

This week at St Lawrence's



18th/19th February 2012

Seventh Sunday of the Year
(Missal Page 139)
Eucharistic Prayer III (Page 28)

*Isaiah 43:18-19, 21-22, 24-25; Psalm 40; 2 Corinthians 1:18-22; Mark 2:1-12
First Sunday of Lent (Missal Page 148): Genesis 9:8-15; Psalm 24; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:12-15*

Dear Friends

Lent begins this coming Wednesday, Ash Wednesday, and the newsletter insert this weekend gives you details of our programme this year.

Please make a special note of two new Lenten events: The Parish Lent Course on Thursday evenings and the Parish Retreat, 12th-16th March.

Three great themes that guide us through Lent (in fact, through the whole of our Christian lives) are Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. This week, a reminder on Church teaching on Fasting:

- The days and times of penance for the universal Church are each Friday of the whole year, and the season of Lent.
- Abstinence from meat is to be observed on all Fridays unless a solemnity should fall on a Friday. Abstinence and fasting are to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
- The law of abstinence binds those who have completed their fourteenth year. The law of fasting binds those who have attained their majority, until the beginning of their sixtieth year. Pastors of souls and parents are to ensure that even those who by reason of their age are not bound by the law of fasting and abstinence, are taught the true meaning of penance.
- Other forms of penance, especially works of charity and exercises of piety, are strongly encouraged.
- Fasting generally means one full meal and some food (less than a full meal) at breakfast and either at midday or in the evening, depending on when the full meal is eaten. Abstinence forbids the use of meat.

Happy Lent!

Fr Chris

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SACRAMENTS

CONFIRMATION FOR ADULTS

If you missed out on the Sacrament of Confirmation when you were younger and would like to explore the possibility of getting Confirmed now, please have a word with Bridget Brinkley either after Mass, by phone to the parish office or by email bridgetbrinkley@rcdow.org.uk.

A six week preparation course will start on Tuesday 21st February at 7.30pm.

CONFIRMATION FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Please note that there will be a Class on Thursday 23rd February at 7pm in the School Hall.

PARISH NEWS

ST LAWRENCE'S PRAYER GROUP

The Prayer Group meet on Thursdays in the Presbytery at 7.30pm

2012 MAGAZINE

Appealing for any budding reporters in the parish and anyone who would like to help produce a Parish Magazine for 2012 which will be produced at the end of the year. Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY – IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL PARENTS

We continue, with the help of volunteer catechists to be able to offer Children's Liturgy at Saturday 6pm, Sunday 9am and 11am Masses. Due to the high volume in attendance, from next weekend we request that only children from Reception Class to Year 5 attend the 11am Liturgy. Children must arrive on time and process with the Liturgy Leader when requested to do so by the priest celebrating Mass. Unfortunately, children who arrive late for Liturgy will be unable to attend and will be requested to return to their parents.

REST IN PEACE

ZENIA CURL RIP

We pray for the soul Zenia Curl RIP who died last week. The reception of her body into Church will be on Thursday 23rd February at 6pm and the Funeral Mass will take place at 9.30am on Friday 24th February followed by a gathering in the Parish Centre.

ELLEN O'NEILL RIP

We pray for the soul of Ellen O'Neill RIP whose Funeral Mass will take place on Monday 27th February at 11am.

MAY EARLY RIP

We pray for the soul of May Early RIP, mother/mother-in-law of Bernard and Kath Early who died last week.

May they, through the mercy of God, rest in peace, and may their grieving families and friends be comforted in their loss.

THANK YOU

CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Thank you for your generosity towards the Catholic Children's Society. The monies collected during our Christmas Crib Appeal raised a total of £645.28.

LENT – A TIME OF GRACE AND RENEWAL OF OUR FAITH

As we pray and reflect with Jesus on the final stages of His journey on earth – may we be renewed in our faith and experience the joy and peace of Easter.

PARISH LENT COURSE

Saints helping us today – a six session DVD course exploring Therese of Lisieux, Benedict, Francis of Assisi, Patrick, Ignatius of Loyola and Catherine of Sienna. The sessions will include group discussion and prayer. Starts on Thursday 23rd February in the Parish Centre. Refreshments at 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start.

REFLECTIVE HOUR OF PRAYER

A reflective hour of prayer will take place on Mondays in Lent at 10am in the Presbytery (after 9.30am Mass) starting on Monday 27th February. All are welcome.

“WALK WITH ME” BOOKLETS

A Lenten journey of personal or group prayer for Lent. The theme is “Renewing the Grace of our Baptism”. Price £1.00 each. If you have not seen or used this booklet before, consider taking this up for your Lenten reflections.

“MY DAY BY DAY” BOOKLETS

This booklet contains the readings of the day and can be used for personal or group reflections. Cost £1.00 each.

For further information and booklets see details at the back of Church and on side table.

PILGRIMAGES

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Dates: July 22nd to 28th – We will be taking a group to join the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes including some of our young members (16+) as Redcaps. Booking forms available from the presbytery.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

There will be a meeting on Sunday 26th February at 12.15 in the Parish Centre for those going to the Holy Land in May.

WESTMINSTER DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO THE 50TH INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS – IRELAND 2012.

Dates: 13th-18th June in Dublin Price £692 per person. See poster on notice board for further details. Booking forms available from the presbytery.

OTHER

AFRICAN COMMUNITY MASS

Fr Richard Offong, for the Nigerian Chaplaincy for London, will be celebrating a Special Mass here for the African community on Sunday 26th February at 2pm. If anyone would like to help with organising this celebration please drop your name and contact details in at the Presbytery, for the attention of Sister Domenica.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday 2nd March is Women's World Day of Prayer and this year the prayer is for Malaysia themed “Let Justice Prevail”. There will be a gathering of local Churches at St Dunstan's Church in Lower Feltham starting at 2pm. All are welcome to attend.

Mass intentions and other services this week:

Saturday 18th Feria	11.00 11.00 11.45 12.00 17.00 18.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Benediction 100TH ANNIVERSARY MASS Sacrament of Reconciliation Deceased Members of the O'Hanlon Family RIP
+ Sunday 19th 7 th Sunday of the Year	09.00 11.00 18.00	Hermingildo O Pavia RIP People of the Parish Holy Souls in Purgatory
Monday 20th Feria	09.15 09.30	Morning Prayer Thanksgiving to St Jude
Tuesday 21st St Peter Damian	09.15 09.30 10.00	Morning Prayer Tony Brennan RIP Novena to Our Lady
Wednesday 22nd ASH WEDNESDAY	09.30 12.15 19.30	No Morning Prayer Cornelius D'Souza RIP (A) (with school) Francisca De Rosario INT Priest's Intentions
Thursday 23rd Lent Feria	08.30 09.15 09.30 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Morning Prayer Shannon Hanlon INT Reception of Zenia Curl RIP into Church
Friday 24th Lent Feria	09.30 10.30	No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament No Morning Prayer FUNERAL MASS – Zenia Curl RIP Stations of the Cross
Saturday 25th Lent Feria	11.00 11.00 11.45 12.00 12.30 17.00 18.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Benediction Patrick Galligan RIP Stations of the Cross Sacrament of Reconciliation Rustum Pavia RIP
+ Sunday 26th 1 st Sunday of Lent	09.00 11.00 14.00 18.00	Bernard DeLarge RIP (A) Dr Moran INT African Community Mass People of the Parish

Sanctuary Lamp: Janet Danladi INT

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