



# St Lawrence Catholic Church

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28<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year

14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> October 2017

**Readings: Parish Mass Book Year A, Volume 2:** (Missal Page 140): Isaiah 25:6-10; Psalm 22; Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20; Matthew 22:1-14  
**Next Week: 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year:** Page 143: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6; Psalm 95; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5; Matthew 22:15-21

## God's Invitation

October is Mission month. It reminds us that there are many people who do not have the opportunity to hear the message we have heard today, to know how close God is, to feel his care and to accept his invitation.

Many people will never offer up their bread and wine as we do at Mass today. Many people will not receive the nourishment God gives us in his Word and Sacrament.

We are invited to take the initiative and go out to others and welcome them into our community. So we must ask ourselves the questions:

- How missionary is our Parish?
- How can I help in our Parish?

Today you are invited to take a handout home with you and please fill it in and return it next week. Do we see the practice and the living out of our faith as an imposition or an invitation? Completed forms can be put in the box on the table in the porch or handed into the Parish Office.

Thank you for your presence here today and for your participation in our Parish.

**FR. JOHN**

Thank you to all of you who took the time to attend our AGM on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October. For those who were not able to attend this is a short outline of some of the things we discussed.

### Finance

We are very grateful to Jim who looks after our day to day finances and to the finance team who have overall sight of our parish finances with Fr. John.

A number of issues were addressed

- 1) The overall cost of the Parish Centre: The final accounts for this project have been requested from Westminster.
- 2) We cannot charge for use of the parish centre; the original plan was that the centre would be built by the parish for parish use. We are very grateful to all the groups who make a considerable financial donation for the use of the centre.

- 3) Fr. John in consultation with the parish team makes the decision on the best use of the centre for the overall good of the parish and the local community where possible.
- 4) The parish received £36,000 from the Growing in Faith project toward the cost of the Centre. It is expected that we should receive another £10,000 from the fund by the end date of March 2018.
- 5) The repair of the road leading into the Church cost £9,000. A barrier is still to be put in place at the entrance to the Church site.
- 6) Gift Aid: It was suggested that the parish write to all those who have not Gift Aided their Church donations to encourage everyone who can Gift Aid to do so. (if you pay tax in the UK the parish can reclaim .25p for every pound you donate to the parish, if you can help in this way please pick up form in the porch which you will need to sign and return to the parish office)

## What's needed?

- 1) The needs of a growing family parish were discussed,
  - a) More catechists as the number of children and adults requesting formation is growing
  - b) People to organise retreats to local shrines,
  - c) Altar servers during the week,
  - d) People to help clean the Church (including keeping the Holy Water Fonts clean)
  - e) If we needed an evening Mass once a week/month
  - f) If we need to use the Parish Centre as an over flow for those unable to get into the Church especially on Sunday morning 11 am, Good Friday and Christmas eve due to lack of space.

## Safeguarding

We are very grateful to Keith who ensures all our safeguarding procedures are up to date and that all those working and volunteering on behalf of the parish have the required clearance to do so.

## Whose Parish is it?

Would you like to see a Parish Pastoral Council?

Would you be able to help with 'Churches Together' in Feltham?

## SACRAMENTS

### BAPTISMS

A warm welcome to Mireya Margaret King-Reynolds who will be baptised this weekend and we offer our warmest congratulations to her family.

### CONFIRMATION

The next Session for Group 1 is on **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October** at 7.15pm in the Parish Centre.

### ADULT FAITH FORMATION

The next session is on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October** at 7.00pm. The course is designed to help you explore the Catholic Faith and to become a member of the church if you wish.

## PARISH NOTICES

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND READERS

There will be a meeting for all current Readers and Eucharistic Ministers on **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October** in the Parish Centre after the 12noon Mass. Any parishioners who would like to read at Mass are welcome to attend.

### NATIONAL MASS FOR ALTAR SERVERS

All those Altar Servers who have signed up to attend this Special Mass in Westminster Cathedral please be in Church **at 11am on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October**. Please bring a packed lunch with you.

### BLESSING OF GRAVES AND MASS FOR THE BEREAVED

The Blessing of Graves will take place on **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November** from 12.45pm, The Mass for the Bereaved will take place on **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November** at 6pm.

### 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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. All those who have taken booking forms please return them to the Parish Office. There will be a meeting on **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November** at 12noon in the Parish Centre.

## OTHER

### CHURCHES TOGETHER

The Annual General Meeting for Churches Together takes place on **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

### CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY – THANK YOU

Thank you for your generosity a sum of £1,314.01 was collected for CAFOD plus Gift Aid.

## PRISONERS WEEK – COFFEE MORNING

Thank you to all who supported the Coffee Morning, £160.00 was raised for the FYOI.

## LIFE PREGNANCY MATTERS – COFFEE MORNING

There will be a Coffee Morning on **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October** after the 9am and 11am Masses in aid of the LIFE Centre in Hounslow West. The Coffee morning will include cakes, a bric-a-brac and toy sale. Donations of cakes and offers of help would be gratefully appreciated. Please contact Annie Burke on 020 3802 4711.

## BABY LOSS MEMORIAL

A memorial to remember the all too brief lives of babies who did not live to birth or beyond infancy has been set up in the Church. It is on the right aisle next to the baptismal font. It is an opportunity for families to pray for their loved child. Prayer cards and information about help and support from **Pregnancy Matters** will be available. This memorial will stay up until the end of October.

## 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE PASSING OF THE ABORTION ACT

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2017 marks 50 years since the passing of the Abortion Act. A vigil will be held in the Church to commemorate the Abortion Act being put in place and to pray for the many lives lost through abortion in the last 50 years. This will be held on **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October** after the 9.30am Mass. There will be Benediction, prayers of reflection and recitation of the holy rosary. You are welcome to join even for a short while if you can.

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

7 - 8 Oct: Envelopes £952.18; Loose: £959.65  
Standing Orders: £667.00 **Total: £2,578.83**

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 14 <sup>th</sup>	11.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	11.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	12.00	Gabriel Danladi RIP (Anniversary)
	12.45	Baptism of Mireya Margaret King-Reynolds
	17.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	18.00	Roberto Ordona RIP (Anniversary)
Sun 15 <sup>th</sup>	09.00	Alfred Deacon RIP
	11.00	Raymond Beirne RIP (Anniversary)
	13.00	Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)
	18.00	People of the Parish
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup>	09.30	Mary Smith & Family (Intentions)
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup>	09.30	Deceased members of the Fernandes Family RIP
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup>	09.30	Celebrant's Intention
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup>	09.30	John Hourihan RIP
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>	09.30	Deceased members of the Layton Family RIP
Sat 21 <sup>st</sup>	11.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	11.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	12.00	Holy Souls in Purgatory
	12.45	Baptism of Wiktorja Machlajewska
	17.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	18.00	Carafino Bragança RIP
Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup>	09.00	Dermot Doran RIP
	11.00	Deceased members of the Tunha and Hurley Families RIP
	13.00	Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)
	14.30	Mass led by the African Community
	18.00	People of the Parish
	Sanctuary Lamp: Esther Kusi-Appiah RIP	

**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.

