

# This week at St Lawrence's



4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> October 2014

27<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year  
(Missal Page 137 – YEAR A Vol. 2)



Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 79; Philippians 4:6-9; Matthew 21:33-43

28<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year (Missal Page 140): Isaiah 25:6-10; Psalm 22; Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20;  
Matthew 22:1-14

*Dear Friends,*

I recently read in “New Liturgy” a fine Irish publication that a priest, apparently fed up with all the excuses given over the years for people not attending Sunday Mass, included ‘*Ten Reasons Why I Never Wash*’ in the parish newsletter, just to encourage people to think again about the priority they give to regular Mass attendance. He wrote these commonly offered excuses:

- 1 I was forced to wash as a child, and now I have grown out of it.
- 2 People who wash are hypocrites, they think they are cleaner than everybody else.
- 3 There are so many different kinds of soap, I can't decide which one is best for me.
- 4 I used to wash, but I got bored and stopped.
- 5 I wash only on special occasions, like Christmas and Easter.
- 6 None of my friends wash.
- 7 I'll start washing when I get older and dirtier.
- 8 I can't spare the time to wash.
- 9 The bathroom is never warm enough in winter or cool enough in summer.
- 10 People who make soap are only after your money.

The Church encourages that each one of us can and should stand before God, individually, and assume spiritual responsibility. That responsibility is not collective but personal, since God desires to have a personal and intimate relationship with each one of us, although we all work and serve in the same vineyard. Today's Gospel teaches us a necessary truth about the spiritual life: that we are *tenants*, and so when we construe our relationship to God's gifts as being that of *owners*, rather than *tenants*, the consequences can be quite dire.

Courage then, God invites us to work in his vineyard, and this confronts each of us with the question: **where do I stand in response to God's invitation?** I think, it may be time for us all to think again about regular Mass on Sunday and on weekdays. May God bless you and your family.

*Fr. Fortunato.*

## SACRAMENTS

### CONFIRMATION 2015

The next session for Candidates in the first group is on **Thursday October 9<sup>th</sup>** at 7.00pm in St Lawrence's School.

### “WALK WITH JESUS” MONDAY GROUP

The “Walk with Jesus” programme for the Monday group takes place every Monday from 5.00pm-6.00pm in the Parish Centre.

### EXPLORING THE CATHOLIC FAITH

The next session will be on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 7.00pm** in the Presbytery.

## PARISH NOTICES

### HELP WANTED

We are looking to recruit a volunteer gardener/groundsman for the Church. If you have any time to spare please contact the Parish Office for details.

### STORAGE NEEDED

Do you have any spare garage/shed space for items needing to be stored from the old Parish Centre? We have an immediate need to store 6 collapsible garden tables and 25 garden chairs. Please contact the Parish Office if you can help.

### UCM

The UCM will meet on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October** at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. Let us have a discussion of our own memories of the Parish Centre in our lives over the years.

### 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. There will be a retiring collection for CAFOD Harvest Fast Day after all Masses this weekend.

Thank you to all who supported the CAFOD Cake sale last weekend which raised £155.

### CALLING ALL GOLFERS

Would you like to be part of a team playing in aid of a local Catholic charity? If so, please have a word with Fr Chris or drop your details into the Parish Office.

### ST LAWRENCE'S SCHOOL GOVERNORS

The Governing Body are looking to recruit someone with legal experience (ideally someone who currently does not have a child in St Lawrence's School). Please see Fr Chris for more details.

### HOLY COMMUNION

Any parishioner who has a wheat intolerance and would like to receive Holy Communion please speak to either Fr Chris or Fr Fortunato before Mass and gluten free hosts will be kept aside for you.

### THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who kindly supported the Macmillan coffee day and for all the donations that were sent in. We raised £1025.20 so far and rising so a marvellous total thanks to so many caring friends, many thanks. *Patti Owen*

## REST IN PEACE

### MILES HAMLIN RIP

We pray for the repose of the soul of Miles Hamlin RIP whose funeral service will take place here on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October** at 2pm. Please also keep in prayers his wife Eileen, his daughter Liz and all the family and friends who mourn him.

## CONCERT AT ST LAWRENCE'S

A concert titled "The Joy of the Lord" featuring Jo Boyce and friends will take place in Church on **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October** at 7.30pm.

An evening of uplifting, faith-filled, contemporary, lively music that will inspire each of us anew with the joy of the Lord. Tickets available from the Parish Office – Price £6.00 (on the door £7.00).

Jo Boyce composed the music for "Born for This" our Feltham Passion Play last year.

Thank you to the families who came forward and offered accommodation for the musicians.



