

This week at St Lawrence's



9th/10th April 2011

Fifth Sunday of Lent (Year (A))

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Ezekiel 37:12-14; Psalm 129; Romans 8:8-11; John 11:3-7,20-27,33-45

Dear Friends,

One of my most profound experiences of Good Friday was a few years ago in a tiny village church in Devon. I was there with some young people from the retreat centre where I was chaplain. We were miles from home. But the Lord revealed Himself to me there in an unexpectedly powerful way. With the start of the school holidays and an improvement in the weather (don't speak too soon!) many of you will be out of town for Holy Week and Easter. Don't forget that like Tesco the Church has local branches everywhere. Don't miss out on the central and most important celebrations of the Church's year – Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil and Easter Day. Wherever you are this Easter, be there with Him. There is nowhere else I would rather be.

With my love and prayers,

Fr Chris

Sunday Mass Times

Saturday 6 pm (Vigil Mass), Sunday 9 am, 11 am & 6 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday 11 am & 5 pm

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HOLY WEEK & EASTER

CHRISM MASS – TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK

Fr Chris will be attending the Chrism Mass at Westminster Cathedral at 12 noon on Tuesday of Holy Week, 19th April. This is one of the most solemn and significant liturgies of the Church, and includes the blessing of oils to be used in Sacramental celebrations in the forthcoming year.

Parishioners are warmly encouraged to take part in this beautiful liturgy.

THE SACRAMENTS

WELCOME TO THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

We extend a very warm welcome to Luisa Lucas Pita, Marcelo Abreu Fernandes and Jasmine Ruki Akpovi who are due to be Baptised this weekend and offer our warmest congratulations to their families.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

This weekend, we celebrate the third and last of the Scrutinies. The Gospel today, the raising of Lazarus, focuses on Christ, the resurrection and the life. We pray that those coming forward to receive the Sacraments at Easter ("the Elect") may be given the faith to acknowledge Christ as the resurrection and the life and that they may be filled with the hope of the life-giving Spirit as they prepare themselves for their birth to new life.

Later this week, we will also present the Lord's Prayer to the Elect—and "wait in joyful hope" until they can pray it with us as one of the faithful at the Easter Vigil.

Please continue to hold them in your prayers. They are: Ruolan Alley, Sonia Kinnear, Edward Campbell, Richard Alley, Mark Hazlehurst, Chantel Kryza, Catherine Trott, Nicola Irene Yeh, Cynthia Awor-Ojera, Alexandra Hanlon, Tesmi Hose and David Macedo.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

If you know of a parishioner who is ill in hospital or at home, please let Fr Chris know so that he can visit them and offer them the Sacraments. Several formerly well-known parishioners have slipped "under our radar" recently!

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Fr Chris would once again like to stress that making our Confession is not an "optional extra" but an integral part of our Catholic lives – like coming to Mass! He would like to encourage as many parishioners as possible to take advantage of this beautiful Sacrament before Easter.

Confessions before Easter will be available next Saturday 16th April at 11 am and 5 pm and also on Good Friday from 10.30 am to 12 noon and Holy Saturday from 11.30 am to 1 pm.

WORLD YOUTH DAY

YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 16 – 30

It's decision time for World Youth Day in Madrid 14th-22nd August. Fr Chris needs your booking form and deposit before Easter – and it's not too late to get a form from him today!

PARISH GROUPS

UCM

The UCM Spring Term will end with a Mass in the parish centre on Monday 11th April at 7.30 pm for members and invited friends, followed by a celebration for the newly-enrolled members.

SPECIAL EVENT

SISTER MARY'S GOLDEN JUBILEE

Incredible as it may seem, our beloved Sister Mary celebrates 50 years as a Sister of Mercy next month! To mark this wonderful occasion, we shall be holding a special parish celebration for Sister Mary on Saturday 7th May, with Mass at 12 noon and a reception in St Lawrence's School Hall afterwards. Everyone is most warmly invited!

Please sign your name on the list at the back of church if you can help with the catering.

PLANNED GIVING

WEEKLY ENVELOPE SCHEME

A few boxes of envelopes are still awaiting collection at the side of the church. If you would like to join the Planned Giving scheme, please fill out a "Pledge Card" (available in the porch) and post it into the presbytery.

REST IN PEACE

PHILOMENA BOOKER RIP

In your kindness please pray for the repose of the soul of Philomena Booker RIP who died peacefully following a long illness.

Her Requiem will be celebrated on Monday 18th April at 11 am. May she rest in peace and may the Lord send comfort to all who knew and loved her.

Extra copies of the Holy Week & Easter schedule are available at the back of church – please take one for anyone who might not be here today and encourage them to join us!

Mass intentions and other services this week:

Saturday 9th Lent Feria	11.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	11.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	11.45	Benediction
	12.00	David Cummings RIP
	12.30	Stations of the Cross
	17.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	17.15	Rosary
+ 1st Mass of Sunday	18.00	Gerry O'Hanlon RIP (A)
+ Sunday 10th Fifth Sunday of Lent	09.00	People of the Parish
	11.00	Thomas Yemi Badejo INT
	12.45	Baptisms of Luisa Pita, Marcelo Fernandes & Jasmine Akpovi
	18.00	Nerissa Consebido (in thanksgiving)
Monday 11th Lent Feria	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Ray Palmer RIP
Tuesday 12th Lent Feria	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Arlene Juriansz INT
	10.00	Novena to Our Lady
Wed 13th Lent Feria	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	German De Souza RIP
Thursday 14th Lent Feria	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Linda & Kerry Wilson (in thanksgiving)
Friday 15th Lent Feria	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Derrick Juriansz RIP
	10.00	Stations of the Cross
Saturday 16th Lent Feria	11.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	11.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	11.45	Benediction
	12.00	Manuel Gonçalves RIP
	12.30	Stations of the Cross
	17.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	17.15	Rosary
+ 1st Mass of Sunday	18.00	For the Intentions of the Lock Family
+ Sunday 17th Palm Sunday	09.00	John Hanlon RIP (A)
	11.00	Basil Clarke RIP (A) Meet on Green at 10.45 am
	18.00	People of the Parish

Sanctuary Lamp: Patrick I Yakowa INT

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

Envelopes £1424.19, Loose £797.73, Standing Orders £265, Total: £2300.33