

This week at St Lawrence's



26th/27th February 2011 **Eighth Sunday of the Year (A)**
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Isaiah 49:14-15; Psalm 61; 1 Corinthians 4:1-5; Matthew 6:24-34

Dear Friends,

Before we know it we'll be in Lent. Starting with Ash Wednesday on 9th March, we embark together once again on that great annual journey to Easter. As you will have seen in last week's newsletter, we are inviting you to join, perhaps for the first time, a Lenten Faith Sharing Group in the parish – and perhaps not just to join but to host one in your own home and invite your friends and neighbours to be part of it too. The Lenten programme, "Faithful Pilgrim", will give groups and individuals the opportunity to reflect on what the Pope said to the Church here in the UK and to British society at large. The themes are: Heart Speaks to Heart (recalling the theme); Seeking Unity (the call to reconciliation); Being saints for the 21st century (the possibility of holy living); The Kingdom of God is very near (spreading the Gospel through loving action); Focus on Christ (source of all joy); and Towards the Common Good (dialogue between Church and society). So my invitation and encouragement to each of you is this – be part of something big here this Lent!

I would also like to say a big "thank you" to everyone who helped to make the Mass with Archbishop Vincent last Sunday such a wonderful celebration: our school children and staff; our servers and music makers; our cleaners and florists; our welcomers and party-organisers. The Archbishop was bowled over! Thank you too for your generosity in the collection for the Catholic Education Service which raised £480.50.

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THE SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM

We extend a very warm welcome to the Christian Church and offer our congratulations to Micaela Eleanor Antido, Tristan Asamoah, Zara Pires and Joshua Lawrence Samson who are due to be baptised this weekend and pray that the Christian witness of their families will continue to grow.

FIRST COMMUNION GROUP

Our First Communion Parents are reminded that they have a meeting this Tuesday 1st March at 2.30 pm or 8 pm and that the children meet this Wednesday or Thursday, 3.30 pm to 5 pm.

CONFIRMATION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Those who have already registered for Confirmation should by now have received a letter about their preparation sessions which begin on Thursday 10th March at 7 pm in St Lawrence's School. If you registered but have not received any details, please e-mail mbridgetb@yahoo.com as soon as possible.

CALLING ALL WOMEN!

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Women's World Day of Prayer will be celebrated here in St Lawrence's Church at 2.15 pm on Friday 4th March. This is a day when a great wave of prayer envelopes the world, beginning in Tonga and ending more than 24 hours later in Samoa. The service this year has been prepared by the women of Chile. All (men included!) are invited as we demonstrate oneness with friends in other countries.

PARISH NOTICES

PRIEST'S REFERENCE FORMS – SIGNING DATES

Fr Chris will be available this Thursday 3rd March between 3.45 pm and 4.45 pm to sign the "Priest's Reference Form" for those applying to Nursery.

Other dates are: Thursday 7th April (3.45 pm – 4.45 pm) and Saturdays 26th March & 30th April (9.30 am – 10.30 am). Please come with your child and wait in the church.

READERS, MINISTERS OF COMMUNION & MUSICIANS – DAY OF RECOLLECTION

Readers, Ministers of Communion and Musicians are reminded that their Day of Recollection is on Saturday 5th March, from 10.30 am to 4 pm at The Kairos Centre, Mount Angelus Road, Roehampton, London, SW15 4JA.

Those who offered, or asked for, lifts will be contacted about the arrangements this week.

SISTER MARY'S GOLDEN JUBILEE – ADVANCE WARNING

In May our beloved Sister Mary will be celebrating her Golden Jubilee as a Sister of Mercy. There will be a special event for her at St Lawrence's where she has worked tirelessly since 1991.

A planning meeting to organise the celebrations will be held on Tuesday 8th March at 7 pm. Everyone welcome!

EVENTS

CAFOD

Our CAFOD group will be holding a Coffee Morning after Mass on (First) Friday 4th March. Please pop in and help raise funds for those in need!

FRIENDS OF ST LAWRENCE'S SCHOOL JUMBLE SALE

The School will be holding a Jumble Sale on Saturday 5th March, 11 am – 2 pm, and would greatly welcome any jumble you may have. Please leave any donations in the church porch.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY HELPERS' COFFEE MORNING

Our Children's Liturgy team will be serving light refreshments after the 11 am Mass next Sunday 6th March to raise money for new resources to help bring the Word of God to our youngest parishioners. Please support their efforts!

YOUNG ADULTS IN THE WEST

SOLID AS A ROCK

Bishop Alan Hopes invites all Young Adults from the West to meet for a time of food, socialising and faith sharing at Holy Trinity church, Brook Green W6 7BL next Sunday 6th March at 6 pm. The theme for the event is "Solid as a Rock", drawing on the Gospel of the day. The event will begin with Mass celebrated by Bishop Alan and followed by a time of food, meeting with other young Catholics, discussion and the opportunity to "Grill the Bishop". All young adults aged 17-35 are welcome. E-mail Dave on daveburke@rcdow.org.uk for more information.

REST IN PEACE

JEAN STOCK RIP

In your kindness please pray for the repose of the soul of Jean Stock RIP who died after a long illness and whose Requiem will be celebrated at St Lawrence's on Friday 4th March at 12 noon.

May she, through the mercy of God, rest in peace and may the Lord send comfort to her loving family.

Mass intentions and other services this week:

Saturday 26th Feria	11.00 11.45 12.00 17.00 17.15 18.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation / Exposition Benediction Christina & Augustine Stackpoole RIP (A) Sacrament of Reconciliation Rosary Ray Palmer RIP
+ Sunday 27th Eighth Sunday of Year	09.00 11.00 12.45 18.00	Deceased Members of the Holland Family Derrick Juriansz RIP Baptisms of Micaela Antido, Tristan Asamoah, Zara Pires & Joshua Samson People of the Parish
Monday 28th Feria	09.15 09.30	Morning Prayer Ray Palmer RIP
Tuesday 1st St David	09.15 09.30 10.00	Morning Prayer Derrick Juriansz RIP Novena to Our Lady
Wednesday 2nd Feria	09.15 09.30	Morning Prayer Paulina Odofin RIP
Thursday 3rd Feria	09.15 09.30	Morning Prayer Ray Palmer RIP
Friday 4th Feria	09.15 09.30 12.00 14.15	Morning Prayer Michael Gilbert RIP (A) Requiem of Jean Stock RIP Service for Women's World Day of Prayer
Saturday 5th Feria	11.00 11.45 12.00 17.00 17.15 18.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation/Exposition Benediction Mary Kenny RIP Sacrament of Reconciliation Rosary People of the Parish
+ Sunday 6th Ninth Sunday of Year	09.00 11.00 12.45 18.00	David Hudson INT Evelyn Clancy RIP Baptisms of Erin Munroe, Caitlin Rajanayagam & Chloë McCabe Andy Hancock RIP

Sanctuary Lamp: Kurt Kosin INT

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