuary Lamp: McCormack Family INT

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

Envelopes £1315.97, Loose £503.04, Total: £1819.01