

# This week at St Lawrence's



28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> April 2012

Fourth Sunday of Easter  
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Eucharistic Prayer II (Page 24)

Acts 4:8-12; Psalm 117; 1 John 3:1-2; John 10:11-18

Fifth Sunday of Easter (Missal Page 264): Acts 9:26-31; Psalm 21; 1 John 3:18-24; John 15:1-8

Dear Friends

This weekend we begin our three weeks of First Holy Communion celebrations. Please hold all our children and their families in your prayers at this beautiful time.

Last year Pope Benedict spoke to a group of children during his Apostolic visit to Benin. In his talk he said his First Holy Communion was "one of the most beautiful days of my life".

"It is the same for you isn't it? The Pope said. "And why is that? It's not only because of our nice clothes or the gifts we receive, nor even because of the parties! It is above all because, that day, we receive Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time! When I receive communion Jesus comes to live in me. I should welcome him with love and listen closely to him."

"In the depths of my heart, I can tell him, for example: 'Jesus, I know that you love me. Give me your love so that I can love you in return and love others with your love. I give you all my joys, my troubles and my future.' Do not hesitate, dear children, to speak of Jesus to others. He is a treasure whom you should share generously," the Pope said.

God Bless you all this week.

Fr Chris

## Sunday Mass Times

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

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

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## THE SACRAMENTS

### CONFIRMATION GROUP

The next meeting will be a Reconciliation Service on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May at 7.00pm in Church. On Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May at the 6pm Mass we will celebrate the Rite of Election for our Confirmation Candidates.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

We offer our warmest congratulations to the following children who make their First Holy Communion this weekend:

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April at 11 am:** Dovydas Burke, Nicholas Mackowiak, Emiliyah Fula, Alicia Neighbour, Iara Narciso and Tanatswa Maposah.

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April at 6pm:** Carolina Da Silva, Luke Tutt, Augusto Polo, Ariana Johnson, Sinead Howard and Tadiwa Chokwenda.

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April at 9am:** Kevin Jusko, Jack Previllon and Mary Egan.

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April at 11am:** Keith D'Souza, Nathaniel Dauz, Romeo Mancienne-Ponwane, Victor Venturina, Adaora Uzochukwu, Regan Acoba, Olivia Oroyemi, Benjamin Akpovi, Emmanuel Obodoako and Patrick Obodoako.

We pray that they will continue to grow in the love of the Lord.

## PARISH NOTICES

### UCM

The UCM will meet on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm. There will be a talk on "Flower Arranging".

Members will be asked to state if they can attend the Retreat on 25<sup>th</sup> May.

### INTERNATIONAL MASS AND PARTY

This will be the climax of our Parish Mission on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July at 11am. Fr Chris has called a meeting for Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre for all those who are interested in planning this huge event. Come and be part of it!

### PRAYER GROUP

The St Lawrence Prayer Group meets every Thursday at 7.30pm in the Presbytery. New members are welcome.

### FIRST FRIDAY

On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May there will be Eucharistic Adoration and Confession at 7.00pm followed by Mass at 7.30pm.

### FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE MORNING

CAFOD's First Friday Coffee Morning will take place this Friday after the morning Mass.

### SATURDAY MORNING CHANGES

There will be no 11am Eucharistic Adoration, Confessions and 12noon Mass on Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> May, and 12<sup>th</sup> May. Instead there will be special First Holy Communion Masses, to which everyone is invited.

### PARISH MISSION TEAM

Team members are reminded of the meeting with Amanda Williams from the SION Community on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm in the presbytery.

## PARISH MISSION

Intercession for this week – please pray at home

*Opening Doors – 23<sup>rd</sup> June – 8<sup>th</sup> July*

Let us pray for the protection and unity of family life, for the victims of broken marriages, the divorced and children in these families.

