

This week at St Lawrence's



3rd/4th October 2015

27th Sunday of the Year
(Missal Page 140 – YEAR B Vol. 2)



Genesis 2:18-24; Psalm 127; Hebrews 2:9-11; Mark 10:2-16
Next week: 28th Sunday of the Year (Missal Page 143); Wisdom 7:7-11; Psalm 89;
Hebrews 4:12-13; Mark 10:17-30

If you are reading this on Sunday morning and have not had sight of your Parish Priest, you are probably thinking 'he is on holiday again'. This Sunday morning Fr. Chris will be in no holiday camp, he will be celebrating Mass at **Her Majesty's Young Offenders Institute Feltham (HMYOI)**. He will be celebrating two Masses, the first for boys 15 – 17 years old and the second for young men 18 – 21 year old. Many of the 70 boys who attend Mass are Catholic or nominally so anyway. Others will have no faith background but attending Mass offers them a quiet space and time to reflect in what can be a very noisy environment.

Many of you will know the regular priest Chaplain at HMYOI, Fr. Roger Reader who occasionally celebrates Mass here at St. Lawrence's. Fr. Roger along with other members of the chaplaincy team at HMYOI are planning to run the **ALPHA Course** in the prison. To run the course, which will enable the young people there to learn more about the Christian faith, **12 volunteers** are needed.

As we begin to think about the Year of Mercy, which Pope Francis has called to begin on 8th December, can I ask that you reflect on the 6th of the 7 Corporal Works of Mercy 'To visit the imprisoned'. With that in mind you are invited to a meeting with Fr. Roger on **Sunday the 25th October at 4.30pm here at St. Lawrence's** to find out more about how you could be involved in the **Alpha Course**. So, if you think you could commit to **10 consecutive Friday mornings** starting January 2016 then please come along and find out more about the course.

ROMANS 10: 12-14

"There is only one Lord, and he is generous to everyone who asks for his help. All who call out to the Lord will be saved. How can people have faith in the Lord and ask him to save them, if they have never heard about him. And how can they hear, unless someone tells them"

If you would like to know a little bit more prior to the meeting on **25th October** please have a word with me at the parish office.

Bridget Brinkley

Dear Family at St Lawrence's,

Last Saturday I was really gob-smacked to see so many of you in Church. I felt like that son we hear about in the Bible who comes back to his home and his father and family had prepared an unbelievable feast with lots of good food and wine and gifts ... but the best gift for me was to be able to stay, share and celebrate all of that with you all.

One of my favourite writers, Goethe, once wrote: *"treat people as if they were what they ought to be and you help them to become what they are capable of being."* You've treated me as though I were capable of reaching the stars. Because of you, I have. So I take this opportunity just to let you know that the things you did for me will not be forgotten. You have been a necessary piece of the jigsaw of my life. Thank you Fr Chris. Thank you Fr John. Thank you Bridget and Florie. Thank you Sisters. Thank you all from the bottom of my heart. No words can express, no act of gratitude can relay, no gift can represent what your love and support have meant to me. Please accept this note as an indicator of my heartfelt appreciation for everything you are, fondly in good times, and as encouragement in bad. You're the best!

As we will hear this Sunday all the readings are about **unity**. This unity that is best conveyed and revealed through Marriage. Therefore as a married couple does not only receive a sacrament, as they become a sacrament, Christ invites us too, to be a sacrament of salvation, a vehicle through which God's purposes are being worked out. And this can come about only if we remain united in communion with Him and with one another by loving, forgiving and praying for each other. So please keep me in your prayers, and keep praying for your priests, they are there to serve you. May God accompany and bless you and your family. *Fr. Fortunato*

PARISH CENTRE UPDATE

- We are awaiting permission for a few more trees and shrubs that need clearing. Some demolition work has commenced on the parish centre, garage, and sheds
- Week beginning **5th October** the Parish Centre will be demolished and the site cleared. At this stage a large part of the Church site will be sealed off as a building site, and consequently car parking will only be available for key workers and disabled persons at all times.

IMPORTANT – CAR PARKING

Please note that there will only be **two** marked spaces for cars from this time on. One of those will be reserved for Fr Chris, the other for **disabled parking**. **All car users** are asked to find alternative parking from this time forward for the next twelve months. This applies to weekday and weekend parking. At the weekends we will have use of the school car park for the first 20 cars as we do now.

SACRAMENTS

CONFIRMATION 2016

The first preparation meeting for Group One will be on **Wednesday 7th October** at 7.15pm in St Lawrence's School.

PARISH NOTICES

PARISH AUTUMN FAITH SHARING COURSE

The diocesan faith sharing resource this autumn will be on *Love Divine*, a six week period starting from **11 October to 22 November**. *Love Divine* seeks to help us explore the relationship we have with God, strengthened by his grace, particularly the grace found and gratefully received in the sacraments. Sr. Katherine will be in touch with Group leaders shortly. Group leaders please contact your group members. New members and new leaders are asked to use the sign up sheet which is on the table in the Church porch.

