

This week at St Lawrence's



10th/11th March 2012

Third Sunday of Lent
(Missal Page 154)
Eucharistic Prayer III (Page 28)

Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 18; 1 Corinthians 1:22-25; John 2:13-25
Fourth Sunday of Lent (Missal Page 162); 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23; Psalm 136; Ephesians 2:4-10;
John 3:14-21

Dear Friends

This week we are invited to "go on retreat". Our Parish Lent Retreat this year, running from Monday to Friday, is designed for busy people. It is a way to get away from it all by going no further than St Lawrence's Church!

One of the great possibilities of Lent is to go and grow deeper in our prayer life, and this Parish Retreat is one way to help us do it. With extra times of Eucharistic Adoration, an additional lunchtime Mass, something each evening, and climaxing in our Parish Penitential Service with visiting priests on Friday evening, it is hoped that everyone will be able to share in the retreat experience in some way, and in some way grow through it.

The theme of this year's Retreat is "*Come back to me with all your heart*". A first step is to simply come.

May God bless us all in this special 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

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

Envelopes £1104.54, Loose £734.63, Standing Orders £265 Total: £2104.17
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SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM

We extend a warm welcome to Riley James Magnier, Alfie Nugent and Stephanie Chinaza Udeh as they are baptised this weekend and offer our congratulations to their families.

CONFIRMATION FOR ADULTS

The next Class will be on Tuesday 13th March at 7.30pm.

CONFIRMATION FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Please note that there will be a Class on Thursday 15th March at 7pm in the School Hall.

RITE OF ENROLMENT FOR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

This Rite will take place on Sunday 18th March at 6.00pm

PARISH NEWS

CHILDREN'S MASS

The next Children's Mass will take place at 9am on Sunday 18th March (Mothering Sunday).

PARISH CONSULTATION

A reminder that the Parish Consultation responses (sheets available in porch) are due in by Sunday March 18th and any other items for the Parish Council meeting on March 19th.

SLYC NIGHT - FRIDAY 23rd MARCH 2012

As part of our anniversary celebrations 'SLYC' are holding a night of fun, fun, fun with a Talent Show, Quiz and more..... The entertainment kicks off at 7pm. So join us in St Lawrence's school hall for only £2! Tickets will be on sale after all Masses from this weekend. If you would like to participate in the Talent Show please contact Tanya. Let's make this a night to remember!

LINE DANCING

The Social Club are holding a Line Dancing evening on Saturday 24th March from 7pm in St Lawrence's School Hall. Tickets on sale after all Masses this weekend. Adults: £3.00, Children (11yrs and under) £1.50.

CAFOD THANK YOU

The money collected from the CAFOD Lent Fast Day so far is £2434.03. Thank you very much. The collection is still open until Easter.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPE SCHEME

If you use envelopes for your weekly collection, please collect your box for the next 12 months from the tables down the side of the church.

REST IN PEACE

HARRY BOOKER RIP

We pray for the soul of Harry Booker RIP (husband of the late Philomena Booker RIP) whose Funeral Mass will take place on Thursday 15th March at 1.00pm. May he, through the mercy of God, rest in peace, and may his grieving family and friends be comforted in their loss

PARISH LENT RETREAT – 12th – 16th March

“Come back to me with all your heart”

A summary of events for the week:

- Exposition every morning from 8.30am to 9.30am.
- Exposition will also take place after the 9.30am Mass on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday until 12noon.
- There will be an additional Mass at 12 noon everyday.
- On Monday Sr. Katherine will lead a Reflective Hour of Prayer in the presbytery.
- On Friday there will be Stations of the Cross after the 9.30am Mass.
- In the evenings starting at 7.30pm: *Monday* - Stations of the Cross and Benediction; *Tuesday and Wednesday* – Holy Hour and Benediction – *Ways of Prayer*; *Thursday* – “Saints Helping us Today” and *Friday* – The Parish Penitential Service.

OTHER

LETTER FROM ARCHBISHOPS VINCENT NICHOLS AND PETER SMITH ON MARRIAGE

At Masses this weekend, we receive a letter from Archbishops Vincent Nichols and Peter Smith on behalf of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. It is a statement of our Catholic faith about marriage and issued in the light of the forthcoming consultation by the Government on changing the legal definition of marriage. In the light of this letter, you are asked to consider signing the Coalition for Marriage's online petition which can be found at www.C4M.org.uk. It reads: *“I support the legal definition of marriage which is the voluntary union for life of one man and one woman to the exclusion of all others. I oppose any attempt to redefine it.”*

The Archbishops also say that after Easter there will be a more detailed leaflet on the Government's consultation itself, for distribution in parishes, to assist Catholics in making their own response to the consultation.

MASS FOR THE AFRICAN COMMUNITY

Fr Richard Offong, for the Nigerian Chaplaincy for London, will be celebrating a Special Mass here for the African community on Sunday 25th March 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

SCHOOL NEWS

NURSERY APPLICATION FORM SIGNING

Fr Chris will be available on the following days to sign Nursery Application forms. Please come with your child and wait in the Church.

THURSDAY 3.45-4.45 pm: March 22nd, 29th April 26th
SATURDAY 9.30-10.30 am: March 17th, 24th April 28th

Mass intentions and other services this week:

Saturday 10th 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 Jeremiah Whooley RIP (A) Stations of the Cross Sacrament of Reconciliation Reynaldo Matute RIP
+ Sunday 11th 3rd Sunday of Lent	09.00 11.00 12.45 18.00	People of the Parish Victor Frost RIP (1st A) Baptisms of Riley James Magnier, Alfie Nugent, Stephanie Chinaza Udeh Jean Lock RIP
Monday 12th Lent Feria	08.30 09.15 09.30 10.00 12.00 19.30	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Morning Prayer Joe D'Mello RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Patrick Joseph O'Reilly RIP Stations of the Cross and Benediction
Tuesday 13th Lent Feria	08.30 09.15 09.30 10.00 12.00 19.30	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Morning Prayer Maureen Cruttenden RIP Novena to Our Lady followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Maria Dolly Masulit-Reyes (sick) Holy Hour and Benediction
Wednesday 14th Lent Feria	08.30 09.15 09.30 10.00 12.00 19.30	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Morning Prayer R Abreu INT Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Rita and Jimmy Weston RIP (A) Holy Hour and Benediction
Thursday 15th Lent Feria	08.30 09.15 09.30 12.00 13.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Morning Prayer Kathleen Flanagan RIP May Early RIP FUNERAL SERVICE – Harry Booker RIP
Friday 16th Lent Feria	08.30 09.15 09.30 10.00 12.00 19.30	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Morning Prayer Manuel Gonçalves RIP Stations of the Cross Sr Teresa Whooley (sick) Parish Penitential Service
Saturday 17th ST PATRICK	11.00 11.00 11.45 12.00 12.30 17.00 18.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Benediction Leslie Maple RIP (A) Stations of the Cross Sacrament of Reconciliation Milagros Pavia RIP
+ Sunday 18th 4th Sunday of Lent	09.00 11.00 12.45 18.00	Lambert Pinto RIP Kathleen Hamill RIP (A) Baptisms of Osatohanmwun Precious Chukwurimazu Omosigho and Abriel Valentino Oryema Oyet People of the Parish

Sanctuary Lamp: Danladi Family INT