

This week at St Lawrence's



17th/18th September 2011 25th Sunday of the Year (A)

*Isaiah 55:6-9; Psalm 144; Philippians 1:20-24,27; Matthew 20:1-16
26th Sunday: Ezekiel 18:25-28; Psalm 24; Philippians 2:1-11; Matthew 21:28-32*

Dear Friends

This weekend marks the first anniversary of the visit of Pope Benedict to the UK. Those grace-filled days last September were a time of real renewal for us and a chance to celebrate openly and out-loud our Catholic faith. To mark this anniversary our Bishops have resolved "to re-establish the practice of Friday penance in the lives of the faithful as a clear distinctive mark of their own Catholic identity". Every Friday is a day of penance for us Catholics, and this is nothing new. Since 1985 we have been free to choose how to observe Friday penance (if we remember), and this has not changed. However, we are specifically called to a public witness of penance by abstaining from meat on a Friday (unless of course it is Christmas Day!). The obligation flowing from this invitation is a sign of a deeper call to conversion. If not eating meat is no sacrifice for us, then we could consider marking Fridays in another additional way. But be prudent, be sensible! It's all about intending to 'carry a small cross for Christ', making sure that penance is somewhere in our lives, especially on Fridays and during Lent. Simple acts of devotion that show we are Catholics and love/live our faith can be channels of God's grace in the lives of the people amongst whom we live – service with a smile. Oh, and don't all rush to the Fish and Chip shop at once!

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THE SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS

We extend a very warm welcome to Jake Michael Porter, Chantelle Alicja Plopa-Nwafor and Madison-Rayne Eugenie Tydings as they are baptised this weekend and offer our congratulations to their families.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN EXPLORING THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

If you, or someone you know, would like to find out more about the Catholic faith with a view to becoming a full member of the Church, or you would like to prepare to receive the Sacraments you missed as a child, please have a word with Bridget Brinkley or Fr Chris. The new course will begin on Wednesday 21st September at 7.30pm in the Presbytery.

FIRST COMMUNION 2012

Our First Holy Communion families celebrate their Enrolment in this year's First Communion programme at all Masses this weekend.

YOUNG PEOPLE

ST LAWRENCE YOUTH CLUB (SYLC)

St Lawrence's Youth Club (ages 14-30) meets every Friday in the Parish Centre from 6.30pm-8.30pm.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The Children's Liturgy group is open to children who are in reception class and above. It takes place during three of the Sunday Masses in the parish Centre – Saturday 6pm, Sunday 9am and 11am.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School programme has commenced for children in non Catholic schools and takes place at 10am in St Lawrence's School Hall. If you have not yet enrolled your child please see Bridget Brinkley as soon as possible.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all those who helped with the Mass of Anointing and for making it a great success i.e. the choir, drivers, caterers, cleaners and Fr Chris for a wonderful service.

PARISH GROUPS

ALTAR SERVERS

Those who serve at the 11am Mass please collect your new Rota from the sacristy.

ST LAWRENCE'S PRAYER GROUP

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

UCM

The UCM will meet on Monday 19th September at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. There will be a talk on "Signals in the army during the war". Members of the Parish are invited. A charge of £1 will be made.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

There will be a meeting on Tuesday 20th September at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre to plan for the year ahead including fund raising, etc. All parishioners welcome.

PARISH COUNCIL

A couple of vacancies have arisen for the Parish Council Committee and we are looking for nominations of candidates. There are forms at the back of Church if you would like to complete and return to the Parish Office. Closing date for nominations is Sunday 2nd October.

“A FORETASTE OF HEAVEN”

The Diocesan Faith Sharing Programme is based on the theme of the Eucharist – and with the introduction of the new English translation of the Roman Missal is an excellent opportunity for Parish and Family groups to come together to discuss, share and pray. The six week programme commences the week of October 16th. Programme booklets and more details next week.

PARISH NOTICES

HOME MISSION SUNDAY

There will be a collection at the end of all Masses this weekend in support of the work of evangelisation nationally.

QUIZ NITE

The Friends of St Lawrence's Quiz Nite will take place on Friday 23rd September in the School Hall. 7.30pm for 8pm start. £3.00 per person, teams of six maximum, adults only. There will be a bar available.

BARN DANCE

The Barn Dance will be held on Saturday 15th October in St Lawrence's School Hall from 7.30pm. Details to follow.

OTHER

MASS FOR THE NIGERIAN COMMUNITY

Fr Richard Offgong, for the Nigerian Chaplaincy for London, will be celebrating a Special Mass here for the Nigerian Community on Sunday, 25th September 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 Dominica.

SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSFER

PRIESTS REFERENCE FORMS

Fr Chris will be available to sign Secondary School transfer forms on the following dates only:

September: Monday 19th, Thursday 22nd, Friday 23rd) 3.45pm - 4.45pm

October: Thursday 13th, Friday 14th)

October: Saturday 15th: 9.30am -10.30am

Please come with your child and wait in the Church.

PILGRIMAGES

Please pray for Fr Chris and all those travelling to Poland next Saturday that they may have a safe journey and a happy and holy pilgrimage.

Mass intentions and other services this week:

Saturday 17th Feria	11.00 11.00 11.45 12.00 17.00 18.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Benediction Noel Walsh RIP Sacrament of Reconciliation Linda Dolland INT
+ Sunday 18th 25 th Sunday of the Year	09.00 11.00 12.45 18.00	Sylwestre Dugblor RIP Dorothy Dias RIP Baptisms of Jake Michael Porter, Chantelle Alicja Plopa-Nwafor and Madison-Rayne Eugenie Tydings People of the Parish
Monday 19th Feria	09.15 09.30	Morning Prayer Constancia de Guzman INT
Tuesday 20th Sts Andrew Kim Taegon & Companions, Martyrs	09.15 09.30 10.00	Morning Prayer Philomena Booker RIP Novena to Our Lady
Wednesday 21st St Matthew	09.15 09.30	Morning Prayer Anne Smith INT
Thursday 22nd Feria	09.15 09.30	Morning Prayer German D'Souza RIP
Friday 23rd St Plus of Pietrelcina	09.15 09.30	Morning Prayer German D'Souza RIP
Saturday 24th Our lady of Walsingham	11.00 11.00 11.45 12.00 17.00 18.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Benediction Angela and Alan Newman INT Sacrament of Reconciliation Isabella Andrew RIP
+ Sunday 25th 26 th Sunday of the Year	09.00 11.00 18.00	People of the Parish The Deceased members of the Hurley Family Juan Andrade De Sousa RIP

Sanctuary Lamp: Fernandes 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 week's Offertory Collection:

Envelopes £1216.36, Loose £569.79, Standing Orders £265 Total: £2051.15

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