

This week at St Lawrence's



8th/9th November 2014

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
(Missal Page 192 – YEAR A Vol. 2)

Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Psalm 45; 1 Corinthians 3:9-11, 16-17; John 2:13-22
33rd Sunday of the Year (Missal Page 155): Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Psalm 127;
1 Thessalonians 5:1-6; Matthew 25: 14-15, 19-20



Dear Friends

We began November, the month of the Holy Souls, with the beautiful and poignant celebration last Sunday of the Blessing of Graves. Fr Fortunato and I visited the cemeteries at Hatton, Bedford, Feltham, Powder Mill Lane, Twickenham and Hounslow, as well as the grounds at Hanworth Crematorium. It was a privilege to visit the graves of those dear members of our parish family, old and young, remembered or almost forgotten, and to stand in prayer with many families who were there simply out of love. This whole month is one of loving remembrance.

One of the beauties of our faith is that we do not stand alone in our loss, that we are part of a bigger family who walk with us, sharing our tears and our laughter, helping us to get through. Bereavement can be a lonely journey, and if anyone says to us "I know how you feel" they are only partly right. In our parish we have a very quiet, gentle Bereavement Service for those who, whenever the time is right, need to unload. Just ask if ever you think you need that. But our faith helps us to handle death and loss too. Our Book and Tree of Remembrance gives us a way of naming our departed loved ones, having Masses said, lighting candles, and simply praying very often that prayer (and teaching our children to do the same),

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May the souls of the faithful departed, through the
mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

Know that God has ears for the prayer of your hearts, and that He can heal your pain. Our faith is an Easter faith, that beyond the cross comes resurrection, beyond the tears comes joy, beyond death comes life eternal. So let your faith lift you up – and help you to hold others up too.

With my love and prayers.

Fr Chris

NOVEMBER – THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

NOVEMBER LISTS

Available at the back of Church, please fill in and place in the Book of Remembrance at the foot of the altar.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY – HELP NEEDED

Could you help on Remembrance **Sunday, 9th November**, to set up the School Hall, prepare and serve refreshments (soft drinks, tea and biscuits) and tidy the school afterwards? If so, please give your name in at the Parish Office and come to the School at 1.30pm to get everything ready before the service at 3pm at Feltham War Memorial.

SPECIAL MASS FOR THE RECENTLY BEREAVED

On **Sunday 16th November** at 6pm we shall be celebrating a special Mass to pray for the peaceful repose of parishioners, who have died over the past year and to pray for the comforting of their families. Please come along to offer the support of your prayers to those who are grieving. The Bereavement Support Group will be providing refreshments and a listening ear in the Parish Centre after the Mass.

SACRAMENTS

CONFIRMATION

Parents of candidates attending Confirmation Preparation this autumn are reminded that the next Parents Session will be on **Thursday 13th November** in the Parish Centre at 7pm.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The Parents Meeting will now be on **Tuesday 11th November** instead of Tuesday 4th November.

PARISH NOTICES

9AM SUNDAY MASS CHOIR

Fr Chris would like to have a short meeting in the choir loft with singers and musicians for the 9am Mass following that celebration on **Sunday 23rd November**. New singers and musicians are very welcome.

PARISH NOTICE BOARDS

Could parents kindly ensure that their children do not 'play' with the posters on the notice board. In recent weeks, posters have gone missing and drawing pins removed and thrown on the floor, which is a hazard. Also, if anyone has notices they would like displayed please drop them in to the Parish Office.

ZIMBABWEAN COFFEE AND CAKE SALE

On **Sunday 16th November** after the 9am and 11am Mass there will be a Coffee and Cake sale in aid of Zimbabwean Orphans. Donations of cakes would be helpful. Please speak to Helen Hurley for more information or offers of help.

HELP WANTED

We are looking to recruit a volunteer gardener/groundsman for the Church. If you have any time to spare please contact the Parish Office for details.

STORAGE NEEDED

Do you have any spare garage/shed space for items needing to be stored from the old Parish Centre? *Thank you to the families who have taken the tables and chairs.*

PRIEST REFERENCE FORMS FOR ADMISSION TO RECEPTION 2015

Fr Chris will be available to sign the Priest Reference forms for admission to St Lawrence's Reception on the following dates, between 3.45pm and 5.00pm. Please come with your child and wait in church.

