



St Lawrence Catholic Church

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26th Sunday of the Year

30th September/1st October 2017

Readings: Parish Mass Book Year A, Volume 2: (Missal Page 134): Ezekiel 18:25-28; Psalm 24; Philippians 2:1-11; Matthew 21:28-32

Next Week: 27th Sunday of the Year: Page 137: Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 79; Philippians 4:6-9; Matthew 21:33-43

“Son, go out and work in the vineyard today” – Matthew 21:28

The first son did nothing for his father except displease and disrespect him. The son's initial “Yes” translated into nothing being done for the vineyard that day; in addition, it put the father a full day behind in chores to be done in the vineyard.

The second son did the father's will, yet not perfectly in all respects. The father, however, was satisfied. The vineyard chores were done, and the father, though wounded by the son's disobedience and rebelliousness, found joy in the son's repentance and ultimate obedience.

There is a third son in this story. He is Jesus, the story teller, the Son of God. This son did His Father's will obediently, instantly and lovingly. Speaking of His relationship with the Father, Jesus said: “I always do what pleases Him.” (*John 8:29*)

As Christians, our “attitude must be that of Christ”. (*Phil 2:5*). Be so caught up in love with our heavenly Father as to eagerly seek and fulfil His every desire. Repent of displeasing and disobeying the Father. Tell Him “Yes”. Then go out, work in His vineyard, and bear fruit that will endure for His glory. We resemble one of the two sons, the choice is ours.

As I also go out to Ghana tomorrow and work in the Lord's vineyard in my new parish your kind contribution, love and generosity demonstrate your love and obedience to God and neighbour. Thanks.

God Bless you all.

Fr Gregory

Sunday Mass: 6pm (Vigil Mass), Sunday 9am, 11am, 1pm (Polish) & 6pm.

Weekday Mass: Monday-Friday 9.30am; Saturday 12noon

Morning Prayer: Monday-Friday 9.15am, Novena to Our Lady: Tuesdays 10am,

Exposition and Benediction: Saturdays 11am, Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) – Saturday 11am and 5pm

October is the month of Our Lady, an inspiration to discover the Rosary afresh and to use it more in our own personal and parish prayer life. Our Church Repository has Rosaries, prayer books and prayer cards to help us on that path.



SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM

A warm welcome to Anaya Comfort Yaa Pokua Adjei who will be baptised this weekend and offer our warmest congratulations to her family.

CONFIRMATION

The first Session for Group 1 starts on **Tuesday 10th October** at 7.15pm in the Parish Centre.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

The next session is on **Wednesday 4th October** at 7.00pm.

PARISH NOTICES

DIARY DATES

4 th Oct	School Harvest Mass 9.30am
7 th Oct	Pilgrimage to Walsingham
8 th Oct	Prisoners Week Coffee Morning
8 th Oct	CAFOD Harvest Fast Day Collection
14 th Oct	Line Dancing
22 nd Oct	LIFE Coffee Morning

PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

All those booked for the Walsingham Pilgrimage please be at the top of the entrance to The Green by 6.45am on **Saturday 7th October** so that we can board and leave promptly at 7am. Please bring a packed lunch, snacks and drinks for the day and dress for all types of weather. If you have a small portable seat or picnic rug do bring that as seating can be limited.

SCHOOL MASS

On **Wednesday 4th October** we will be joined at the 9.30am Mass by children from St Lawrence's school for their Harvest Mass. There will be no Morning Prayer today.

FIRST FRIDAY CAFOD COFFEE MORNING

There will be a Coffee Morning after the 9.30am on **Friday 6th October** in the Church Porch in aid of CAFOD.

COFFEE MORNING

There will be a Coffee Morning next **Sunday 8th October** for Prisoners Week after the 9am and 11am Masses.

ZIMBABWEAN COFFEE MORNING

Thank you for your support. A sum of £300 was raised for the Zimbabwean Orphans at the Coffee Morning.

LINE DANCING

Get your dancing shoes (boots!) ready for a fun evening of Line Dancing on **Saturday 14th October**. Tickets on sale this weekend at £6 for adults and £3 for children under 12.

NATIONAL MASS FOR ALTAR SERVERS

We will be taking a group of Altar Servers from the Parish to a special Mass for Altar Servers to be celebrated in Westminster Cathedral on **Saturday 21st October at 2.30pm**. We plan to leave the Church at 11.00am and return by 5.00pm. A letter for parents is available in the sacristy. Please take one, complete and return as soon as possible.

SCHOOL FORM SIGNING

Fr John will be available on the following dates for Secondary School Form signing. To book an appointment please put your name on the list on the porch noticeboard.

