

This week at St Lawrence's



18th/19th October 2014



29th Sunday of the Year
(Missal Page 143 – YEAR A Vol. 2)

Isaiah 45:1,4-6; Psalm 95; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5; Matthew 22:15-21

30th Sunday of the Year (Missal Page 146); Exodus 22:20-26; Psalm 17; 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10; Matthew 22:34-40

' Dear Friends,

The famous Swiss psychiatrist and pioneer of psychoanalysis, **Carl Jung**, believed that the unconscious, your unconscious and mine, is a source of great spiritual insight. It was Jung who invented the concept of “*extrovert*” and “*introvert*” personalities – **which one are you?** – as well as the notion of “*complexes*” – **what kind of complexes do you have to live with?**

In a letter to a Catholic patient in Strasbourg, he wrote something that may perhaps help you and me. Jung wrote: “*I admire you Christians, because when you see someone hungry and thirsty, you see Christ. When you see someone in prison or sick, you visit Christ. When you welcome a stranger or clothe a naked person, you are in communion with Christ.*

What I do not understand is that you do not recognise your own poverty. Why do you see the poor only outside yourself? You seem incapable of seeing the poverty inside yourself; in fact, you seem to be denying that poverty. Why do you think you have to be better than others? Why do you think you have to do things for other people, when you yourself have so much brokenness within you? Why can't you see Christ hidden in your own brokenness? Why do you deny it?”

Perhaps that Catholic patient, once in Strasbourg, is now in Feltham? You, perhaps? Me? Some of us know that parts of our life are broken, very broken indeed. Some of our wounds, emotional, sexual, psychological or spiritual, are very deep indeed.

Today, the Church encourages us and helps us to believe in God, and to give back to God what belongs to Him. Since God is the only one who has the power to heal our brokenness. He can bind up our wounds. He can heal every one of our ills. He can do this, only if we open our life to his action and entrust whole our life in his hands. May God bless you and your families.

Fr Fortunato.

Sunday Mass Times: Saturday 6 pm (Vigil Mass), Sunday 9 am, 11 am,
1pm (Polish) & 6 pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) - Saturday 11am & 5pm

QUARANT'ORE - FORTY HOUR DEVOTION

Our forty hour devotion of the Blessed Sacrament ends on **Monday 20th October**. The times of the various services are on the back page of the newsletter and on the notice board.
We need at least two people for each hour of Adoration. There are sign-up sheets in the porch for you to put your name when you will be able to be here.

PARISH NOTICES

FAITH TRAIL – INTER-FAITH EVENT

St Lawrence's and the Centre for Spirituality and Cultural Advancement present the next of the Bi-monthly events, titled Christian Faith. It will take place at St Lawrence's Church at 12.45pm on **Saturday 8th November**. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

QUIZ NIGHT

The Social Committee invite you to a Quiz Night in the Parish Centre on **Saturday 8th November** from 7pm onwards. Tickets at 3.00 each, available from the repository.

SCHOOL MASS

On **Thursday 23rd October** we will be joined at the 9.30am Mass by children from St Lawrence's school for their Harvest Mass.

ZIMBABWEAN COFFEE AND CAKE SALE

On **Sunday 16th November** after the 9am and 11am Mass there will be a Coffee and Cake sale in aid of Zimbabwean Orphans. Donations of cakes would be helpful. Please speak to Helen Hurley for more information or offers of help.

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.

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. Intercensory prayers for the parish and wider community. New members welcome, come and see.

2013 ANNUAL REPORT

Copies of the 2013 Annual Report & Accounts for the Diocese of Westminster are available at the back of Church if anyone would like to look at in the porch. Please **do not** take them away from Church.

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.



Reminder -The clocks go back by one hour
next weekend (25th/26th October)

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.

