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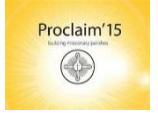


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27th Sunday of the Year

1st/2nd October 2016

Readings: Page 146: Habakkuk 1:2-3, 2:2-4; Psalm 94; 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14; Luke 17:5-10

Next Week: 28th Sunday of the Year: (Missal Page: 149): 2 Kings 5:14-17; Psalm 97; 2 Timothy 2:8-13; Luke 17:11-19

Ok I admit it, I have been on holiday for a week and I came back to a lot of emails, voice mail messages and large a number of text messages. I love technology, I love the way we can communicate so easily and relatively cheaply with each other. I love having things sorted out, of course other things take the place of the things we have sorted out and so we go on in a never ending cycle of trying to keep organised and on top of our work load and personal relationships.

There are however some down sides to this easy access we have to other people, we can send an email or text at any time of the day or night and we expect an answer fairly quickly. We feel good when we hear the ping on our phone; it means someone is thinking about us. However not getting a reply or a very late reply can leave us feeling upset, annoyed and frustrated. We wonder did they get the message, did they misinterpret our message, did I send it to the wrong person?! Dealing with life and sorting things out has in some ways become a digital experience rather than a human experience so you can't help wonder how this new digital reality will affect our spiritual relationship with God.

The apostles in today's Gospel ask Jesus to increase their faith and perhaps you may be asking God the same thing. This week the young people who have requested the Sacrament of Confirmation have started their preparation and are beginning to thinking deeply about their faith lives, I guess, like the rest of us, they want to increase their faith in Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church. We may not get a quick answer to our request; I think it unlikely Jesus will send us a text or email by return with a lesson on how to increase our faith. Instead he reminds us that we have received a gift from God that we should treasure and nurture with the help of the Holy Spirit, that the even with the smallest amount of faith we are capable of so much. In a world of instant gratification we must be patient in matters of faith, for our ways are not always God's way. Please pray for our young people that they will not give up on the gift of faith they have received but that they will take the time to be in a long term relationship with Jesus and that their relationship with Him will bear much fruit.

Bridget

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM

The next Baptism Preparation course will take place on **Saturday 5th November** and **Saturday 19th November** at 3.30pm in the Parish Centre. If you have requested to have your first child baptised and have completed an application form with Bridget you are invited to attend this course.

If you live and worship in St Lawrence's parish and expecting a baby soon please contact Bridget by phone at the parish office or by email if you would like to join this course.

CONFIRMATION

Enrolment of all Confirmation Candidates will take place at the 6.00pm Mass this Sunday.

PARISH NOTICES

SCHOOL MASS

On **Wednesday 5th 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.

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

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

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

Exposition and Benediction: Saturdays: 11am

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) - Saturday 11am & 5pm

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

Friday 7th is the First Friday of the month and also the Feast of Our Lady of The Rosary. During the 9.30am Mass there will be an opportunity for parishioners to receive the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

There will also be another opportunity for all our sick and housebound parishioners to receive this sacrament before Easter.

FIRST FRIDAY CAFOD COFFEE MORNING

The First Friday CAFOD Coffee morning will take place on **Friday 7th October** after the 9.30am Mass.

Next Friday is also CAFOD Harvest Fast Day and a collection will be taken up at the end of all Masses next weekend. Please use the envelopes attached to this newsletter and if you are eligible, tick the Gift Aid box.

ST LAWRENCE'S SCHOOL PLAYGROUND

In recent weeks, the staff at St Lawrence's have come in on a Monday to find the school's toys scattered all over the playground. CCTV coverage revealed that its children who are supposed to be at the 11am Mass. Parents or guardians please could you keep your children with you at all times during services and **DO NOT** let them into the school playground. Mr McCormack has kindly allowed us use of the car park and our access is from the car park to the Church only. If this situation carries on, the car park may not be available to us in the future.

FR CHRIS' FAREWELL MASS AND PARTY

Fr Chris' farewell Mass will take place on **Saturday 29th October** at 12.00noon followed by a party. We will be looking for two or three hymns in different languages. Food lists will be available at the back of Church in the next week. Please contact the Parish Office for information.

If you would like to contribute towards a leaving gift for Fr Chris, please hand in your envelope to Fr John, Bridget Brinkley or to the Parish Office. There will be a "Book of Memories" in the Repository (shop) for you to sign.

NEW ALTAR SERVERS

There will be a training morning for new Altar Servers on **Saturday 15th and 22nd October, starting at 10am** in Church. All children who have made their First Holy Communion this year are very welcome to join St Lawrence's serving team.

SECONDARY SCHOOL FORM SIGNING

Fr John will be signing Secondary School applications on the dates below. Please come with your child and wait in the Church and bring all the forms you need including your Certificate of Catholic Practice Fr John to sign. There are lists on the notice board at the back of Church, please put your name on one of the lists before your preferred date.

Tuesdays: 4th, 11th October – 3.45pm-4.45pm
Saturday: 8th October – 9.30am-10.30am

HOUNSLOW FOSTERING TEAM

The Hounslow Fostering Team will be visiting St. Lawrence's Church on **Sunday 16th October** to speak to prospective carers about fostering. If you are interested and would like more information on fostering or how to apply to become a foster carer please do come along to our coffee morning on **Sunday 16th October** in the Parish Centre after the 9am and 11am Masses or contact Bridget for more information.

OTHER

LONDON TEN BRIDGES SPONSORED WALK

Mary Crawley completed the walk. If you sponsored her she will be collecting the money after Mass this weekend.

DEANERY CATECHESIS & MASS FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Bishop John Wilson will be visiting SS Michael & Martin Church in Hounslow on **Saturday 8th October** to give a catechesis/teaching for our deanery as we approach the end of the Year of Mercy. It will begin at 11am. This talk will be followed by a Deanery celebration of Mass for the Sick at 12noon.

REST IN PEACE

SIDNEY BROWN RIP

We pray for the soul of Sidney Brown RIP who died recently. Please also keep in your prayers his family, friends and all those who mourn him. Funeral details to follow.

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

24th/25th: Envelopes £953.95 Loose £873.13 Standing Orders: £538.00 **Total: £2,365.08**

Home Missions: £118.16

Walsingham Refurbishment Appeal: 274.40

PARISH CENTRE UPDATE:

Money banked as at 27/9/2016 – £88,941.63

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 1 st	12.00	Rosemary Edwards (Intention) & John Edwards RIP
	18.00	Manuel Antonio Lopes, Irene Da Silva Lopes & Adilson Manuel Da Silva Lopes RIP
Sun 2 nd	09.00	Myra Hayes RIP (Anniversary)
	11.00	Christine Cahalane RIP
	13.00	Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)
	18.00	People of the Parish
Mon 3 rd	09.30	Celebrant's Intention
Tues 4 th	09.30	Kathleen Hourihan RIP
Wed 5 th	09.30	Sr Monica Killeen (Intention) [with School]
Thurs 6 th	09.30	Maureen Murray RIP
Fri 7 th	09.30	Marcus & Gene Thompson RIP
Sat 8 th	12.00	Edith Maple in Thanksgiving
	18.00	Valerie Gill RIP (Anniversary)
Sun 9 th	09.00	Pat Miles RIP (Anniversary)
	11.00	Rita Connor RIP
	13.00	Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)
	18.00	People of the Parish
Sanctuary Lamp: Sidney Brown RIP		