## ST LAWRENCE'S PRAYER GROUP

The Prayer Group meets every **Thursday from 7.30pm to 9pm** in the Presbytery. A time of prayer and thanksgiving. Reflecting on scriptures. Interspersed prayers for the parish and wider community. New members welcome, come and see.

## PARISH AUTUMN FAITH SHARING COURSE

The diocesan faith sharing resource this autumn will be on *Jesus, My Lord*, a six week period starting from **12 October to 23 November**. Echoing the message of Christ to the Apostles to go and make disciples, baptising them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Pope Francis often speaks of missionary disciples. The sessions will look at discipleship in terms of our personal vocation at the service of the Kingdom and the gifts we have for the service of the Gospel.

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.

## OTHER

### MISSIO – WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Red Box holders, family and friends are invited to join Missio at Westminster Cathedral Hall for refreshments, conversation and a talk from a special guest Fr Paul Lum Dau from the Diocese the Mytkyina, Myanmar. **Date: Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October Time: 2-4pm.** If you would like to attend please let Arlene Jurianz know via the Parish Office by 9<sup>th</sup> October.

### THE ANNUAL TWO CATHEDRALS' PROCESSION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

takes place on **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October**. The procession will begin at 1.30pm at Westminster Cathedral making its way across Westminster Bridge to St George's Cathedral in Southwark where Benediction will be given at approximately 2.45pm. One of the intentions for this year's walk will be to pray for peace in Iraq, Syria and throughout the Middle East. This year the procession will be led by Bishop Nicholas Hudson, who served as a priest in Southwark and was ordained this year as Auxiliary Bishop for Westminster. All are invited to come and witness to the Faith and honour the Lord's presence in the Blessed Sacrament.

### VACANCY ST OUR LADY & ST JOHN'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL, BRENTFORD

Job description on notice board in Church porch.

### SECONDARY SCHOOL OPEN DAYS

Please see notice board for Open Days at local Catholic Secondary Schools.

### SECONDARY SCHOOL FORM SIGNING

Dates for Fr Chris to sign Secondary School Transfer Forms:

**Tuesday: October 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>  
From 3.30pm to 4.30pm**

Please come with your child and wait in the Church and bring all the forms you need Fr Chris to sign with you.

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.



## Mass intentions and other services this week:

<b>Saturday 4<sup>th</sup></b> St Francis of Assisi	11.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	11.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	11.45	Benediction
	<b>12.00</b>	<b>Edith Maple (Intention)</b>
	17.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
+ First Mass of Sunday	<b>18.00</b>	<b>Assis De Souza (Intention)</b>
<b>+ Sunday 5<sup>th</sup></b> 27 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year	<b>09.00</b>	<b>Myra Hayes RIP (Anniversary)</b>
	<b>11.00</b>	<b>Christine Cahalane RIP</b>
	<b>13.00</b>	<b>Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)</b>
	<b>18.00</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b>
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup></b> Feria	09.15	Morning Prayer
	<b>09.30</b>	<b>In Thanksgiving Holly Hawkings</b>
	<b>14.00</b>	<b>REQUIEM MASS – MILES HAMLIN RIP</b>
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup></b> Our Lady of the Rosary	09.15	Morning Prayer
	<b>09.30</b>	<b>Derrick Juriansz RIP</b>
	10.00	Novena to Our Lady
<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup></b> Feria	09.15	Morning Prayer
	<b>09.30</b>	<b>In Thanksgiving Fernandes Family</b>
<b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup></b> Blessed John Henry Newman	09.15	Morning Prayer
	<b>09.30</b>	<b>Celebrant's Intention</b>
<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup></b> St Paulinus of York	09.15	Morning Prayer
	<b>09.30</b>	<b>Raymond Byrne RIP (Anniversary)</b>
<b>Saturday 11<sup>th</sup></b> Feria	11.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	11.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	11.45	Benediction
	<b>12.00</b>	<b>Esther Kusi-Appiah RIP</b>
	14.00	Wedding of Natalia Bazylak and Shudarsan Protob
	<b>18.00</b>	<b>Roberto Ordon RIP (Anniversary)</b>
	+ First Mass of Sunday	19.00
<b>+ Sunday 12<sup>th</sup></b> 28 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year	<b>09.00</b>	<b>Susan Hussey (Intentions)</b>
	<b>11.00</b>	<b>Barbara May Light RIP</b>
	<b>13.00</b>	<b>Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)</b>
	<b>18.00</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b>

**Sanctuary Lamp: Mariquinha Fernandes and Leticia Vaz RIP**

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

27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> September: Envelopes £915.34, Loose £953.40, Standing Orders £420.00 Total: £2288.74  
**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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