THANK YOU

1. Marie Johnston would like to thank all for their support, she made £125.00 for the Parish Centre at the Car Boot sale last weekend.
2. "I thank everyone who supported my Macmillan coffee day, the total so far is £1102 - so fantastic, thanks to so many generous friends." *Patti Owen*

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES FOR THE PARISH CENTRE BUILDING FUND

Could all those currently using Planned Giving Envelopes for your 24 month commitment to the Parish Centre Building Fund, please collect an envelope from the back of Church this weekend.

SPONSORSHIP FOR IRIS ELDRIDGE

One of our parishioners, Iris Eldridge, is going to do a tandem skydive to raise funds for the new Parish Centre. This will take place on **Saturday 24th October** at the London Parachute School Chiltern Park Aerodrome, Icknield Road, Ipsden, Wallingford, Oxon OX10 6AS. There are sponsorship forms at the back of Church. Monies can be handed into the Parish Office.

SOCIAL EVENT – GOAN EVENING/FIESTA

Tickets are on sale after Mass or from the Parish Office for the "Goan Evening/Fiesta" to be held **Saturday 24th October** from 7.30pm in the School Hall. All proceeds will go towards the Parish Centre Building Fund. Adults: £10.00, children aged 8-15: £5.00. There will be delicious Goan food, dancing, spot prizes, raffle prizes.

To all Goans – There will be a planning meeting on Sunday 11th October after the 11am Mass. A food list will be available this weekend if you are able to help. For offers of help please contact George Fernandes, Francis, Rosario or email gfernandes1965@hotmail.com.

SECONDARY SCHOOL FORM SIGNING

Fr Chris 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 Fr Chris to sign with you.

Tuesdays from 3.45-5.00pm
October: 6th and 20th

OTHER

ITEMS FOR GHANA

One of our parishioners is collecting bibles, holy pictures, and other religious items to take to Ghana. If you have any items you want to donate please hand them to the Parish Office or contact Mary Boyle on 01784 254345 or Kath Early on 020 8890 2077 for more details.

CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY IS FRIDAY, 2 OCTOBER.

Your support and donations to CAFOD this Harvest Fast Day will enable our partners to work with people across the world to have access to tools and training, and empower them to become self-sufficient despite living in the most difficult of conditions. Additionally, your donations this Fast Day will be used to fund our partners work in Europe and the Middle East to support those affected by the refugee crisis. The collection will be taken up at all Masses this weekend.

SCHOOL OPEN DAYS

Please see the notice board for information on School Open Days.

PILGRIMAGES

ST LAWRENCE 2016 PILGRIMAGE TO ROME - YEAR OF MERCY

Our 2016 pilgrimage will be to Rome from **Monday 10th October 2016 to Sunday 16th October 2016**. We will be flying from and to Heathrow. Parishioners from St Gabriel, Harrow South & St Bernard, Northolt will be joining us on this pilgrimage. The cost is £884.00 per person on a half board basis. There will only be 26 places available initially. Booking forms and itinerary details can be obtained from St Lawrence Parish Office. The places will be allocated strictly in the order that the booking forms together with the deposits are returned to the Parish Office by **30th October 2015**.

REST IN PEACE

MONICA COX RIP

We pray for the repose of the soul of Monica Cox RIP whose funeral will take place here on **Friday 9th October** at 10.30am. Please also keep in your prayers her children and all the family and friends that mourn her.

Mass intentions and other services this week:

Saturday 3rd Feria	11.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation
	11.45	Benediction
	12.00	Edith Maple (Intention)
	16.00	Baptism of Rosanna Jasmine Lourdes Fernandes
	17.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	18.00	Valerie Gill RIP (1st Anniversary)
+ Sunday 4th 27 th Sunday of the Year	09.00	Myra Hayes RIP (Anniversary)
	11.00	Christine Cahalane RIP
	13.00	Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)
	18.00	People of the Parish
Monday 5th Feria	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Edith Maple (Intention)
Tuesday 6th Feria	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Jack Austin RIP
	10.00	Novena to Our Lady
Wednesday 7th Our Lady of the Rosary	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Mike Barratt RIP
Thursday 8th Feria	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Celebrant's Intentions
Friday 9th Blessed John Newman	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Fred Green RIP
	10.30	FUNERAL MASS – MONICA COX RIP
Saturday 10th St Paulinus of York	11.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation
	11.45	Benediction
	12.00	Raymond Beirne RIP (Anniversary)
	17.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	18.00	Annette Lynch RIP
+ Sunday 11th 28 th Sunday of the Year	09.00	Deceased members of the Alvarez Family RIP
	11.00	Roberto Ordonia RIP (Anniversary)
	13.00	Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)
	18.00	People of the Parish

Sanctuary Lamp: Mark & Theresa Obu in Thanksgiving (40th Wedding Anniversary)

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

25th/26th September: Envelopes: £1,133.66 Loose: £865.97 Standing Orders: £485.00 Total: £2,484.63

PARISH CENTRE UPDATE: MONEY BANKED AS AT 29/09/2015 – £41,349.77

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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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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.

