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22nd Sunday of the Year

31st August/1st September 2019

Readings: Parish Mass Book Year C, Volume 2: Page 130: Ecclesiasticus 3:17-20, 28-29; Psalm 67;

Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24; Luke 14:1, 7-14

Next Week: 23rd Sunday of the Year: Page: 133: Wisdom 9:13-18; Psalm 89; Philemon 9-10, 12-17; Luke 14:25-33



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Protecting your Privacy:

In compliance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) which became effective in May 2018, the Parish requires your permission to hold your data for Parish/Diocesan use. You can read our full privacy policy on www.rcdow.org.uk/diocese/privacy-policy

Sunday Mass: 6pm (Vigil Mass), Sunday 9am, 11am, 1pm (Polish) & 6pm; Weekday Mass: Monday-Friday 9.30am; Saturday 12noon; Morning Prayer: Monday-Friday 9.15am, Novena to Our Lady: Tuesdays 10am; Exposition and Benediction: Saturdays 11am; Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturday 11am & 5pm

This Parish is part of Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust (WRCDT) Registered Charity No: 233699

Dear Friends

An act of humility can be a good worldly tactic, and by that I mean it can be a calculated and successful means of gaining the praise and admiration of others. A show of humility may be the best way to gain acceptance after a serious mistake or moral failing. It can also be a good policy following an election victory, but this worldly humility has nothing to do with humility of heart and expressions of humility in the world can spring from nothing more than political or social behaviour to impress our peers.

In today's Gospel Our Lord Jesus Christ speaks of humility, not in terms of immediate advantage but in ultimate terms. "For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled and the man who humbles himself will be exalted."

To understand the specifically Christian virtue of humility we must read the Gospels and contemplate the heart of Our Lord Jesus Christ, and today this is exactly what Jesus is inviting us to do. Humility is also a feature of Our Father in Heaven, for at the last supper Jesus said "He who sees me sees the Father" and therefore as Christ is meek and humble then so is his Father. Jesus is the revelation of his Father, everything we read about the Son in the Gospels that manifests the humility of his heart reveals to us the humility of his Father. So, therefore, humility reigns in Heaven in the very heart of God. And if we can accept that, then we can also accept that humility manifests itself the Spirit of God, and as such is a wonderful gift to each and everyone of us in the third person of the Holy Trinity.

I am sure that all of us at some time have exhibited some kind of foolish pride and even arrogance but we would do well to remember that the first sin that was ever committed was a sin of pride, and that sin was committed in Heaven by Lucifer who became the father of lies in Hell. He exalted himself and so he was humbled. Now, of course, I'm not suggesting that any of us are destined for the same fate as Lucifer but I am suggesting that we should sometimes take a moment or two to reflect on our actions, to examine our own conscience and to live our lives as Jesus did in the service of others.

Have a blessed week

Deacon Colin

SACRAMENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION 2019-2020

If your child is in year 2 or above in September 2019 and **not** attending a Catholic School, we invite you to register for our Sunday School programme. This programme takes place every Sunday during school term time from 10am - 10.45am.

Official registration will take place on **1st September at 10am in St. Lawrence's School**. We require your child to attend Sunday School for **one year** prior to being prepared to receive First Holy Communion. Please see Jordan for more details. Registration forms are available in the porch. Please take one, complete and bring with you on **1st September**.

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2020

If you have forgotten to register your child for First Holy Communion please contact Jordan as soon as possible via email jordanpullicino@rcdow.org.uk to make an appointment to see her. Registration forms are available at the back of Church.

CONFIRMATION 2020

If you live in the parish of St. Lawrence's, attend weekly Sunday Mass here and you are in School Year 9 or above in September 2019, you are invited to apply to be prepared to receive the sacrament of Confirmation in 2020. Registration Forms are available in the porch. Please complete and bring your form to the Church on **Wednesday 11th or Thursday 12th September and Wednesday 18th or Thursday 19th September** between **4.00-6.00pm** to meet with Jordan. Please bring a copy of your Baptism Certificate if you were not baptised at St Lawrence's.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

If you are seeking to understand better the love and mercy of God as lived in the Catholic tradition you are invited to join our Faith Formation course that will begin on **Wednesday, 2nd October** at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. This course is designed to help you explore the Catholic faith and to become a member of the Church if you wish. Please speak to Fr John or Colin Macken if you would like an application form.

