

# This week at St Lawrence's



30<sup>th</sup> April/1<sup>st</sup> May 2011

Second Sunday of Easter

*Divine Mercy Sunday*

**Missal page old 131/new 137**

*Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 117; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31*

Dear Friends,

It has been quite a fortnight! Looking back, we had a wonderful Holy Week, Sacred Triduum and Easter, and it was humbling to Baptise, Receive and Confirm our new Catholics at the Easter Vigil – a big and heartfelt welcome to them. Then the Royal Wedding and the profound simplicity of a young couple pledging their love in Westminster Abbey. Now this weekend, the Beatification of Pope John Paul II in St Peter's Square. A lot has happened in fourteen days. As I look back my overwhelming feeling is gratitude and thankfulness: thanks to all who helped make Holy Week and Easter such a rich and profound experience, thanks to our new Catholics, thanks for your generosity, and thanks to God for the huge privilege I have of being your priest.

May the Divine Mercy be poured out on us, and may Blessed John Paul II pray for us all.  
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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## SPECIAL PARISH EVENTS

### SISTER MARY'S GOLDEN JUBILEE

Sister Mary celebrates 50 years as a Sister of Mercy next month and to mark this wonderful occasion, we shall be holding a special parish celebration for Sister Mary **next Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May**, with Mass at 12 noon and a reception in St Lawrence's School Hall afterwards. Everyone is most warmly invited!

Please sign your name on the lists in the porch if you can help with the catering.

### CELEBRATION OF THE BEATIFICATION OF POPE JOHN PAUL II

And to celebrate the wonderful occasion of the Beatification of Pope John Paul II, we will be showing the film "Karol, the Man who became Pope" on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June at 7 pm in the parish centre.

Other events, including a Thanksgiving Mass, will take place in the autumn, after the parish Pilgrimage to Poland, which will visit many of the places associated with Blessed John Paul II.

## SPECIAL COLLECTION

### PRIEST TRAINING FUND

The annual collection to raise funds to pay for the training of priests takes place next weekend. We now have over 40 men training for the priesthood in our seminary and this really is an answer to our prayers. But it also means that more money needs to be raised as it costs £50 a day to prepare a seminarian.

Please take a collection envelope and return it with your contribution next weekend. The Fund relies entirely on our donations so please give as much as you can afford.

## THE SACRAMENTS

### BAPTISM

We extend a heartfelt welcome to babies Benjamin Charles Ellis, Jamie Young Nyinondi, Tyrone Lumunye and Tyra Lwanga and offer our congratulations to their families as these babies are baptised this weekend.

### FIRST COMMUNION GROUP

Our First Communion parents are reminded that they have their final preparation meeting this Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May at 2.30 pm or 8 pm and that the children meet for their final session this Wednesday or Thursday.

Please continue to keep these families in your prayers as the children prepare to receive Our Lord for the first time in the next few weeks.

## CAFOD

### THANK YOU

CAFOD writes: "We were delighted to receive the wonderful sum of £2,188.22 that was kindly donated to us. Your gift is helping to transform the lives of many people like Amparo who, with CAFOD's help, has found safety, a secure income to feed her family, her sense of dignity, and hope for the future."

The most eloquent words of thanks come from Amparo herself – see the notice board for the song of thanks she has written for the help she has received from us.

### LENT BOXES

It's time to collect in the little CAFOD Lent boxes – please bring them into the Parish Office where they will be emptied and the money sent on to CAFOD.

### COFFEE MORNING

The next "First Friday" Coffee Morning is this Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May. Please pop into the parish centre for some refreshment after morning Mass. You can see from Amparo's story how much our little efforts mean to those in need.

## PARISH MEETINGS

### SLYC

The young people of the parish meet for another Salsa Nite this Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May at 6 pm. All young people are most warmly invited to get their dancing shoes on and give it a go!

### PARISH COUNCIL

The PPC meet again on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30 pm.

If you have any issues you would like to bring to the attention of the PPC, please let us know. Recent concerns raised by parishioners have included worries about parking, overcrowding, Mass times and venues.

Have you got anything bugging you that you would like the PPC to consider? Write a note to the Chair of the PPC, Graham Baker, and post it into the presbytery before the meeting.

## OTHER NEWS

### MASS IN SUPPORT OF MIGRANT WORKERS

The annual Mass in Support of Migrant Workers will take place on Bank Holiday Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May at 11 am at **Southwark** Cathedral. Everyone is welcome at what is always a vibrant and colourful celebration. See the poster on the board for more details.

## Mass intentions and other services this week:

<b>Saturday 30<sup>th</sup></b> Easter Saturday	11.00 11.45 <b>12.00</b> 12.45 17.00 17.15 <b>18.00</b>	Sacrament of Reconciliation/Exposition Benediction <b>Catherine &amp; Bryan Jackson (in thanksgiving)</b> Baptism of Benjamin Charles Ellis Sacrament of Reconciliation Rosary <b>Wilson Family (in thanksgiving)</b>
<b>+ Sunday 1<sup>st</sup></b> Divine Mercy Sunday	<b>09.00</b> <b>11.00</b> 12.45  <b>18.00</b>	<b>Rupert James Lapaz RIP</b> <b>Christine &amp; Michael Bigley RIP (A)</b> Baptisms of Jamie Nyinondi, Tyrone Lumunye & Tyra Lwanga <b>People of the Parish</b>
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup></b> St George	09.15 <b>09.30</b>	Morning Prayer <b>Fred Bergemen RIP</b>
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup></b> SS Philip & James	09.15 <b>09.30</b> 10.00	Morning Prayer <b>Arlene Juriansz INT</b> Novena to Our Lady
<b>Wed 4<sup>th</sup></b> The English Martyrs	09.15 <b>09.30</b>	Morning Prayer <b>Sister Katherine INT</b>
<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup></b> Easter Feria	09.15 <b>09.30</b>	Morning Prayer <b>Deceased Members of the O'Regan Family RIP</b>
<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup></b> Easter Feria	09.15 <b>09.30</b>	Morning Prayer <b>Ellen Hunt RIP</b>
<b>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup></b> Easter Feria	11.00 11.45 <b>12.00</b> 17.00 17.15 <b>18.00</b>	Sacrament of Reconciliation/Exposition Benediction <b>Lina Acoba (in thanksgiving)</b> Sacrament of Reconciliation Rosary <b>Rosaria Fernandes &amp; Caraciolo De Sousa RIP (A)</b>
+ <b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup></b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter	<b>09.00</b> <b>11.00</b> 12.45  <b>18.00</b>	<b>Laurie Harvey RIP</b> <b>Evelyn Francis RIP</b> Baptisms of Tian Muhoozi, Sia Singh, Manuela Fernhold & Marvyn De Guzman <b>People of the Parish</b>

**Sanctuary Lamp:** For the intentions of Patrick I Yakowa

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