

This week at St Lawrence's



2nd/3rd November 2013

Thirty First Sunday of the Year
(Missal Page 157 – YEAR C)



Wisdom 11:22, 12:2; Psalm 144; 2 Thessalonians 1:11, 2:2; Luke 19: 1-10
Thirty Second Sunday of the Year (Missal Page 160): 2Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14; Psalm 16;
2 Thessalonians 2:16, 3:5; Luke 20:27-38

Dear Friends

This month of November we remember with great love and thanksgiving, tinged always with a touch of sadness, our departed loved ones, friends and fellow parishioners. It is the month of the Holy Souls. But we don't just look back. As Christians, our Easter Faith helps us look forward with joyful hope to all that God has in store for us. As we pray and proclaim at every funeral, "*Life is changed, not ended*", and as the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us, God made us "*to know and love and serve Him in this world and to be happy forever with Him in the next*". That is why – and what – we celebrate whenever a Christian is called home.

Our Diocese of Westminster are this weekend launching two important and really helpful documents, and you will find copies in the Church porch. The first is called **Guide for Preparing a Catholic Funeral** and the second, **Preparing for my Funeral**. The first helps us understand the right way to go about preparing for the celebration of someone's eternal life, and the second is a practical and really sensible way to make our own wishes known in advance, so giving us peace of mind before our own time comes. Archbishop Vincent commends these documents to us, and personally I hope you will find them of real benefit.

*"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace."*

Fr Chris

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NOVEMBER – THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

BLESSING OF GRAVES

Fr Chris and Fr Fortunato will be available on **Sunday 3rd November** to pray over and bless the graves of parishioners buried in local cemeteries. If you would like to have the grave of a loved one blessed, just turn up and wait by the main gates of the cemetery for Fr Chris or Fr Fortunato.

*Hatton Cemetery - 12.45pm; Bedfont Cemetery - 1.15pm; Feltham Cemetery - 2.00pm;
Borough Cemetery - 3.00pm and Hounslow Cemetery - 3.30pm.*

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

We have been asked to host the refreshments following the 3pm service at Feltham War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday, **10th November**. This will be in the School Hall. We need help to set-up, serve the drinks and cakes and then to clean up afterwards. If anyone can help please let Florie, in the Parish Office, know and arrive at the School Hall at 1.30pm on the day. *Please help towards the Poppy Appeal - Poppies available in the Repository.*

SPECIAL MASS FOR THE RECENTLY BEREAVED

On **Sunday 17th 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

BAPTISMS CONGRATULATIONS

We extend a warm welcome to Lucy Alice David Eusebio, Isla Jasmin Bennett, Emily Joan Chrislyn Stanton-Smith and Karen Nkechi Egbeni who will be baptised this weekend and offer our warmest congratulations to their families.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The next meeting for children will be on **Saturday 9th November** at 9.45am Parents meet on **Tuesday 12th November** at either 2pm or 7pm in the Parish Centre.

CONFIRMATION

The next meeting will be on **Thursday 7th November** at 7pm in the School Hall.

PARISH NOTICES

LIFE COFFEE MORNING

LIFE will be holding a Coffee morning after the 9am and 11am Masses this Sunday to mark the 45th anniversary of the foundation of LIFE. Donations of cakes would be welcome.

UCM

The UCM will meet on **Monday 4th November** for the AGM. There will also be a "*Bring and Buy Sale*". Members do try and be there.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

The next PPC Meeting will take place on **Thursday 7th November at 7.30pm**. If anyone has any items for the Council please write a note to the Chair, Graham Baker and post into the Presbytery by 12noon on the day.

NEW PARISHIONERS MASS

On **Saturday 9th November** the 6pm Mass will be celebrated for the intentions of new parishioners as we extend a very warm welcome to all those who have recently joined our parish community. After the Mass there will be a little reception in the Parish Centre for all new parishioners and their families. A friendly invitation is extended to all those who are new to St Lawrence's.

RAFA BAND CONCERT

The RAFA (Royal Air Force Association) are performing a Christmas Family concert here in St Lawrence's Church on **Friday 6th December** at 7.30pm. Tickets will be available from the Repository or Parish Office from next weekend. Adults £10.00, children free (accompanied by an adult) but will require a ticket. This promises to be an evening to remember, so early booking advised!!

RECEPTION SIGNING

THURSDAYS: November 7th, 21st December 5th, 12th - **3.30pm to 4.30pm**

Please come with your child and wait in the Church.

OTHER

SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS NEED YOUR HELP

The annual parish collection for the Sick and Retired Priests' Fund takes place next weekend. This is a particularly important collection as there are now around 100 sick and retired priests in the diocese. Many need support as they get older and the Fund relies 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).