PARISH NOTICES

WELCOME TO FR JOHN LOUIS TABOR

A warm welcome to Fr John Louis, our new Assistant Priest who arrives on Monday. Please keep him in your prayers as he starts his ministry in Feltham.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CATECHISTS MEETING

Interested in being a Catechist? If anyone is interested in becoming a Catechist, please speak to Jordan (details overleaf). There will be a meeting for all Catechists on **Saturday 7th September** at 4.30pm in the Parish Centre.

11AM CHOIR...

...will be taking a break during September and resume again on Sunday 6th October.

BALKAN DANCE GROUP

Resume **Friday 6th September** at 8pm in the Parish Centre. Please see the noticeboard for more information.

SACRED HEART DEVOTIONS

Please note that the First Friday Sacred Heart Devotions and Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will not take place in September owing to the Knock Pilgrimage.

UCM

The UCM will restart on **Monday 9th September** at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.

GOSPEL MUSICIANS

We hope to set up a Gospel Music Group, if any musicians are interested please contact Jordan Pullicino, details overleaf.

HELP WITH WASHING OF ALTAR LINENS

We need help with washing of the Altar Linens (small cloths). If anyone can help please see Florie in the Parish Office.

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES, BURGOS, SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA & FATIMA – MAY 2020

The pilgrimage will take place from the **6th May 2020 till the 14th May 2020**. This is a 9 day pilgrimage spending 2 nights in Lourdes, 1 night in Burgos, 2 nights in Santiago and 3 nights in Fatima. The cost will be £855, if we have a minimum of 30 people. In Lourdes & Fatima it will be full board and in Burgos & Santiago it will be half board. If interested, please enter your name on the sheet at the back of the church. Please also take a copy of the itinerary, booking form and T&Cs. **All booking forms with deposit must be returned to Florie in the office by 12th September in order to secure the price of £855**. There is a restricted number of people we can take so we will adopt a first come basis, based on when we receive completed booking forms with deposit. Any queries please contact Florie in the office.

FUNDRAISING EVENT

On **Saturday 21st September** we are planning a Fundraising Event that will reflect the International Flavour of our parish. Our 6pm Mass on the 21st will celebrate the many different languages and cultures we enjoy here at St. Lawrence's. Afterwards in the Parish Centre we hope to share the different foods and drinks from our diverse community. If you are interested in helping with this event please contact Bridget Brinkley on 07805 299 941 or at mbridgetb@yahoo.co.uk for details of how you can help and for more details. Gifts/donations towards the raffle prizes would be greatly appreciated.

INVITATION CAFOD INFORMATION MORNING - SATURDAY 7TH SEPT 10AM-12.30PM, LAMBETH NORTH.

CAFOD will be hosting a supporter's information morning with a guest speaker, our new Director, Christine Allen, who has first-hand experience of our work in Uganda. Uganda is the country we are focusing on this Harvest Fast Day.

Meeting will take place at CAFOD's Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London, SE1 7JB. Bookings required and taken by email westminster@cafod.org.uk or 0208 449 6970

REST IN PEACE

MICHAEL JOHN LAWLESS RIP

We pray for the repose of the soul of Michael John Lawless RIP who died recently. His Funeral will take place here at 1.00pm on **Wednesday 4th September**.

Please also keep his family and friends and all who mourn him in your prayers.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 31	11.00 11.00 12.00 17.00 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation Felix, Ann & Stafford Serpes RIP Sacrament of Reconciliation David Crawley RIP
Sun 1	09.00 11.00 13.00 18.00	People of the Parish In Thanksgiving for Noor Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Videa, Dewan & James Joseph RIP
Mon 2	09.30	Mary Fogarty RIP
Tues 3	09.30	Rosario Fernandes and Josephina Verdes Fernandes RIP
Wed 4	09.30 13.00	David Crawley RIP REQUIEM MASS – MICHAEL LAWLESS RIP
Thurs 5	09.30	Jose & Lourdes D'Souza in Thanksgiving – Wedding Anniversary
Fri 6	09.30	Bernie Driscoll RIP
Sat 7	11.00 11.00 12.00 12.45 17.00 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation Angele Jeanne & Patrice Mang RIP Baptism of Cecilia Quincey Sacrament of Reconciliation Nigel Owen RIP
Sun 8	09.00 11.00 13.00 15.00 18.00	Gabriel D'Souza RIP Aaric Niven Rajesh (Special Intention) Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Mass in Ukrainian Benjamin Vas RIP
Sanctuary Lamp: Alleluia D'Souza RIP		

Thank you for your generosity in the last week's collection:

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