

This week at St Lawrence's



15th/16th November 2014

33rd Sunday of the Year
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Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Psalm 127; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6; Matthew 25: 14-30
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (Missal Page 158); Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17;
Psalm 22; 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28; Matthew 25:31-46

Dear Friends,

“As soon as your money rattles in the box and the cash bell rings, the Soul flies out of Purgatory and sings.” In 1517, this mocking rhyme from John Osborne's memorable play *“Luther”* is found on the greasy lips of the Dominican priest, *Johann Tetzel* from Germany. There seems little doubt that this ecclesiastical husker was the most successful Indulgence vendor of his day. He had all the slick skills of a Wimbledon ticket tout!

According to Osborne, Tetzel, preaching to a huge crowd in a village market place, assures them: *“Not only am I empowered to give you these letters of pardon for the sins you have already committed, I can give you pardon for the sins you have not yet committed but which, however, you intend to commit.”* What a bargain! Who could resist it? Would Tetzel do thriving business in St Lawrence today? I hope not! These stinging lines sum up the image of abuse and hypocrisy surrounding the selling and buying of Indulgences and Masses for the Dead, and the exploitation of the Catholic doctrine of purgatory. Such shameful abuses are to be lamented, not defended.

However, prayer for the dead has always existed in the Christian community. There has never been a time when Christians did not intercede for the souls of the faithful departed. Even when we die in the grace of God there is still so much egoism, selfishness and sin, from which we need to be purified. And most of us know this very well. Our passage, our *“transitus”*, our *passover* from this life, through death, is a passage that purifies and prepares us to see God face to face. It is a purification that we shall long for and welcome. We shall be *“purged”*. And the pains of this purgatory are, in the words of **Cardinal Newman**, *“happy pains”*. Read his famous poem *“The Dream of Gerontius”*. What an impact it had in Victorian times! Better still, listen to Elgar's setting of it - perhaps his masterpiece.

Just as the prayers of our brothers and sisters have supported and helped us through life, so their prayers can continue to support and help us when we make our passage through death. It is this prayer that the whole Church offers in a special way during the month of November. And it is in this spirit and this tradition that we offer the sacrifice of the Mass for our deceased loved ones, and indeed for the souls of all the faithful departed, that they may rest in the peace of Christ. May God bless you and your Family.

Fr Fortunato.

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.

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.

PARISH NOTICES

THANK YOU

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Thanks to all those who helped with hosting the reception after the Remembrance Sunday Service last weekend. You did us proud.

QUIZ NIGHT

Thank you to all who supported the Quiz Night. A total of £168 was raised which will go towards the Parish Centre Building Fund

UCM

The UCM will meet on **Monday 17th November** at 7.30pm for the Annual General Meeting. Members are urged to come to know what will be happening to the group for the next twelve months and who will be in charge. Annual subscriptions can be paid at this meeting.

TUESDAY 18TH NOVEMBER

You are all invited to the Hounslow Deanery Requiem which will be celebrated in Church on Tuesday at 12.15pm.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The next PPC Meeting will take place on **Tuesday, 18th November at 7.30pm**. If anyone has any items for the Council please deliver to the Presbytery by 12noon on the day.

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.

ZIMBABWEAN COFFEE AND CAKE SALE

This Sunday after the 9am and 11am Mass there will be a Coffee and Cake sale in aid of Zimbabwean Orphans.

MASS INTENTIONS

We will be taking Masses Intentions for next year from **Wednesday, 3rd December 2014, from 10am-12noon**. The arrangement suggested for 2014, will stand i.e. each person wanting to give a Mass can offer **3 Masses** to be said at St Lawrence's **for the year**. Any intentions over that are to be sent to the Missions. This will allow every parishioner to be able to have a Mass Intention said in Church. Please think carefully about the intentions you wish to give. If it's for several members of your family, try and group them into 'Deceased members of the xxx family', the same applies to thanksgiving intentions.

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 Tuesdays, between 3.45pm and 5.00pm. Please come with your child and wait in church.

November 18th and 25th; December 9th and 16th; January 13th

ADVENT CHILDREN'S WORKSHOP

**SUNDAY 30th NOVEMBER - 2-00pm – 4.30pm PARISH CENTRE
AND 4.30pm IN CHURCH FOR A SHORT CHRISTINGLE SERVICE**



The workshop is for children from 2 – 12 years old. All children under 5 must be accompanied by an adult who will need to stay with them throughout the event. There is a small charge of £1.00 for each child. This pays for items used during the workshop and any profit made will go to a children's charity. All children must be signed in when attending this workshop. The workshop will enable the children to make Advent and Christmas crafts and sing songs. Some of the items that are made from this event will be displayed in the church, other items can be taken home.

OTHER

PRINCESS ALICE HOSPICE – SANTA 5K FUNRUN

On **Sunday 30th November** at **Bushey Park** 10.30am and on **Sunday 14th December** at **Richmond Park** at 10.30am and 12.30pm. £12 entry for adults and £4 for children under 12. Register at www.pah.org.uk/santafunrun.

CONGRATULATIONS

Our prayers and best wishes to the congregation of St Dunstan's Church on the announcement of their new Vicar, Rev. Ann Dollery. She will be arriving in Feltham in February and we look forward to welcoming her to the area.

SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND

Thank you for helping our sick and retired priests. Last weekend this parish raised £1183.29. All of this money will be used to support elderly priests and those who are struggling with ill health. If you have not yet made a donation, it is not too late as the collection remains open until the end of November. (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.

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.

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. For further information and booking details see poster on notice board.

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.

PARISH CENTRE BUILDING FUND UPDATE

Our Target £250,000.00

Number Pledges received as of 12 th November	83
Total amount pledged as at 12 th November	£35,434.80
Total amount banked as of 11 th November	£11,933.00

Mass intentions and other services this week:

Saturday 15th Feria	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
+ Sunday 16th 33rd Sunday of the Year	09.00	Camilo Barreto RIP
	11.00	People of the Parish
	13.00	Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)
	18.00	Mass for the Bereaved
Monday 17th Feria	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Miles Hamlin RIP
Tuesday 18th The Dedication of the Basilica of Sts Peter and Paul	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Power Family Intentions
	10.00	Novena to Our Lady
	12.15	Hounslow Deanery Requiem Mass
Wednesday 19th Feria	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Celebrant's Intention
Thursday 20th Feria	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Emilia Potts RIP
Friday 21st The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Ray Palmer RIP
Saturday 22nd St Cecilia	11.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation
	11.45	Benediction
	12.00	Gerard O'Connor RIP
	12.45	Baptisms of Leon James Dunkurs and Micah Kwame Vifa Tamakloe
	15.00	Mass in Tagalog (Filipino)
	17.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	+ First Mass of Sunday	18.00
+ Sunday 23rd OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE	09.00	Alfred Deacon RIP
	11.00	Deceased members and friends of the 11am Choir
	13.00	Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)
	14.30	Mass led by the African Community
	18.00	Youth Mass

Sanctuary Lamp: Gabriel Danladi RIP

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

8th/9th November: Envelopes £990.12, Loose £943.86, Standing Orders £420.00 Total: £2353.98
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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