Tuesday, November 11th, 18th and 25th

Tuesday, December 9th and 16th

Tuesday, January 13th

OTHER

SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND

There will be a collection for the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund this weekend. The Sick & Retired Priests' Fund was set up in 1979 and over the years it has helped hundreds of sick and elderly priests. But it can only continue to do so with our help as it depends on donations. Please give as much as you can afford and, if you pay tax, don't forget that you can add 25p to every £1 that you give (at no extra cost to you) by completing the Gift Aid declaration on the back of the donation envelope. (You can also make a donation online at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations).

SANTIAGO DI COMPOSTELLA PILGRIMAGE REUNION

St George's Church will be hosting a Reunion for Family and friends of those who had gone to Santiago and Fatima in September. The reunion will take place on **Wednesday November 19th** at 8.00pm. Details on the notice board.

GIFT AID AND GROWING IN FAITH

Every pound makes a vital difference towards our ability to plan for our parish project, care for our priests and support those in need in our communities. Making a Gift Aid Declaration can add 25% to your Growing in Faith donation at no extra cost to you! If you have received a letter from the Growing in Faith office and your donation is eligible for Gift Aid, please remember to complete and return your form by Sunday 23rd November.

SILVER JUBILEE CONCERT

To celebrate 25 years of the Westminster Diocesan Annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes, a special concert and Jubilee reception will be held at Our Lady of Victories, Kensington W8 on **Friday 21 November 2014** at 7.30pm. A magnificent musical programme including choral works by MacMillan and Schubert will be performed by the UCLU Music Society. Tickets are £10 and £5. All funds raised will be used in support of the pilgrimage fund to enable the sick to travel to Lourdes. Box Office is now open: Gerald Daly 020 7798 9173.

HOUNSLOW DEANERY NEWS (CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY)

Copies of the latest Hounslow Deanery News are available from the table in the porch.

CHRISTMAS CATALOGUES

Copies of Christmas Catalogues CAFOD are available from the table in the porch.

ST FRANCIS XAVIER FEAST

On **Sunday, 30th November 2014**, West London Goans will be celebrating the Feast of St Francis Xavier, the patron saint of Goa at St Lawrence's School Hall from 1pm - 7pm. Full details on notice board. All welcome.

HARROW SOUTH & NOTHOLT PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA

Fr James Neal will be leading a pilgrimage to Fatima from **11th to 17th May 2015**. The package price is £595 per person. Single room supplement £100 per person and Travel Insurance £30.00 per person. The package includes flights from Heathrow, full board accommodation, full courier services and visits to Santerem site of Eucharistic Miracel, Aljustrel, Tomar, Alcobaca and Nazare. For further information and booking forms contact Fr James on 020 8864 5455 or Gill Didino at Tangney Tours on 01732 886666.

PARISH CENTRE BUILDING FUND UPDATE

Our Target £250,000.00

Number Pledges received as of 6 th November	83
Total amount pledged as at 6 th November	£34,966.80
Total amount banked as of 4 th November	£11,670.00

Mass intentions and other services this week:

Saturday 8th <small>Feria</small>	11.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation
	11.45	Benediction
	12.00	David & Avelina Edwards in Thanksgiving (Wedding Anniversary)
	12.45	Faith Trail – Inter-Faith Event
+ First Mass of Sunday	17.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	18.00	Annette Lynch RIP (Anniversary)
	+ Sunday 9th	Christina Ugowe in Thanksgiving
<small>THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA (REMEMBRANCE DAY)</small>	11.00	For the War Dead
	13.00	Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)
	18.00	People of the Parish
Monday 10th <small>St Leo</small>	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Francisca Coutinho RIP
Tuesday 11th <small>St Martin of Tours</small>	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Baby Myles Rodrigues RIP
	10.00	Novena to Our Lady
Wednesday 12th <small>St Josephat</small>	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Michael Hurley RIP
Thursday 13th <small>Feria</small>	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Sabina Alvares RIP (First Anniversary)
Friday 14th <small>Feria</small>	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Martin & Bridget Moore RIP
Saturday 15th <small>Feria</small>	11.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation
	11.45	Benediction
	12.00	Deceased members of the Manalo & Guzman Families RIP
	17.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
+ First Mass of Sunday	18.00	Peter Everett RIP (Anniversary)
	+ Sunday 16th	Camilo Barreto RIP
<small>33rd Sunday of the Year</small>	11.00	People of the Parish
	13.00	Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)
	18.00	Mass for the Bereaved

Sanctuary Lamp: Gabriel Danladi RIP

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

1st/2nd November: Envelopes £1479.96, Loose £799.73, Standing Orders £420.00 Total: £2699.69
Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trustees: Registered Charity No. 233699

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

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