COME ALONG TO MUSTARD SEED

Brand new monthly evenings of Renewal at St Margaret's Catholic Church, Twickenham TW1 1RL (opposite St Margaret's Station). An opportunity to grow in faith in the power of the Holy Spirit. Lively praise and worship-teaching-prayer. Inaugural evening **Saturday 9th November** – 7.45pm for 8.00pm until 10.30pm latest with inspirational speaker *Fr Chris Vipers*. Future dates for your diary: 7th December, 11th January, 8th February. Future speakers: David Payne, Gio Payne, Jenny Baker, Charles Whitehead. Contact mustardseed13@hotmail.co.uk for more information or just come along on the night.

CAN A DIVORCED PERSON MARRY IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?

To talk about this and answer any questions you may have such as: 'Do non Catholics who have married before in a Register Office need an annulment to marry a Catholic?' 'Will it cost a lot of money?' 'If a marriage has been consummated can annulment still be sought?' Mgr. John Conneely, Judicial Vicar of the Westminster Tribunal, will be speaking about the subject of 'ANNULMENTS' on **Thursday 7 November** at 7:30 at Our Lady of Grace and St Edwards's, Chiswick, and on **Thursday 21 November** at 7:30 at SS Michael and Martin's, Hounslow.

THE STAINES PASSION

You may have heard about the exciting opportunity to stage an open-air passion play in Staines next Easter. It is especially exciting to be able to do this in an interdenominational cooperation that publicly and powerfully declares the unity of Christ's Church. It's a huge challenge involving more than 50 performers and a team of supporters. You are invited to a lunch and presentation at Staines Methodist Church on **Thursday 14th November** from 12.30pm-2.00pm. To help arrange catering please let Rachel Watkins know if you are attending, by email rachel.watkins1@btinternet.com or calling her at Ashford Methodist Church on 01784 249277. Please see the notice board for more details.

REST IN PEACE

GORDON BRUCE BROWNLIE RIP

We pray for the repose of the soul of Gordon Bruce Brownlie RIP who passed away recently. His funeral will take place here on **Monday 4th November** at 11.30am. Please also remember in your prayers his daughter Penny Brown and son Roger and all the family who mourn him.

PAMELA IRENE BURKE RIP

We pray for the repose of the soul of Pamela Irene Burke RIP who passed away recently. Her funeral will take place here on **Tuesday 5th November** at 11.00am. Please also remember in your prayers all the family who mourn her.

JANET WALKER RIP

We pray for the repose of the soul of Janet Walker RIP who passed away recently. Her funeral will take place here on **Thursday 7th November** at 12.45pm. Please also remember in your prayers her husband Ray.

Mass intentions and other services this week:

Saturday 2nd ALL SOULS DAY	11.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	11.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	11.45	Benediction
	12.00	HOLY SOULS
	15.30	Baptisms of Lucy Alice David Eusebio, Isla Jasmin Bennett, Emily Joan Chrislyn Stanton-Smith and Karen Nkechi Egbeni
	17.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
+ First Mass of Sunday	18.00	HOLY SOULS
+ Sunday 3rd 31st Sunday of the Year	09.00	Deceased members of the De Souza Family RIP
	11.00	Augustus Field RIP (Anniversary)
	13.00	Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)
	18.00	Peter Everett RIP (Anniversary)
Monday 4th St Charles Borromeo	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Clive Rodrigo RIP
	11.30	FUNERAL SERVICE – GORDON BRUCE BROWNLIE RIP
Tuesday 5th Feria	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Holy Souls (Lim Family)
	10.00	Novena to Our Lady
	11.00	FUNERAL SERVICE – PAMELA IRENE BURKE RIP
Wednesday 6th Feria	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Agnetta Wilson (Birthday Thanksgiving)
Thursday 7th St Willibrord	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Celebrant's Intention
	12.45	FUNERAL MASS – JANET WALKER RIP
Friday 8th Feria	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	David & Avelina Edwards in Thanksgiving (Wedding Anniversary)
Saturday 9th THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA	11.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	11.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	11.45	Benediction
	12.00	Camillo Barreto RIP
	17.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
+ First Mass of Sunday	18.00	For the Intentions of New Parishioners
+ Sunday 10th 32nd Sunday of the Year	09.00	Annette Lynch RIP (First Anniversary)
	11.00	The War Dead RIP
	13.00	Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)
	15.00	Service at Feltham War Memorial
	18.00	People of the Parish

Sanctuary Lamp: Gabriel Danladi RIP

Sunday Mass Times

Saturday 6 pm (Vigil Mass), Sunday 9 am, 11 am & 6 pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) - Saturday 11am & 5pm

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

26th/27th Oct: Envelopes £990.75, Loose £724.21, Standing Orders £420.00 Total: £2134.96

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