

This week at St Lawrence's



5th/6th March 2011

Ninth Sunday of the Year (A)

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Deuteronomy 11:18,26-28,32; Psalm 30; Romans 3:21-25,28; Matthew 7:21-27

Dear Friends,

This Wednesday, Ash Wednesday, marks the beginning of our Lenten journey. Every Catholic should try their utmost to be at Mass that day to receive the ash on their forehead, and during Lent, Passiontide or Eastertide every Catholic should endeavour to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance. Our Archbishop speaks of this in his Pastoral Letter today. I know that many of you will be giving something up this Lent – chocolates, sweets, crisps, biscuits, fags or booze – and there's no doubt that you'll be physically and spiritually healthier for it. Fasting is good for the body and the soul. It might be helpful to know what the Church teaches us about fasting in Canon Law and you can find this on the back of our special Lenten Prayer Card which is enclosed.

With my prayers for each of you for a good keeping of a holy Lent,

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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LENT - A TIME OF GRACE AND RENEWAL OF OUR FAITH

ASH WEDNESDAY

This Wednesday 9th March is Ash Wednesday and Mass, with the distribution of ashes, will be celebrated at 9.30 am, 12.15 and at 8.00 pm.

St Lawrence's School will be joining us for the 9.30 am Mass.

FAITHFUL PILGRIM – FAITH SHARING PROGRAMME FOR LENT

The new Lenten Faith Sharing Programme, Faithful Pilgrim, starts next weekend, running from Sunday 13th March to Saturday 23rd April. The programme explores the themes of the Visit of Pope Benedict to our shores almost six months ago. The programme booklets, which are available at the back of the church (price £1.50), are rather lovely this time with a slightly larger format and lots of pictures and reflections. They can be used in one of the faith sharing groups in the parish, in the family, or individually. Details are at the back of the church.

WALK WITH ME – REFLECTIONS FOR LENT

The "Walk with Me" booklet with meditations on the daily Mass readings in Lent is also available at the back of the church, price £1.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During Lent we shall continue our custom of having Stations of the Cross after the morning Mass on Fridays and the midday Mass on Saturdays.

THE SACRAMENTS

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

This Sunday 6th March at the 6 pm Mass we are privileged to welcome for the Rite of Signing and Sending Forth the 7 adults who are preparing to receive the Sacraments and to be received into the Church at Easter.

Next Sunday 13th March they travel to the Cathedral for the Rite of Election when they will be presented to the Archbishop and confirm before him their willingness to receive the Sacraments at Easter. Parishioners are very much encouraged to come and support the Catechumens as they become members of the Elect, as well as encouraging the Candidates as they are called by the Archbishop to continuing conversion on their journey to full communion with the Catholic Church. Please continue to pray for them as they enter this final phase of their preparation.

BAPTISM

We extend a very warm welcome to the Christian Church and offer our congratulations to Chloë Áine McCabe, Erin Cleo Munroe and Caitlin Sruthi Rajanayagam who are due to be baptised this weekend and pray that the Christian witness of their families will continue to grow.

CONFIRMATION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Those who have already registered for Confirmation should by now have received a letter about their preparation sessions which begin on Thursday 10th March at 7 pm in St Lawrence's School. If you registered but have not received any details, please e-mail mbridgetb@yahoo.com as soon as possible.

THANKSGIVING FOR MARRIAGE

Archbishop Nichols would like to invite couples celebrating their 10th, 25th, 40th, 50th or 60th+ wedding anniversaries in 2011 to a special Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 11th June. 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.

PLANNING MEETINGS FOR EXTRA SPECIAL EVENTS

SISTER MARY'S GOLDEN JUBILEE

In May our beloved Sister Mary will be celebrating her Golden Jubilee as a Sister of Mercy. There will be a special event for her at St Lawrence's where she has worked tirelessly since 1991.

A planning meeting to organise the celebration will be held on Tuesday 8th March at 7 pm in the parish centre. Everyone welcome!

2012 CELEBRATIONS

Next year marks the 100th anniversary of the Catholic Church in Feltham when the first Mass was said in the area and 80 years since the building of our church.

To celebrate, we would like to hold a series of special events and activities for everyone in our community throughout 2012 and need your ideas and input. We are already planning to hold a two week parish Mission – what else could we do?

Everyone is most warmly invited to share their ideas on how we should celebrate this special year in our parish's life at an Open Meeting on Tuesday 15th March at 7.30 pm in the parish centre.

PARISH GROUPS

UCM

Our UCM will meet on Monday 7th March at 7.30 pm. It will be an evening of spiritual readings, prayer and discussion in preparation for Lent.

Members are asked to bring any scripture, poem or reading suitable for the evening.

Mass intentions and other services this week:

Saturday 5th Feria	11.00 11.45 12.00 17.00 17.15 18.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation/Exposition Benediction Mary Kenny RIP Sacrament of Reconciliation Rosary People of the Parish
+ Sunday 6th Ninth Sunday of Year	09.00 11.00 12.45 18.00	David Hudson INT Evelyn Clancy RIP Baptisms of Erin Munroe, Caitlin Rajanayagam & Chloë McCabe Andy Hancock RIP
Monday 7th SS Perpetua & Felicity	09.15 09.30	Morning Prayer Paul Omoniyodo INT
Tuesday 8th Feria	09.15 09.30 10.00	Morning Prayer Derrick Juriansz RIP Novena to Our Lady
Wednesday 9th Ash Wednesday	09.30 12.15 20.00	No Morning Prayer today Rebecca Onyiuke RIP (with School) Michael Riley RIP Estevam Monteiro RIP (A)
Thursday 10th Lent Feria	09.15 09.30	Morning Prayer Joe De Mello RIP
Friday 11th Lent Feria	09.15 09.30 10.00	Morning Prayer Derrick Juriansz RIP Stations of the Cross
Saturday 12th Lent Feria	11.00 11.45 12.00 12.30 17.00 17.15 18.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation/Exposition Benediction Josephine Cruz RIP Stations of the Cross Sacrament of Reconciliation Rosary Jean Lock RIP (A)
+ Sunday 13th First Sunday of Lent	09.00 11.00 18.00	Deceased Members of the Harvey Family Rita Weston RIP (A) People of the Parish

Sanctuary Lamp: Michael Omoniyodo INT

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