

This week at St Lawrence's



19th/20th October 2013

Twenty Ninth Sunday of the Year
(Missal Page 152 – YEAR C)



Exodus 17: 8-13; Psalm 120; 2 Timothy 3:14, 4:2; Luke 18:1-8
Thirtieth Sunday of the Year (Missal Page 155): Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14, 16-19; Psalm 33;
2 Timothy 5:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14

Dear Friends

The Year of Faith which began last Advent and climaxes in a few weeks time on the Feast of Christ the King has been a journey of re-discovery, re-visiting the mysteries of our faith and the majesty of our Christian vocation. It has been an invitation to re-assess who God is and who we are as His Church, the People of God. We have heard once again the call to holiness and the invitation to live authentically and with integrity the moral life. We have delved deeply into the sacraments of healing, most especially the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Sacrament of the Eucharist, discovering the Lord waiting for us there.

This weekend, during this final season of the Year of Faith, we hear once again the call to prayer. Every one of us has a God-shaped hole in our life, a longing in our hearts. St Augustine puts it like this in his prayer, "O Lord you have made us for yourself and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you".

When do you pray? How do you pray? What do you pray? It's true that sometimes prayer comes naturally but sometimes it's a real effort. Sometimes God seems really far away – or we feel far away from Him. Sometimes we just need to look at Jesus on the Cross and like the old man in the story say "I just look at Him and He looks at me", and that's enough. Just try this: *start your day with a short prayer, a little morning offering, and end it with a little prayer to say "thank you", and bring other moments of your day to God too.* Like many other things in life this will feed your desire.

With my love and prayers for all of you.

Fr Chris

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Parish Secretary: Florie Fernandes (Office Opening Hours 9am-1pm – Mon-Fri)

NOVEMBER

BLESSING OF GRAVES

Fr Chris and Fr Fortunato will be available on Sunday 3rd 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; Bedfont Cemetery – 1.15pm; Feltham Cemetery – 2.00pm;
Borough Cemetery – 3.00pm and Hounslow Cemetery – 3.30pm.

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS CONGRATULATIONS

We extend a warm welcome to Floyd John Mukasa, Teryl Bediako and Aoife Grace Anna Lynch who will be baptised this weekend and offer our warmest congratulations to their families.

BAPTISM REQUESTS

If you have recently completed a Baptism Request Form, Bridget Brinkley will be in touch shortly to arrange a time to meet with you. Please note we currently have a large number of requests for baptism and will be in touch with you as soon as possible.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Parents meet on **Tuesday 22nd October** at either 2pm or 7pm in the Parish Centre. The next meeting for children will be on **Saturday 9th November** at 9.45am

PARISH NOTICES

UCM

The UCM will meet on **Monday 21st October** at 7.30pm. We will be sharing our various Music and Literary tastes. It should prove an interesting evening.

PARISH AUTUMN FAITH SHARING COURSE – "TEACH US TO PRAY"

The faith sharing programme has now commenced. Programme booklets can be used by individuals, by family groups or within faith sharing groups, and are available at the back of Church. Cost £1.50 each.

PARKING

Parking around the Church, Presbytery and Parish Centre is very limited and at weekends designated for our elderly and less able parishioners. We are fortunate to have use of the school car park at weekends but it has come to attention that cars have been triple parked and of major concern for us on the grounds of health and safety. Given the limited availability parishioners are encouraged to use alternative local parking facilities. The situation will be monitored over the coming weeks.

MASS INTENTIONS

We will be taking Masses for next year from Monday 18 November 2013. The arrangement suggested for 2013, will stand i.e. each person wanting to give a Mass can offer **3 Masses** to be said at St Lawrence's **for the year**. Any intentions over that are to be sent to the Missions. This will allow every parishioner to be able to have a Mass Intention said in Church. Please think carefully about the intentions you wish to give. If it's for several members of your family, try and group them into 'Deceased members of the xxx family', the same applies to thanksgiving intentions.

SCHOOLS

NEW DATES FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSFER FORM SIGNING

Fr Chris will be available to sign forms for Secondary School transfer at the following times:

October: Monday 21st and Friday 25th – 3.30pm to 4.30pm

Please come in with your child and wait in the Church.

CONGRATULATIONS

EILEEN IGBOANNGO

Our congratulations to Eileen Igboanngo in her new role as Head Girl at Gumley House Convent School.

REST IN PEACE

MARK ADDISON RIP

We pray for the repose of the soul of Mark Addison RIP who passed away quite suddenly. His funeral will take place here on **Tuesday 22nd October** at 11.30am. Please also remember in your prayers his wife Alison and daughter Amy and all those who mourn him.