Tuesdays: 3rd Oct, 10th Oct – 3.45 to 5.00pm

Saturdays: 7th Oct, 14th Oct – 9.30 to 10.30am

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO SPAIN 2018

Visiting Orviedo, Garabandal, Loyola and Xavier. **Dates: 17-23 September 2018**. Cost £749 on a half board basis. Price is guaranteed until 30th November. If interested, please put your name on the list at the back of the Church. For a booking form and further information please speak to Florie in the Parish Office. See poster for details.

OTHER

FRIDAY, 6 OCTOBER, IS CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY

CAFOD works with poor communities overseas on our behalf, helping them to tackle poverty and injustice. Fast Days are our opportunity to support this vital work. Please collect a Fast Day envelope after Mass, and consider fasting and praying in solidarity this Friday.

Please return the Fast Day envelope with your donation **for next weekend's CAFOD collection**. Thank you so much for your continued support and generosity

CHURCHES TOGETHER

The Annual General Meeting for Churches Together takes place on **Monday 16th October at 7.30pm** in the Parish Centre. If you are able to attend please do so to support our local Churches. We will also require help with serving refreshments.

APPEAL BY LIFE PREGNANCY MATTERS

The LIFE office in Hounslow is appealing to parishioners for good quality pushchairs, prams, Moses baskets and baby bedding. If you have any of these and don't need them anymore, please hand them in to the Parish Office.

A PLACE OF WELCOME:

Join Caritas Westminster, West London Mission, and Housing Justice for an evening about homelessness, setting up night shelters, and how you can help. **Wednesday 4th of October**, Westminster Cathedral Hall, 6:30pm-8:30pm. Please RSVP to caritaswestminster@rcdow.org.uk

SECONDARY SCHOOL OPEN DAYS

Please see flyers on the notice board for Open Day information at St Paul's, Gunnersbury, Gumley, St Catherine's, St Mark's and Cardinal Vaughan schools for Year 7 entry in 2018.

St Paul's Sixth Form Open Evening will be held on **Tuesday 10th October 2017 from 6.00 pm – 8.00 pm**. Address from the Head of Sixth Form at 6.30 pm. Taster Day on Thursday 12th October. We look forward to welcoming you.

NEW FOUNDATION DEGREE FOR CATHOLICS WORKING IN HEALTHCARE AND THOSE SEEKING TO BE CHAPLAINS.

Starting in October, St Mary's University Twickenham is pleased to offer a new foundation degree in Healthcare Ethics, Theology and Care. This is a part time two year programme for those seeking to be hospital chaplains and for people working in healthcare settings, from care homes, to hospices and hospitals. Lectures and seminars take place at St Mary's one evening a week and additional lectures and resources are available online. If you are interested in applying or finding out more please contact matthew.james@stmaries.ac.uk

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

There is a healing weekend for men and women who find themselves single again following separation, divorce or the death of a partner from **6th to 8th October 2017** at the Emmaus Centre, West Wickham, Kent. For details please contact Freda 01322-838415 Sandra 01293-783965 or John 01992-642443 email johnbrotherton@hotmail.co.uk

Thank you for your generosity in last week's collection:

23-24 September: Envelopes £898.47; Loose: £1,091.07

Standing Orders: £667.00 **Total: £2,656.54**

Parish Centre: £111.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 30 th	11.00 11.00 12.00 12.45 17.00 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation Wilson Family in Thanksgiving Baptism of Anaya Comfort Yaa Pokua Adjei Sacrament of Reconciliation Florina Conceicao Lourenco RIP
Sun 1 st	09.00 11.00 13.00 18.00	Justin Dias – Birthday Thanksgiving Myra Hayes RIP (Anniversary) Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) People of the Parish
Mon 2 nd	09.30	Jeremy Gorman (Intentions)
Tues 3 rd	09.30	Ascension Leetai RIP (Anniversary)
Wed 4 th	09.30	No Morning Prayer Mariazita D'Souza RIP (with School)
Thurs 5 th	09.30	John Hourihan RIP
Fri 6 th	09.30	Annie & Bill Uffelmann RIP (Anniversary)
Sat 7 th	11.00 11.00 12.00 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation Deceased members of the O'Hanlon Family RIP No Sacrament of Reconciliation Valerie Gill RIP (3 rd Anniversary)
Sun 8 th	09.00 11.00 13.00 18.00	People of the Parish Edith Maple in Thanksgiving Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Leo Matusalem RIP
Sanctuary Lamp:		Felicia Araba Forson RIP