

This week at St Lawrence's



15th/16th October 2011

29th Sunday of the Year (A)

Isaiah 45:1,4-6; Psalm 95; Thessalonians 1:1-5; Matthew 22:15-21
30th Sunday: Exodus 22:20-26; Psalm 17; 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10; Matthew 22:34-40

"The month of the Holy Rosary"



CATECHESIS

At St. Lawrence's we have here a large number of children and young people receiving religious instruction on a weekly basis. It would appear that children's and young people's catechesis takes priority often at the expense of adult catechesis. We often go to great lengths to ensure our children receive the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, the Eucharist and Confirmation) but forget about our own faith journey. If the last time you thought about your faith in any depth was when you were at school it might be time to look again at how you could get involved in adult catechesis in the parish.

James Fowler in his book *"Stages of Faith"* proposes that there are 6 stages in our faith journey. In the first 3 stages of faith development, individuals in one way or another rely on some authority outside themselves for their spiritual belief. In the first stage young children follow the beliefs of their parents; in the second stage children tend to respond to religious stories and rituals; in the third stage individuals tend to have a conformist acceptance of a belief with little self-reflecting or examination of these beliefs. Most people will remain at this level.

To move to Stage 4 we need to start to look at our faith more deeply, to ask questions and to come to an understanding of the Gospel messages in light of our own lives. Adult Faith Formation is a life long journey but we need others to help us on that journey.

To be called to be a Catechist, one who echoes the person and message of Jesus Christ, is a great honour and if you think this is you please contact us. We are a large and growing community here at St. Lawrence's and to be able to help others on their faith journey we need help.

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SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS

We extend a warm welcome to Cherly Gloria Adebisi, Sharon Adebisi and Vincent Kian Rodriguez as they are baptised this weekend and offer our congratulations to their families.

CONFIRMATION

Bishop Hopes will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation at St Lawrence's on Thursday 31st May 2012 at 7pm. Applications are now closed and for those that have applied, your letter to Fr. Chris requesting the Sacrament needs to be handed in by the 9th October. Preparation sessions will begin in February and Bridget will be contact with you in the next few weeks to confirm the session dates.

PARISH GROUPS

ST LAWRENCE'S PRAYER GROUP

The Weekly Prayer Group meets every Thursday, 7.30-9.00pm in the Presbytery.

ST LAWRENCE YOUTH CLUB (SLYC)

The Youth Club (ages 14-30) meets every Friday in the Parish Centre, 6.30-8.30pm.

UCM

The UCM meet on Monday 17th October at 7.30pm and will enjoy a Beetle Drive.

"A FORETASTE OF HEAVEN"

The Programme commences this week and there will be group meetings in the Presbytery on Mondays at 10am and Thursdays at 7.30pm (please note the Thursday Group start with the Prayer Meeting).

OTHER

MASS FOR THE NIGERIAN COMMUNITY

Fr Richard Offong, for the Nigerian Chaplaincy for London, will be celebrating a Special Mass here for the Nigerian community on Sunday 23rd October 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.

APF MILL HILL

The APF Mill Hill Mission will be celebrating their 75th Anniversary with a special Mass at Westminster Cathedral on Sunday 23rd October at 10.30am. Archbishop Vincent Nicholas will be the main celebrant. All welcome.

WORLD MISSION DAY

Next weekend there will be a retiring collection at all Masses for the work of the APF Missions around the World.

VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT GROUP

The next Westminster meeting for men and women (18-30's) will be on Friday 28 October. Fr Anthony Doe will be speaking about spiritual direction. 7-9pm in the Hinsley Room in Morpeth Terrace, next to Westminster Cathedral. For more info contact Sr Gabi at info@free2become.org or Fr Richard at richardnesbitt@rcdow.org.uk

PARISH NOTICES

PARISH CENTRE REDECORATING

We are looking for volunteers to help with painting the Parish Centre on Friday 21st October from 9am to 4pm and on Saturday 22nd October from 9am to 3pm. Please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible if you are able to help. Ideally people with some decorating experience. This project has been ongoing for a while and it is important to complete it before the end of the year.

NEWSPAPERS

As of 1st October the price of the Universe and Catholic Times has increased by 10p to £1.30.

THANK YOU

ZIMBABWEAN ORPHANS

The Parish Priest from St Francis Xavier's Church I Zimbabwe has written to thank us for the kind donation of US\$440 that was sent to help the Zimbabwean Orphans. Thanks for Helen Hurley and her team for this appeal. A copy of the letter is on the notice board in the porch.

JURIANSZ FAMILY

Dave and Alan Juriansz would like to thank all those who sponsored them on the recent Bike Ride from Greenwich to Paris in aid of the Alzheimer's Society. They raised over £5000. A Mass of thanksgiving will be offered for your intentions in early January.

CAFOD – Thank you to all who helped and supported the CAFOD Harvest Coffee and Cake sale which raised £146.30 and for some generous donations which brought the total to £236.30.

PARISH PILGRIMAGES

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

Dates: 14th – 23rd May 2012. Cost £1,149.

We have 30 confirmed bookings to date. There is still an opportunity for anyone interested in this trip to book. Booking forms and pilgrimage details are available on the notice board in the porch.

CATECHISTS

A reminder of the remaining events for Catechists for this term. Please let Bridget know if you would like to attend any of the sessions.

Liturgy of the Word with Children 5th November 2011 - 10.00am – 1.00pm

Confirmation Catechesis 12th November 2011 - 10.00am – 1.00pm

Vaughan House, 46, Francis Street, SW1P 1QN (led by Mary Crowley)

Liturgy of the Word with Children

3rd November 2011 – 8.00pm-9.30pm (Upper Thames Deanery)

St Michael, 112 Clarendon Road, **Ashford**, Middx, TW15 2QD

Mass intentions and other services this week:

Saturday 15th St Teresa of Jesus	11.00 11.00 11.45 12.00 17.00 18.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Benediction Blanche Roche RIP Sacrament of Reconciliation Maria Rosa Da Câmara RIP (A)
+ Sunday 16th 29 th Sunday of the Year	09.00 11.00 16.00 18.00	Teresa Daniluk RIP Barbara May Light RIP (A) Baptisms of Cherly Gloria Adebisi, Sharon Adebisi and Vincent Kian Rodriguez People of the Parish
Monday 17th St Ignatius of Antioch	09.15 09.30	Morning Prayer Avelina Edwards INT
Tuesday 18th St Luke	09.15 09.30 10.00	Morning Prayer Bruno D'Mello RIP Novena to Our Lady
Wednesday 19th Feria	09.15 09.30	Morning Prayer Sr Imelda Doyle RIP
Thursday 20th Feria	09.15 09.30	Morning Prayer Manuel Gonçalves RIP (1st A)
Friday 21st Feria	09.15 09.30	Morning Prayer Canice Galligan INT
Saturday 22nd Blessed John Paul II	11.00 11.00 11.45 12.00 17.00 18.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Benediction Mary O'Donoghue INT Sacrament of Reconciliation People of the Parish
+ Sunday 23rd 30 th Sunday of the Year	09.00 11.00 12.45 18.00	Dermot Doran RIP (A) Bryan Jackson (in Thanksgiving) Baptisms Lily Coley, Jeremiah Atapa-Atumah and Joshua Thomas Farinha Carafino Bragança RIP (A)

Sanctuary Lamp: Danladi Family Intention

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 weeks Offertory Collection:

Envelopes £1,222.84, Loose £611.09, Standing Orders £265 Total: £2,098.93

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