

This week at St Lawrence's



26th/27th March 2011

Third Sunday of Lent (Year (A))

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Exodus 17:3-7; Psalm 94; Romans %:1-2,5-8; John 4:5-15,19-26,39-42

Dear Friends,

A prayer before we read or hear the Word of God proclaimed:

Blessed Lord, who caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your Holy Word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

With my prayers for each of you this Lent and always,

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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Parish Secretary: Mrs Joanna James (Office hours: 9.30 to 12.30)

After 5½ years here as Parish Secretary we will be saying goodbye to Joanna at the end of April as she goes on to work more fully with one of our parish charities, LIFE. She will be hugely missed. Joanna's job is being advertised and for details, please visit www.rcdow.org.uk/jobs or e-mail juliedauncey@rcdow.org.uk or tel 020 7798 9167.

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LENT - A TIME OF GRACE AND RENEWAL OF OUR FAITH

PARISH SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION

Our Lenten Penance Service will take place on Friday 1st April at 7.30 pm. Several priests will be in attendance to hear your Confession. Please come along and take advantage of this opportunity to reconcile yourself with God and with your neighbour before Easter.

PASSOVER MEAL

As usual we shall be holding a "Passover Meal" on Wednesday of Holy Week, 20th April. Entry is free but by ticket only - tickets are available from the Repository. If you can help with any of the preparations (especially the food), please contact Tanya Webster at teachertanya1@hotmail.com

THE SACRAMENTS

WELCOME TO THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

We extend a very warm welcome to Emily Szescilo Moreira Ribeiro, Sophia-Rose Uwechue, Joel Uwechue who are due to be baptised this weekend and offer our warmest congratulations to their families.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

At the 6 pm Mass on Saturday over the next three weeks, there will be special prayers, called the Scrutinies, for the twelve adults preparing to receive the Sacraments here at Easter. 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. Please support them in their journey of faith by your prayers and your example.

WEDDING BELLS

We offer our congratulations and best wishes for a long and happy life together to Sian Williams and Rocky Porter who are due to be married at St Lawrence's next Saturday 2nd April.

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA

NEW MEMBERS

The Knights of St Columba will be at the 11 am Mass this Sunday 27th March to welcome the new members into the Order. They would also like to thank you all for having shown interest in the Order during last month's recruitment campaign. The Knights are part of the Largest Family Fraternal Service Organisation in the world, active in the areas of Church, Family, Community and Youth. As such there are activities for *all* of the family to be involved in. If you would like to join them, please contact Tim O'Connor on tv.oconnor@talktalk.net

PLANNED GIVING

WEEKLY ENVELOPE SCHEME

New boxes of "Planned Giving" envelopes for those already on the scheme are available from the side of the church – please don't worry if your number is different than last year.

If you are not currently on the "Planned Giving" scheme but would like to join, please fill in a Pledge card, available in the porch, and post it into the Presbytery so that a box of envelopes can be prepared for you.

THANK YOU

LENT FAST DAY

Who says one person – or even one parish – can't make a difference? Not us! Last week, our parish raised £1,358.53 for CAFOD, an amount that will be considerably increased by Gift Aid. Our donations are already creating amazing transformations in the lives of some of the world's poorest families, giving them the opportunity to have jobs, homes and a safer future. Remember Amparo from the Fast day leaflet? She says: "Thank you for all you have done, my life is changing in the maximum way!" If you forgot your envelope, it's not too late. Bring it in when you can.

SOCIAL EVENTS

LINE DANCING

The Social Committee are holding a Line Dancing Evening on Saturday 9th April from 7 pm to 10.30 pm in St Lawrence's School Hall. Tickets cost £3 (adults) and £1.50 (children 11 years old & under) and are on sale after Mass. A Ploughman's Supper will be provided but please bring your own alcohol.

NEW IN THE REPOSITORY

VERBUM DEI

Fr Chris would like to encourage everyone, but particularly our parish Readers, to buy and read Pope Benedict's extremely accessible booklet "Verbum Dei" about the Word of God, available from the Repository, price £2.

REST IN PEACE

EILEEN SHARPLES RIP

In your kindness please pray for the repose of the soul of Eileen Sharples RIP whose Requiem will be celebrated at St Lawrence's on Friday 1st April at 11 am. May she, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. May the Lord send comfort to her grieving family and friends.

Mass intentions and other services this week:

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| Saturday 26th Lent Feria | 11.00 | Sacrament of Reconciliation | |
| | 11.00 | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament | |
| | 11.45 | Benediction | |
| | 12.00 | Evelyn Francis RIP | |
| | 12.30 | Stations of the Cross | |
| | 17.00 | Sacrament of Reconciliation | |
| +First Mass of Sunday | 17.15 | Rosary | |
| | 18.00 | Franca Omoniyodo INT | |
| + Sunday 27th Third Sunday of Lent | 09.00 | For the Intentions of the Power Family | |
| | 11.00 | Kathleen Hamill RIP(A) | |
| | 18.00 | People of the Parish | |
| Monday 28th Lent Feria | 09.15 | Morning Prayer | |
| | 09.30 | Ray Palmer RIP | |
| Tuesday 29th Lent Feria | 09.15 | Morning Prayer | |
| | 09.30 | Derrick Juriansz RIP | |
| | 10.00 | Novena to Our Lady | |
| Wednesday 30th Lent Feria | 09.15 | Morning Prayer | |
| | 09.30 | Francisca Rosario INT | |
| Thursday 31st Lent Feria | 09.15 | Morning Prayer | |
| | 09.30 | Ray Palmer RIP | |
| Friday 1st Lent Feria | 09.15 | Morning Prayer | |
| | 09.30 | Mary Boyle INT | |
| | 10.00 | Stations of the Cross | |
| | 11.00 | Requiem of Eileen Sharples RIP | |
| Saturday 2nd Lent Feria | 11.00 | Sacrament of Reconciliation | |
| | 11.00 | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament | |
| | 11.45 | Benediction | |
| | 12.00 | Michael Riley RIP | |
| | 12.30 | Stations of the Cross | |
| | 14.30 | Wedding of Sian Williams & Rocky Porter | |
| | 17.00 | Sacrament of Reconciliation | |
| | 17.15 | Rosary | |
| | +First Mass of Sunday | 18.00 | Ray Palmer RIP |
| | | 09.00 | Albertina Mendonça RIP (A) |
| + Sunday 3rd Fourth Sunday of Lent | 11.00 | Raphael Omoniyodo INT | |
| | 18.00 | People of the Parish | |

Sanctuary Lamp: Raphael Omoniyodo INT

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

Envelopes £1236.00, Loose £769.27, Standing Orders £265, Total: £2270.27

