

This week at St Lawrence's



24th/25th October 2015

30th Sunday of the Year
(Missal Page 149 – YEAR B Vol. 2)

Jeremiah 31:7-9; Psalm 125; Hebrews 5:1-6; Mark 10:46-52

Next week: All Saints (Missal Page 186); Apocalypse 7:2, 9-14; Psalm 23; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12
All Souls Day (Missal Page 189); Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 26; Romans 5:5-11; Mark 15:33-39, 16:1-6



Dear Friends,

According to a Jewish legend there was once a blind man who was married but had no children. Although his life was hard, he never complained. One day as the blind man was sitting by a river, the prophet Elijah came to him from heaven and said, "Even though your life has been hard, you never complained, and so God will grant you one wish." The poor man frowned. "Only one wish!" he said. "I'm blind, I'm poor, and I'm childless. How will one wish satisfy all my problems? But give me twenty-four hours and I'll think up a wish." He went home and told his wife what had happened. She smiled at him and said, "Eat well and sleep soundly, for I know what you should wish." He came back the next morning and said to Elijah as he appeared again, "I wish to be able to see my children eat from gold plates." The wish was granted and the man and his wife lived happily for the rest of their days. Today's Gospel presents another blind man whose wish was to regain his sight. Jesus restored sight to his eyes and to his spirit, and Bartimaeus immediately began to follow Jesus as a sighted, witnessing disciple.

Two famous prayers for spiritual vision: Cardinal Newman prays for clear vision in his famous poem, "Lead Kindly Light":

Lead, kindly Light, amid the encircling gloom; lead Thou me on!

The night is dark, and I am far from home; lead Thou me on!

Keep Thou my feet; I do not ask to see

The distant scene; one step enough for me.

"Amazing Grace," As the captain of a British slave ship, John Newton regained his faith during a storm at sea and became an ordained minister who was very active in the abolitionist movement. He explains how he gained his spiritual eyesight in his famous hymn, Amazing Grace.

Amazing grace!

How sweet the sound,

that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost but now am found,

was blind but now I see.

With thanks and prayers,

Fr. John

NOVEMBER – THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

FEAST OF ALL SAINTS AND COMMEMORATION OF HOLY SOULS

All Saints Day will be celebrated on Sunday 1st November and All Souls on Monday 2nd November with Masses at 9.30am, 12.15pm and 7.30pm.

NOVEMBER LISTS

Available at the back of Church, please fill in and place in the Book of Remembrance at the foot of the altar.

BLESSING OF GRAVES

Fr Chris and Fr John will be available on **Sunday 1st 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 at your loved one's grave for Fr Chris or Fr John.

Hatton Cemetery - 12.45pm; Bedfont 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.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY – HELP NEEDED

Could you help on Remembrance Sunday, **8th November**, to set up the School Hall, prepare and serve refreshments (soft drinks, tea and biscuits) and tidy the school afterwards? If so, please put your name on the list in the porch and come to the School at 1.30pm to get everything ready before the service at 3pm at Feltham War Memorial.

SPECIAL MASS FOR THE RECENTLY BEREAVED

On **Sunday 15th November** at 6pm we shall be celebrating a special Mass to pray for the peaceful repose of parishioners, who have died over the past year and to pray for the comforting of their families. Please come along to offer the support of your prayers to those who are grieving. The Bereavement Support Group will be providing refreshments and a listening ear after Mass.

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS

We extend a warm welcome to Annie Sophie Rose Shanks and Alyanna Bondoc who will be baptised this weekend and offer our warmest congratulations to their families.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The next preparation meeting for children and parents is on **Saturday 7th November** at 9.45am. Please come to St Lawrence's School and you will be directed to your meeting rooms.

PARISH NOTICES

URGENT REQUEST – CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Our Christmas Bazaar is fast approaching...and we need to advertise the event. To this end, if you are prepared to have an Estate Agent's sign outside your house advertising the Christmas Bazaar, please take and complete one of the pink slips in the Church porch and return to the Parish Office at the latest by **Monday 26th October**.

UCM

The UCM will meet on **Monday 26th October** at the Salvation Army Hall for the AGM. We hope all members will make every effort to attend. News of future meetings will be discussed.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

£251.78 was raised for World Mission Sunday. Thank you for your generosity.

CAKE SALE

A sum of £167.00 was raised from the cake sale in aid of the New Parish Centre. Pansy thanks you all for your support.

IMPORTANT – CAR PARKING

URGENT REMINDER

There is to be absolutely no double parking in the school car park. This blocks emergency access to the school and Church for ambulances and fire engines. We will be re-enforcing our policy of lowering the bar in the school car park once the designated spaces are full.

