

This week at St Lawrence's



3rd/4th September 2011

23rd Sunday of the Year (A)

Missal page *old 65/new 71*

Ezekiel 33:7-9; Psalm 94; Romans 13:8-10; Matthew 18:15-20

24th Sunday: Ecclesiasticus 27:30, 28:7; Psalm 102; Romans 14:7-9; Matthew 18:21-35

Dear Friends

From this weekend many of the prayers we pray and responses we make at Mass will be from the new translation of the Roman Missal for the English speaking world, in preparation for its complete introduction on Advent Sunday. Mass hasn't changed – indeed it is in many ways a fuller and richer and more faithful translation of the post-Vatican II Liturgy – but it will sound subtly different. Change is always challenging – changing schools, jobs, homes, neighbours, translations of the Bible, even changing priests. Sometimes change happens for very good reasons, and this is certainly true in the changes to how we celebrate and pray our Mass. The language we use at Mass, liturgical language, tries to find and express the least inadequate words to speak to God, to speak about God and the things of God. Much of the language we use in the new translation is more sacramental, more sacred and more obviously springing from Sacred Scripture. It is the same Mass, just more heartfully and poetically experienced and expressed. A really useful guide to the new translation is on sale in the porch after Mass this weekend, "Understanding the Revised Mass Texts", price just £1.00.

The next few months at Mass will be interesting to say the least!

With my love and prayers.

Fr Chris

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THE SACRAMENTS

WEDDING BELLS

We offer our congratulations and best wishes for a long and happy life together to Danielle Duff & Graham Reilly and Madlen Narsi & Peter Hannah who celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage at St Lawrence's this weekend.

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. A new course will be starting in the autumn.

CONFIRMATION

Registration for Confirmation in 2012 (for those in Year 9 or above) will take place on Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th September between 5pm and 7pm and on Saturday 17th September between 4pm and 6pm. Please wait in Church to complete an application form with Bridget Brinkley.

FIRST COMMUNION 2012

A meeting for all parents who have enrolled their child on the First Communion programme will take place on Tuesday 13th September at 2.30pm or at 7.30pm in the parish centre. You are requested to attend one of the meetings. A list of dates for further meetings for parents and children will be distributed at the meeting.

The children's first session will take place on the 14th and the 15th September from 3.30pm – 5pm.

CHILDREN IN NON-CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

We are very conscious that many parents, through no fault of their own, are unable to obtain a place for their child in a Catholic school. To help them nurture the faith of these children we have a term-time Sunday School between the morning Masses, offering instruction in the Catholic faith to children 6 years or older attending non-Catholic schools.

Parents who would like to enrol their children in the Sunday School are asked to come to St Lawrence's School after the 9 am Mass on Sunday 11th September to fill in a registration form.

If your child has been attending Sunday School and you have enrolled them for the First Communion programme you should have received a letter regarding the change of day and time for this group. If you have not received this letter please contact Bridget Brinkley immediately on 020 8890 2367.

PARISH GROUPS

UCM

The UCM will meet in the Parish Centre on Monday 5th September at 7.30pm to start the new term. All ladies of the parish are very welcome to come along.

ALTAR SERVERS

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

BEREAVEMENT GROUP

The next meeting is on Tuesday 6th September at 7.30pm in the Presbytery.

ST LAWRENCE'S PRAYER GROUP

The Weekly Prayer Group will commence again on Thursday, 8th September, 7.30-9.00pm in the Parish House.

A time of Praise, Thanksgiving, Sharing the Word of God in the Scriptures, Prayers of intercession for the Church, the Parish Community and the World.
New members are always welcome – Sr. Katherine.

PARISH PILGRIMAGES

DOWRY OF MARY PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

All those going to Walsingham on Sunday 11 September, please assemble outside the school gates on Victoria Road at 7.45am for an 8am departure.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

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

Enjoy a ten day trip of a lifetime next year with Fr Chris and your parish family. Can all those who put their names on the list in the porch please ensure that their booking forms and deposits are returned to the parish office by Sunday 11th September at the latest. We need a minimum of 25 people for the pilgrimage to go ahead.

PARISH NOTICES

MASS AND ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Our Annual Anointing Mass will take place on Saturday 10th September at 12noon followed by light refreshments in the Parish Centre.

If you know of someone who would like to come to this Mass and needs transport, please put their name on the list in the porch. If you are willing to help with this event in any way, please also put your name on the relevant list in the porch.

Preparations for the Anointing Mass mean that there will be no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament or Benediction this Saturday morning.

SAFEGUARDING PROCEDURES

All parish volunteers are reminded that a meeting will take place on Saturday 17th September at 10.15am in the school hall. Thank you to those who have returned the reply slip. If you have not yet returned one please do so ASAP. If you are interested in volunteering in the parish and would like to find out more about our safeguarding procedures please come along to the meeting.

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. The Liturgy group will start again on Sunday 11th September. Children's Liturgy catechists are asked to collect their rotas from the Presbytery.

ST LAWRENCE'S SCHOOL MASS

On Friday 9th September there will be a School Mass at 9.30am with the whole school in attendance. There is no Morning Prayer that day.

Mass intentions and other services this week:

Saturday 3rd St Gregory the Great	11.00 11.00 11.45 12.00 14.00 17.00 18.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Benediction Grahame & Eileen Watts and Family INT Wedding of Danielle Duff and Graham Reilly Sacrament of Reconciliation Kitty Briant RIP (A) Leenus Paul Rajanayagam RIP (A)
+ Sunday 4th 23 rd Sunday of the Year	09.00 11.00 14.30 18.00	Margaret Green INT Juan Andrade De Sousa RIP Wedding of Madlen Narsi and Peter Hannah People of the Parish
Monday 5th Feria	09.15 09.30	Morning Prayer Deceased Members of the Anderson Family
Tuesday 6th Feria	09.15 09.30 10.00	Morning Prayer Kathleen and Gerald McKinney RIP Novena to Our Lady
Wednesday 7th Feria	09.15 09.30	Morning Prayer Alcan Fernandes INT
Thursday 8th Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	09.15 09.30	Morning Prayer Donna O'Connor INT
Friday 9th Feria	09.30	No Morning Prayer Laurie Harvey RIP (A) (School Mass)
Saturday 10th Feria	11.00 12.00 17.00 18.00	No Exposition today Sacrament of Reconciliation Frank Stackpoole RIP (A) (Anointing Mass) Sacrament of Reconciliation Lucita Garyat RIP
+ Sunday 11th 24 th Sunday of the Year	09.00 11.00 18.00	Bill Dethridge RIP (A) Christine and Michael Bigley RIP (A) People of the Parish

Sanctuary Lamp: Watts Family Intention

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

Envelopes £968.88, Loose £466.87, Standing Orders £265 Total: £1700.75

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