



# St Lawrence Catholic Church

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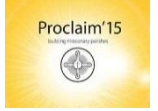


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**30<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year**

**22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> October 2016**

**Readings:** Page 155: Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14, 16-19; Psalm 33; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18, Luke 18:9-14

**Next Week:** 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Year: (Missal Page: 157): Wisdom 11:22, 12:2; Psalm 144; 2 Thessalonians 1:11, 2:2, Luke 19:1-10

Dear Friends,

If we humbly pray 'Lord be merciful to me a sinner', it will keep us in a good relationship with God and with each other.

In today's Gospel Jesus is asking us to be humble. The dictionary defines humility as being modest and not thinking that one is more superior to others.

It is not easy to practice humility but it is good for the soul. It allows us to be happy for others, to be joyful for the blessings we have in our lives, without always wanting more.

When we enter Church we are conscious of coming before God, and to come before God is to be humbled. We should always feel comfortable in Church, we should always feel at home here.

God's presence makes our Church a place of blessings where we discover who we are and what we are – God's precious children.

St. Francis of Assisi said "I am what I am before God. Nothing Else. Nothing more. Nothing less."

May we act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with our God.

**FR. JOHN**

## PARISH NOTICES

### TABLE TOP SALE

There will be a coffee morning and table top sale in the Parish Centre this Sunday after the 9am and 11am Masses. Do come along, browse and grab a bargain whilst enjoying a lovely cup of tea or coffee. Proceeds to the Parish Centre Building Fund.

### BAZAAR PLANNING MEETING

There will be a meeting on **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November** at 6pm (before the 7.30pm Mass) to plan the Bazaar. The meeting will take place in the Presbytery Prayer Room.

**Sunday Mass: Saturday 6 pm (Vigil Mass), Sunday 9 am, 11 am, 1pm (Polish) & 6 pm**

**Weekday Mass: Monday - Friday 9.30am, Saturday 12 noon**

**Morning Prayer: Monday – Friday - 9.15am, Novena to Our Lady: Tuesdays: 10am**

**Exposition and Benediction: Saturdays: 11am**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) - Saturday 11am & 5pm**

**LIVING JESUS**, the diocesan faith-sharing resource for this Autumn, explores how our vocation to holiness is rooted in the merciful love of the Father, Christ's saving ministry and the work of the Holy Spirit within each one of us. Reflecting on Holy Scripture, we will consider how baptism underpins our life in Jesus and impels us to consciously cultivate an intimate personal relationship with Him through prayer and the sacraments – to become intentional disciples. Copies available at the back of Church at £2.00 each, for individual or group reflection.

### UCM

The UCM will meet on **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October** at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. Tom will give a film show on "London Scenes". Come and enjoy a very interesting evening. All ladies are welcome to the UCM.

### FR CHRIS' FAREWELL MASS AND PARTY

Fr Chris' farewell Mass will take place on **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October** at 12.00noon followed by a party. We will be looking for two or three hymns in different languages. Food lists will be available at the back of Church in the next week. Please contact the Parish Office for information.

If you would like to contribute towards a leaving gift for Fr Chris, please hand in your envelope to Fr John, Bridget Brinkley or to the Parish Office. There will be a "Book of Memories" on the table in the porch for you to sign or perhaps you have photos you would like to put in the book.

Please could we have your contributions as they are a little thin on the ground at the moment. Marie and Mary will be outside Church with baskets for your contributions.

## SACRAMENTS

### WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

We extend our warmest congratulations to Rosario Dias and Villette Fernandes who celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage last weekend.

### BAPTISM

The next Baptism Preparation course will take place on **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November** and **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November** at 3.30pm in the Parish Centre. If you have requested to have your first child baptised and have completed an application form with Bridget you are invited to attend this course.

If you live and worship in St Lawrence's parish and expecting a baby soon please contact Bridget by phone at the parish office or by email if you would like to join this course.

### CONFIRMATION 2017

The Bishop has confirmed us that he will come to St Lawrence's on **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2017** at 3pm for Confirmation. All Confirmation candidates and parents please make a note of this date in your diaries.

## OTHER

### ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE IN TOP 1% OF SCHOOLS NATIONALLY

St Paul's Catholic College in Sunbury is delighted to have been acknowledged by the DfE for outstanding

progress in 2016. The performance tables rank us 2<sup>nd</sup> out of 169 schools in Surrey and 29<sup>th</sup> out of 6382 schools nationally.

We are very proud of our staff and students for their hard work. The staff at the school work tirelessly for the good of the students and, with the support of our fantastic parents, the results have shone through.

### CONCERT IN AID OF THE PASSAGE

There will be a concert in aid of The Passage on **Tuesday 8 November 2016** (American election night).

The music includes Bernstein: Candide Overture & Mambo from West Side Story; Gershwin: Rhapsody in Blue, I Got Rhythm & Summertime; Barber: Adagio for Strings and Rodgers: Some Enchanted Evening & You'll Never Walk Alone. The performers include Simon Trpceski – Piano, James O'Donnell – Organ, Mark Stone- Baritone & Rebecca Evans – Soprano. The presenters are Petroc Trelawny, Armando Iannucci and Jon Culshaw. Prices start at £12. For more details visit

<http://www.anightunderthestars.co.uk/>, email [tickets@passage.org.uk](mailto:tickets@passage.org.uk), tel. 020 7592186'

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

15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup>: Envelopes £796.47 Loose £802.66  
Standing Orders: £538.00 **Total: £2,137.13**

### PARISH CENTRE UPDATE:

**Money banked as at 18/10/2016 - £89,672.90**

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup>	12.00	Patrick McGough RIP
	15.00	Mass in Tagalog led by the Filipino Community
	18.00	People of the Parish
Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup>	09.00	Alfred Deacon RIP
	11.00	Gabriel & Helen Chukwuji RIP
	13.00	Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)
	14.30	Mass led by the African Community
	18.00	Sr Deanna Donoghue RIP
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup>	09.30	John Rea RIP (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary)
Tues 25 <sup>th</sup>	09.30	Kathleen Hourihan RIP
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup>	09.30	Daniel Fogarty RIP
Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup>	09.30	Celebrant's Intention
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup>	09.30	Carmella De Souza in Thanksgiving
Sat 29 <sup>th</sup>	12.00	Faye Badejo in Thanksgiving
	18.00	Margaret Shaw RIP
Sun 30 <sup>th</sup>	09.00	Carafino Braganca RIP
	11.00	Sabina Alvares RIP
	13.00	Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)
	18.00	People of the Parish
Sanctuary Lamp: Van Der Puy Family Intentions		

*October is the month of the Rosary*



**Reminder -The clocks go back by one hour**

**next weekend (29/30 October)**