

This week at St Lawrence's



14th/15th May 2011

Fourth Sunday of Easter

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Acts 2:14,36-41; Psalm 22; 1Peter 2:20-25; John 10:1-10

Dear Friends,

I have a very important announcement to make today. After many years work as Pastoral Assistant and Catechetical Co-ordinator here, Sister Mary will be retiring from this job – but not from her ministry in our parish family – at the end of this month. Words cannot begin to express our thanks to Sister for all that she does and all that she is for us. As a token of our love we are launching a collection today for a presentation to her in early June. Donations for this can just be handed in at the presbytery in an envelope marked "Sister Mary's Collection". I am delighted to announce that we have appointed Bridget Brinkley as Parish Catechetical Co-ordinator. Bridget will be starting work on 6th June and I know that you will support her in any way you can. She has a great mentor in Sister Mary and a great example to inspire her in her ministry.

With my love and prayers for you - and for all our children, with their families, who come for First Communions this weekend. Fr Chris

Sunday Mass Times

Saturday 6 pm (Vigil Mass), Sunday 9 am, 11 am & 6 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday 5 pm

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WELCOME TO ST LAWRENCE'S!

MASS & PARTY FOR NEW PARISHIONERS

If you are new to St Lawrence's parish, you are most welcome. Please fill in one of the yellow New Parishioner forms in the porch.

The 6 pm Mass this Sunday 15th May is being celebrated particularly for the intentions of new parishioners as we extend a very warm welcome to those who have joined our parish community in the past six months or so. After the Mass, about 6.45 pm, there will a reception in the Parish Centre for all new parishioners and their families.

If you've recently arrived at St Lawrence's please come along and introduce yourself to the parish team. We will try our best to make you feel at home!

THE SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM

We extend a heartfelt welcome to Natalia Mackowiak, Kaitlin Fernando, Christopher Fernando, Celsio Valdir Pilartes Congo, Spencer Alley, Jacob Lopez-Cortezo, Aron Loganathan and to babies Rita Badejo, Abigale Victoria Michalowicz-Smith and Penelope Samantha Davis as they are baptised this weekend.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

We also offer our warmest congratulations to the following children who make their First Holy Communion this weekend:

Saturday 14th May at 12 noon: Natalia Mackowiak, Kaitlin Fernando, Christopher Fernando, Celsio Valdir Pilartes Congo, Spencer Alley, Jacob Lopez-Cortezo, Aron Loganathan & Logan Wayne Bundy

Saturday 14th May at 6 pm: Erin Cooper, Adam Edevbie, William Charles Mubiru, Silvio Costa, Niamh Mendoza & Dillon McEvilly

Sunday 15th May at 11 am: Ymy Nguyen, Chukwuebuka Obi, Aldo Lucas Sarmiento, José Da Corte, José Camara, Liam Hamilton, Thomas Walters & Chigioke Obi

We pray that they will continue to grow in the love of the Lord.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

PRAYER REQUESTS

Fr Chris and several parishioners will be in Lourdes this week on the Ecumenical Pilgrimage with members of St George's Church of England parish, Hanworth. Please pray for them as they pray together at the shrine of Our Lady.

If you have any special prayer requests you would like Fr Chris to bring to Lourdes, please post them into the presbytery [today](#).

THANK YOU !

SISTER MARY WRITES ...

"I would like to thank you all for the wonderful parish celebration to mark my Golden Jubilee. I was really humbled by the joyful expression of so much goodwill and love – I felt as if the whole parish was celebrating with me – I never expected it. My family, too, said that they could not believe what a warm, vibrant and loving community we were – they said that the welcome you gave them made them feel as if they had always been here!

The extraordinary Eucharistic celebration was a highlight. I was overwhelmed by the number of parishioners who came, the flowers, the servers, the music ... and, of course, Fr Chris was fabulous! And then the celebration in the school hall afterwards – the decorations, the food and the generosity of the people!

I would like to thank you all for the extraordinary number of greetings, cards, gifts and Masses. I have asked Fr Chris to celebrate Masses in Lourdes next week for all of you. May God bless each one of you! Sister Mary"

BISHOP STACK WRITES ...

"I am delighted to write this message to congratulate and thank Sister Mary O'Malley on the Golden Jubilee of her commitment to serve God and His people in the Congregation of the Sisters of Mercy.

I have been privileged to know Sister Mary O'Malley for many years in the various ministries she has undertaken in schools and parishes in different parts of the Diocese. To me she personifies the spirit of the Sisters of Mercy; Compassionate, Spiritual, Joyful, Practical, Faithful. I know each of you will be able to add to that list from your own experience.

In thanking Sister Mary for her dedication throughout these years, I can think of no better description than that written about the foundress of the Sisters of Mercy, Catherine McAuley, in 1879: 'She was a woman of God. She showed me what it meant to be a Sister of Mercy; to see the world and its people in terms of God's love; to love everyone who needed love; to care for everyone who needed care.'

With every blessing. Yours devotedly,

George Stack, Archbishop Elect of Cardiff"

Mass intentions and other services this week:

Saturday 14th St Matthias	12.00 17.00 17.15 18.00 <i>+First Mass of Sunday</i>	Patrick Galligan RIP (A) <i>(First Communion Mass)</i> Sacrament of Reconciliation Rosary Michael Gilbert RIP <i>(First Communion Mass)</i>
+ Sunday 15th 4 th Sunday of Easter	09.00 11.00 12.45 18.00	People of the Parish Derrick Juriansz RIP <i>(First Communion Mass)</i> Baptisms of Abigale Michalowicz-Smith, Rita Badejo & Penelope Davis For the intentions of New Parishioners
Monday 16th Easter Feria	09.15 09.30	Morning Prayer Rita Thomas RIP (A)
Tuesday 17th Easter Feria	09.15 09.30 10.00	Morning Prayer Ignatius Abreu RIP (A) Novena to Our Lady
Wed 18th Easter Feria	09.15 09.30	Morning Prayer Sr Mary INT
Thursday 19th Easter Feria	09.15 09.30	Morning Prayer Jean Creswell INT
Friday 20th St Bernardine	09.15 09.30	Morning Prayer Sean Boyle RIP
Saturday 21st Easter Feria	12.00 17.00 17.15 18.00 <i>+First Mass of Sunday</i>	Victor Frost RIP (A) <i>(First Communion Mass)</i> Sacrament of Reconciliation Rosary Ray Palmer RIP <i>(First Communion Mass)</i>
+ Sunday 22nd 5 th Sunday of Easter	09.00 11.00 18.00	Daniel Fogarty RIP (A) <i>(First Communion Mass)</i> Mariamamma & Pelementer D'Cruz RIP (A) <i>(First Communion Mass)</i> People of the Parish

Sanctuary Lamp: For the intentions of Patrick I Yakowa

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

Envelopes £982.64, Loose £490.24, Standing Orders £265 Total: £1737.88

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