

This week at St Lawrence's



31st August/1st September 2013 **Twenty Second Sunday of the Year**
(Missal Page 130 – YEAR C)



Ecclesiasticus 3:17-20, 28-29; Psalm 67; Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24; Luke 14: 1, 7-14
Twenty Third Sunday of the Year (Missal Page 133): Wisdom 9:13-18; Psalm 89;
Philemon 9-10, 12-17; Luke 14:25-33

I hope you have had a good summer and that you managed to get sometime time to rest and relax.

I feel like I should say "Welcome Back" or "Happy New Year", it can feel like normal services have been suspended for the summer and are about to restart. However in parish life, work and planning goes on over the summer in preparation for the many groups that will begin again this month.

Many of you, like myself, may have returned 'home' to visit family and friends over the summer. They say you can never go home again. You are not the same person you were when you left and home has changed too and it is pointless to yearn for things as they once were. The world is full of flow and change and the people we once knew so well often appear a little distant. My parents are a little older, a little deafer, and a little less mobile than they were even a year ago. You are privy to conversations that began long before you arrived home and will finish long after you have gone. Regardless of all this change, one thing that continues to connect us with our families is our Catholic Faith. The Catechism teaches that **Faith is a sheer gift of God**, and indeed I believe this to be true; however it was my parents who took the time to help me unwrap this gift of faith. So no matter how, I or they or home or anything else changes I have keep my faith and I remain grateful to God for this gift and to my parents for their teaching.

Who helps your child unwrap their gift of Faith?

I hope you as parents are confident and able to help your child. If your child is in a Catholic school they will be helped to unwrap their gift of faith there. We are, however, mindful of the fact that many families, through no fault of their own, have been unable to gain a place in a Catholic school for their children. As a parish we are also here to help your child unwrap this gift of faith and we do this in a very practical way through our **Sunday School Programme**.

Every Sunday during school term time Rose-Marie runs a group for children in Year Two and above who are not in a Catholic school. This group meet in St. Lawrence's School at 10 am and finishes at 10.50 am. We would like to invite you to come and meet with us next Sunday morning **8th September** and find out more about the group.

God's gift of faith is the most important gift any of us will ever be given, don't let your child's gift remain unwrapped.

Bridget Brinkley

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SACRAMENTS

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 recommence the **weekend of 7th/8th September**. Children's Liturgy catechists are asked to please collect their rotas from the Presbytery.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School programme for children attending non-Catholic schools will begin on **Sunday 8th September**. It takes place at 10am in St Lawrence's School. Children aged 6 (school year 2) and above are invited to attend. Please bring your child along next Sunday and see Bridget Brinkley for more details.

CONFIRMATION

If you are in Year 9 or above and would like to be prepared to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2014 please register with Bridget Brinkley at one of the following times.

Tuesday 3rd, Thursday 5th September – 4.30pm to 6.30pm
Tuesday 10th, Thursday 12th September – 4.30pm to 6.30pm

Please come to the Church where you will be asked to complete a registration form.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN EXPLORING THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

If you, or someone you know, would like to find out more about the Catholic faith or you would like to prepare to receive the Sacraments you missed as a child, please contact Bridget Brinkley at the parish office or by email bridgetbrinkley@rcdow.org.uk.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2013/14

If you have forgotten to register your child for the First Holy Communion programme, which begins on 10th September please contact Bridget at the parish office immediately to arrange a time to do so. Your child must be in year 3 in September to register.

PARISH NOTICES

FIRST FRIDAY

Our early bird Mass will take place at 6.45am on **Friday 6th September**.

COFFEE MORNING

The CAFOD First Friday Coffee Morning will take place this **Friday 6th September** after the 9.30am Mass.

ST LAWRENCE'S SCHOOL MASS

A Mass for the beginning of the new school year will take place on **Thursday 5th September at 9.30am**.