JANET WALKER RIP

We pray for the repose of the soul of Janet Walker RIP who passed away recently. Please also remember in your prayers her husband Ray. Funeral arrangements to be announced shortly.

THANK YOU

RECEIVED WITH THANKS...

We have just received a very generous legacy of £5,000 from the estate of the late Denis McCarthy RIP. This will go towards the building fund for our new Parish Centre. Please pray for him and for all our benefactors.

CAFOD

Thank you for your generous support towards CAFOD.

Monies raised: Cake Sale & First Friday Coffee Morning: £223.96 Soup Lunch £54.70 Harvest Fast Day: £2043.62

OTHER

APF OVERSEAS MISSIONS

This weekend there will be a retiring collection at the end of all Masses for the work of APF Overseas Missions who help build schools, provide healthcare and share faith, often in dangerous and difficult circumstances. If you would like to Gift Aid your donation, envelopes are available in the porch.

CAN A DIVORCED PERSON MARRY IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?

To talk about this and answer any questions you may have such as: 'Do non Catholics who have married before in a Register Office need an annulment to marry a Catholic?' 'Will it cost a lot of money?' 'If a marriage has been consummated can annulment still be sought?' Mgr. John Conneely, Judicial Vicar of the Westminster Tribunal, will be speaking about the subject of 'ANNULMENTS' on **Thursday 7 November** at 7:30 at Our Lady of Grace and St Edwards's, Chiswick, and on **Thursday 21 November** at 7:30 at SS Michael and Martin's, Hounslow.

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA

The local Council of the Order Knights of St Columba will be having a Recruitment Drive after all Masses next week end. A member of the Order will be speaking at each Mass. After all Masses members of the KSC will be at the back of the Church with Application for Membership Forms and ready to answer any queries which parishioners may have. All practising Catholic Men over the age of 18 are eligible for membership.

VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT GROUP

The next meeting of the for young adults is on **Friday 25 October** 7-9pm in the Hinsley Room next to Westminster Cathedral with Fr Hugh Mackenzie on the Faith movement. For more info contact Fr Richard on richardnesbitt@rcdow.org.uk

CCS CHRISTMAS CATALOGUE

Copies of The Catholic Children's Society Christmas Catalogue are available from the table in the porch.

HEART GIVES UNTO HEART CATHOLIC INTERNET RADIO CELEBRATES

BROADCASTING 24/7 FOR 12 MONTHS – with a wide mix of programmes designed to appeal to a Catholic audience. We have exciting plans to extend our audience and are looking for extra help in the team to achieve our exciting goals. This is a wonderful chance to evangelise our faith and our fantastic team always welcomes more help either in making programmes, or on the technical or admin side! Much can be done over the internet so you don't need to live in Guildford to join us. If you're interested and would like to learn more call 0795 021 8322 or email hguhradio@gmail.com. We really look forward to hearing from you!

Mass intentions and other services this week:

Saturday 19th Feria	11.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	11.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	11.45	Benediction
	12.00	Johnny Soares in Thanksgiving
	12.45	Baptisms of Floyd John Mukasa, Teryl Bediako and Aoife Grace Anna Lynch
	17.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
+ First Mass of Sunday	18.00	Andre & Andreza De Souza RIP
+ Sunday 20th 29 th Sunday of the Year	09.00	Dermot Doran RIP (Anniversary)
	11.00	People of the Parish
	13.00	Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)
	18.00	Roy & Stency Varghese in Thanksgiving
Monday 21st Feria	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Quentin Gelder RIP
Tuesday 22nd Feria	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Manuel Pires RIP
	10.00	Novena to Our Lady
	11.30	FUNERAL SERVICE – MARK ADDISON RIP
Wednesday 23rd Feria	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Pat Miles RIP
Thursday 24th Feria	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Mary O'Donoghue (Birthday Intention)
Friday 25th Feria	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Raul Costabr RIP
Saturday 26th Sis Chad & Cedd	11.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	11.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	11.45	Benediction
	12.00	Daniel Fogarty RIP
	12.45	Baptisms of Zachary Ritchie Dominic Reilly, Veronika Kristian Rodriguez and Lucy Alice David Eusebio
	17.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
+ First Mass of Sunday	18.00	Aubrey & Irene Hamlin RIP
+ Sunday 27th 30 th Sunday of the Year	09.00	People of the Parish
	11.00	Mimi & Papi Ekonzo in Thanksgiving
	13.00	Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)
	14.00	Mass led by the African Community
	18.00	Deceased members of the Almeida & Sequeira Families RIP

Sanctuary Lamp: Gabriel Danladi RIP

Sunday Mass Times

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

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

12th/13th Oct: Envelopes £1176.02, Loose £854.54, Standing Orders £420.00 Total: £2450.56

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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.