OTHER

VOCATION DISCERNMENT GROUP for adults (18-30's) meets on **Friday 24 October**, 7-9pm in the Hinsley Room next to Westminster Cathedral. Fr Matt Blake ODC on: "St Teresa of Avila and Carmelite Spirituality" For more info contact Fr Richard at richardnesbitt@rcdow.org.uk

"**COME AND SEE**" day at Allen Hall seminary for men (18+) discerning a calling to the priesthood on **Saturday 25 October**. A chance to join the seminary community for its annual Douai Martyrs celebration and reflect on our own calling to witness to Christ today. For more info and to book a place, contact Fr Richard at richardnesbitt@rcdow.org.uk

SPECIAL NEEDS AFTERNOON

St Michael & St Michael's Church invite all, especially anyone who has special needs and their families to a Harvest Thanksgiving Mass on **Sunday 26th October 2014**. The afternoon starts with creative activities in the Parish Centre from 1.30pm, Mass at 3.30pm followed by 'bring and share' food and refreshments.

ST FRANCIS XAVIER FEAST

On **30th November 2014**, West London Goans will be celebrating the Feast of St Francis Xavier, the patron saint of Goa, at St Lawrence's School Hall from 1pm - 7pm. Tickets £12.00 (£13 after 20 November) include a 3 course meal and dancing to a live band and disco. Contact Tessy D'Mello 01784 433302, Jonelle Afonso 020 8844 2634 or Mary D'Souza after 9.30am Mass. See poster on notice board for more details. All welcome.

GROWING IN FAITH

The latest *Growing in Faith* newsletter is available at the back of Church which gives an update on *Growing in Faith* is developing.

Five new videos are now available on the *Growing in Faith* website:

<http://rcdow.org.uk/growing-in-faith/> The main 'Featured Video' provides a detailed overview of the positive impact *Growing in Faith* is having across the Diocese. In the 'More Videos' section (below the main video) you can find four 90 second films on each of the key pillars of *Growing in Faith*: 1) Vocations and Seminarians 2) Sick & Retired Clergy 3) Caritas 4) Parishes

SECONDARY SCHOOL FORM SIGNING

Dates for Fr Chris to sign Secondary School Transfer Forms:

Tuesday: October 21st and 28th 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.

NOVEMBER

BLESSING OF GRAVES

Fr Chris and Fr Fortunato will be available on **Sunday 2nd November** to pray over and bless the graves of parishioners buried in local cemeteries. If you would like to have the grave of a loved one blessed, just turn up and wait by the main gates of the cemetery for Fr Chris or Fr Fortunato.

*Hatton Cemetery - 12.45pm; Bedford Cemetery - 1.15pm;
Feltham Cemetery - 2.00pm; Hanworth Crematorium - 2.45pm (for those
whose ashes are buried there); Borough Cemetery - 3.30pm
and Hounslow Cemetery - 4.00pm.*

Mass intentions and other services this week:

Saturday 18th ST LUKE	10.00 11.00 11.45 12.00 12.30 17.00 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation Benediction Isaura & Henry Brito RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation People of the Parish
+ Sunday 19th 29 th Sunday of the Year	09.00 11.00 13.00 18.00	Dermot Doran RIP (Anniversary) Frank O'Connor RIP Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Carafino Braganca RIP (Anniversary)
Monday 20th Feria	08.30 09.15 09.30 10.00 12.15 12.45 19.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Morning Prayer Miles Hamlin RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Valerie Gill RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament For World Peace
Tuesday 21st Feria	09.15 09.30 10.00	Morning Prayer Ermelinda & Edgar Cota Cruz RIP Novena to Our Lady
Wednesday 22nd St John Paul II	09.15 09.30	Morning Prayer Albert Stoakes RIP
Thursday 23rd Feria	09.30	No Morning Prayer Blanche Rocha RIP (with School)
Friday 24th Feria	09.15 09.30	Morning Prayer Emilia Potts RIP
Saturday 25th Feria	11.00 11.45 12.00 12.45 17.00 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation Benediction Jim Fitzpatrick RIP Baptisms of Chloe Ella McDonagh, Claire Munar and Rossie Wong Ley Young Sacrament of Reconciliation Aubrey & Irene Hamlin RIP
+ Sunday 26th 30 th Sunday of the Year	09.00 11.00 13.00 14.30 18.00	Daniel Fogarty RIP The Rodrigues Family in Thanksgiving Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Mass led by the African Community People of the Parish

Sanctuary Lamp: Intentions of the Hawkings and Dupuy Families

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

11th/12th October: Envelopes £1265.42, Loose £872.28, Standing Orders £420.00 Total: £2557.70
Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trustees: Registered Charity No. 233699

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