Please note that there is **NO PARKING** on the Church premises except for two marked spaces - one for Fr Chris the other for disabled parking. **ALL CAR USERS** are asked to find alternative parking from this time forward for the next twelve months. **This applies to weekday and weekend parking.** At the weekends we will have use of the school car park for the first 20 cars as we do now.

There are service vehicles coming in and out of the parish so please **DO NOT TRY AND PARK IN THE CHURCH GROUNDS.**

PLEASE DO NOT PARK ANYWHERE ON THE GREEN AS IT IS FOR RESIDENTS' PRIVATE USE ONLY

OTHER

HM FELTHAM YOUNG OFFENDERS

Fr. Roger along with other members of the chaplaincy team at HMYOI are planning to run the **ALPHA Course** in the prison. To run the course, which will enable the young people there to learn more about the Christian faith, **12 volunteers** are needed. You are invited to a meeting with Fr. Roger on **Sunday the 25th October at 4.30pm here at St. Lawrence's** to find out more about how you could be involved in the **Alpha Course**. So, if you think you could commit to **10 consecutive Friday mornings** starting January 2016 then please come along and find out more about the course.

SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS COLLECTION

Next weekend we will take up a collection for the sick and retired priests of the Diocese of Westminster. Envelopes will be available at the back of Church, please take one home and bring it with you next weekend.

PILGRIMAGES

WORLD YOUTH DAY – KRAKOW JULY 2016

SLYC is inviting you to join us on a pilgrimage to Poland for World Youth Day (WYD) with Pope Francis and a million plus other young Catholics from all corners of the planet. We went to WYD in Madrid 2011. It was a fun and a wonderful experience sharing our faith with other young people. We expect the same and more from WYD in Poland especially if more young people from our parish come with us. WYD dates are from **18 July 2016 to Sunday 31 July 2016**, the cost will be £750 including travel and accommodation. To come on this trip you just need to be 16-35 years old and open to have a fun and life changing experience. If interested more information is available in the Church porch.

ST LAWRENCE 2016 PILGRIMAGE TO ROME - YEAR OF MERCY

Our 2016 pilgrimage will be to Rome from **Monday 10th October 2016 to Sunday 16th October 2016**. We will be flying from and to Heathrow. Parishioners from St Gabriel, Harrow South & St Bernard, Northolt will be joining us on this pilgrimage. The cost is £884.00 per person on a half board basis. There will only be 26 places available initially. Booking forms and itinerary details can be obtained from St Lawrence Parish Office. The places will be allocated strictly in the order that the booking forms together with the deposits are returned to the Parish Office by 30th October 2015.

RECEPTION CLASS ADMISSIONS 2016

Fr Chris will be available for signing a Certificate of Catholic Practice for Reception Class Admissions in a couple of weeks - dates and times will be published next weekend.

Mass intentions and other services this week:

Saturday 24th <small>Feria</small>	11.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation
	11.45	Benediction
	12.00	Tom Diviney RIP
	12.45	Baptisms of Annie Sophie Rose Shanks and Alyanna Bondoc
	15.00	Mass in Tagalog led by the Filipino Community
17.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
18.00	People of the Parish	
+ Sunday 25th <small>30th Sunday of the Year</small>	09.00	Aubrey & Irene Hamlin RIP
	11.00	Brian Jackson (Intention)
	13.00	Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)
	14.30	Mass led by the African Community
18.00	In Thanksgiving - Rodrigues Family	
Monday 26th <small>Feria</small>	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Daniel Fogarty RIP
Tuesday 27th <small>Feria</small>	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Patrick Murray RIP
10.00	<i>Novena to Our Lady</i>	
Wednesday 28th <small>STS SIMON AND JUDE</small>	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Sisters of Mercy (Intentions)
Thursday 29th <small>Blessed Martyrs of Douai College</small>	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Celebrant's Intention
Friday 30th <small>Feria</small>	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Fr Fortunato Pantisano (Intentions)
Saturday 31st <small>Feria</small>	11.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation
	11.45	Benediction
	12.00	In Thanksgiving – Faye Badejo
	17.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	18.00	People of the Parish
+ Sunday 1st <small>ALL SAINTS</small>	09.00	Alice Danladi (Intentions)
	11.00	Augustine Field RIP (Anniversary)
	13.00	Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)
	18.00	For the intentions of the Sanford Family

Sanctuary Lamp: Deceased members of the Whooley Family RIP

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

17th/18th October: Envelopes: £1,144.11 Loose: £706.74 Standing Orders: £579.25 Total: £2,430.10

PARISH CENTRE UPDATE: MONEY BANKED AS AT 20/10/2015 - £42,354.64

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**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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