

This week at St Lawrence's



19th/20th February 2011 Seventh Sunday of the Year (A)
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Leviticus 19:1-2,17-18; Psalm 102; 1Corinthians 3:16-23; Matthew 5:38-48

Dear Friends,

This weekend marks "Education Day", a moment to celebrate out loud the great mission of Catholic Education and the wonderful work of our Catholic Schools. Our own St Lawrence's School is outstanding in this, as are our local primary and secondary schools which serve the children and young people of this parish community. I would like to thank the leadership of our schools, our teachers and governors for their passion, commitment and hard work. But we all have our part to play. The Christian formation of our children and young people is the responsibility of all of us – in the home, in the community, in the parish, in the schools. Every word, every gesture, every action matters. The sign that we give, the environment we create, influence, inspire and enable the next generation to, in the words of one of our local secondary schools, reach for the heights. Thank God today for those who inspired and formed you, and pray that you can do the same for young hearts and minds today.

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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THE SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM

We extend a very warm welcome to the Christian Church to Patrick Steven Stokes who is due to be baptised this weekend and offer his family our heartfelt congratulations.

FIRST COMMUNION GROUP

Our First Communion families are reminded to bring the children's workbooks to Mass next weekend 26th/27th February for another of our First Communion Group's special Eucharistic Celebrations.

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 speak to Fr Chris or Sister Mary as soon as possible.

A short preparation course will be starting soon.

THANKSGIVING FOR MARRIAGE

And if you were not able to come to our own Thanksgiving Mass for the Sacrament of Marriage last weekend, there will be another opportunity for you to renew your marital commitment at a special Mass celebrated by Archbishop Nichols at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 11th June.

Archbishop Nichols would particularly like to invite couples celebrating their 10th, 25th, 40th, 50th or 60th+ wedding anniversaries in 2011. Details need to be submitted to the Diocese before the end of March, so please let the Parish Office know your names, wedding date, full postal address, telephone number and e-mail if you have one as soon as possible if you would like to be included on the invitation list.

PARISH GROUPS

UCM

The UCM will meet on Monday 21st February for an evening to reminisce on our own wedding or one in the family, hopefully with lots of photos and stories!

DIOCESAN FAITH SHARING PROGRAMME

FAITHFUL PILGRIM

Lent will soon be upon us (Ash Wednesday is on 9th March) and you might like to know that we shall be holding our usual Lenten Faith Sharing Groups. This season's programme, called "Faithful Pilgrim", will explore the various themes and speeches from the Papal Visit six months on. Sister Katherine will be in touch with groups – please see the notice board for more details.