### SPECIAL COLLECTION

#### PRIEST TRAINING FUND

The Priest Training Fund needs our help. The wonderful news is that more men are now training for the priesthood at our seminary than at any time for 10 years. But there is still much more to be done – as half of our current priests will retire within the next 20 years – and you can make a real difference by offering your prayers. (*Today is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations*). But you can also do so by contributing to today's collection for the Priest Training Fund as everything that you give will be used to encourage, support and train those men who God is calling to the priesthood. Please give as much as you can as this work depends on donations. *You can also make a donation online by visiting [www.rcdow.org.uk/donations](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations).*

*Please take a copy of the Mulberry Magazine, the Allen Hall Seminary Journal – it's free!*

### OTHER

#### CAFOD CAKE SALE

With grateful thanks to all who helped and supported the Cake Sale. The amount raised was £188.81.

#### MASS IN SUPPORT OF MIGRANT WORKERS

The annual Mass in support of Migrant workers will take place on Bank Holiday Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> May at 10.30am at Westminster Cathedral. Please see poster on notice board for further details.

#### SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

St Catherine's School, Cross Deep, Twickenham- - Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 6.30pm  
Anyone interested in seeing this excellent new facility and hearing about the A level courses we offer is very welcome to attend this event.

#### ST MARK'S SCHOOL PAST PUPIL'S REUNION

Please see notice board for details

#### DIOCESAN YOUTH EVENTS

Please see notice board for details.

#### PAX CHRISTI PEACE ICON

St Vincent de Paul Justice and Peace Group invite you to come and pray for peace at St Vincent de Paul R.C. Church, 2 Witham Road, Osterley, TW7 4AJ from 5<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> May inclusive. Church open between 11.00 am and 5.00 pm daily for private prayer. Prayer Service on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30 p.m. followed by refreshments in the hall afterwards. See poster on notice board.

May is the month of the Holy Rosary, 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.



### Mass intentions and other services this week:

<b>Saturday 28<sup>th</sup></b> Easter Feria	<b>11.00</b>  17.00 <b>18.00</b>	<b>Patricia &amp; Ronald Piggott in Thanksgiving 55<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary</b> <i>(First Holy Communion Mass)</i> Sacrament of Reconciliation <b>Annette O'Reilly RIP</b> <i>(First Holy Communion Mass)</i>
<b>+ Sunday 29<sup>th</sup></b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	<b>09.00</b>  <b>11.00</b>  <b>18.00</b>	<b>Thanksgiving &amp; Special Blessing - Bernadette</b> <i>(First Holy Communion Mass)</i> <b>Basil Clarke RIP</b> <i>(First Holy Communion Mass)</i> <b>People of the Parish</b>
<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup></b> Easter Feria	09.15 <b>09.30</b>	Morning Prayer <b>Agnetta Wilson in Thanksgiving</b>
<b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup></b> St Joseph the Worker	09.15 <b>09.30</b> 10.00	Morning Prayer <b>For Vocations</b> <i>Novena to Our Lady</i>
<b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup></b> St Athanasius	09.15 <b>09.30</b>	Morning Prayer <b>Virgina Masulit and Nina Amor Masulit (Birthday Intentions)</b>
<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup></b> SS Philip and James	09.15 <b>09.30</b>	Morning Prayer <b>Holy Souls in Purgatory</b>
<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup></b> The English Martyrs	09.15 <b>09.30</b> 19.00  <b>19.30</b>	Morning Prayer <b>Mary McCarthy RIP</b> <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation</i> <b>For World Peace</b>
<b>Saturday 5<sup>th</sup></b> Easter Feria	<b>11.00</b>  17.00 <b>18.00</b>	<b>Patrick Galligan RIP (A)</b> <i>(First Holy Communion Mass)</i> Sacrament of Reconciliation <b>Vilma Martin in Thanksgiving</b> <i>(First Holy Communion Mass)</i>
<b>+ Sunday 6<sup>th</sup></b> 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	<b>09.00</b>  <b>11.00</b>  12.45 <b>18.00</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b> <i>(First Holy Communion Mass)</i> <b>John Thompson RIP</b> <i>(First Holy Communion Mass)</i> <i>Baptism of Beau-Kitty Parkes</i> <b>David Hemlee RIP</b>

**Sanctuary Lamp: Charlie Teba Mobo (Intention)**

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

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