ST LAWRENCE'S PRAYER GROUP

The Prayer Group meets every **Thursday from 7.30pm to 9pm** in the Presbytery. A time of prayer and thanksgiving. Reflecting on scriptures. Intercessory prayers for the parish and wider community. New members welcome, come and see. The next meeting is on **Thursday 5th September**.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting of the PPC will take place on **Thursday 5th at 7.30pm** in the Parish Centre. If anyone has any items for the Council please write a note to the Chair, Graham Baker, by 12noon on the day.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT SERVICE

The next meeting for members of the Bereavement Support Service is on **Tuesday 3rd September at 7.30pm** in the Presbytery.

PILGRIMAGES

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

All those booked to go to Walsingham please assemble by the school gates on Victoria Road at **7.45am**, for departure at 8am on **Sunday 8th September**. We aim to arrive at 11am and return by 8.30pm. Please remember to take refreshments and be prepared for all types of weather. If you have a folding seat it may be handy to take with you.

REST IN PEACE

ANNIE WATSON RIP

We pray for the repose of the soul of Annie Watson RIP who passed away recently. Her funeral will take place here on **Thursday 5th September at 11.30am**. Please also remember in your prayers all her family and friends who mourn her.

ESTHER KUSI-APPIAH RIP

We pray for the repose of the soul of Esther Kusi-Appiah RIP who passed away recently. Please also remember in your prayers her mother Veronica Quinoo and all her family and friends who mourn her. Funeral details to follow.

OTHER

LIFE

The Life Pregnancy Care Centre at 20 Vicarage Farm Road, Hounslow are in need of prams/pushchairs for new born babies and first size very tiny baby clothes for small premature new born babies. If you have these and can donate them please call the Life Pregnancy Care Centre on 020 8570 7717 and leave a message or call Ann Burke. Your help would be much appreciated.

FR ALEXANDER SHERBROOKE

"The parish of St Patrick's Roman Catholic Church, Soho Square, will be celebrating the 25th anniversary of the ordination of Fr Alexander Sherbrooke on **Wednesday 4 September**, with Holy Mass at 6 pm, followed by refreshments. One of Fr Alexander's previous appointments, before he took over responsibility for St Patrick's, in 2001, was serving in the parish of St Lawrence's, as a chaplain at Feltham, so we would like to warmly invite everyone who remembers him from his time among you to join in our special celebration. If anyone wishing to attend could RSVP via our parish office (tel. 020 7437 2010; email info@stpatricksoho.org), we would be very grateful!"

WHAT'S COMING UP IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS

September

7th/8th September – Second collection for Racial Justice after all weekend Masses

Friday 13th – Finance Committee Meeting, 6.30pm

Saturday 14th – Children's Mass, 6pm

Sunday 22nd – CAFOD Cake and Coffee morning after 9am & 11am Masses

Saturday 28th – Mass of Healing, 12 noon

Sunday 29th – Fr Fortunato's welcome party, 12 noon

October

Saturday 5th – Tribute Band, 7.00pm

Saturday 12th – Day of Prayer, 10.30am to 2.30pm (CAFOD Soup Lunch available)

Saturday 19th – Children's Mass, 6pm

November

Sunday 3rd – LIFE Coffee Morning (45th anniversary) after 9am & 11am Masses

Sunday 3rd – Blessing of Graves

Thursday 7th – Parish Pastoral Council Meeting, 7.30pm

Saturday 9th – New Parishioners' Mass, 6pm

Saturday 9th – Children's Mass, 6pm

Sunday 17th – Mass for the Bereaved, 6pm

Saturday 23rd – "Good Neighbour Day" part of Interfaith Week – Church & Parish Centre, 2-4pm

Sunday 24th – Youth Mass, 6pm (*Year of Faith ends*)

Saturday 30th – Advent Day of Prayer, 10.30am-2.30pm

December

Sunday 1st – Children's Mass, 11am

Sunday 1st – Christingle Workshop, 2.30pm

Friday 6th – RAFA Band Christmas Concert for all the family, 7.30pm

Sunday 8th – LIFE Annual Mince Pie sale after 9am & 11am Masses

Sunday 15th – Lodge Brothers Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving, 3pm

Mass intentions and other services this week:

Saturday 31st St Aidan of Lindisfarne	11.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	11.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	11.45	Benediction
	12.00	Arlene Juriansz (Intention)
	17.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
+ First Mass of Sunday	18.00	Eufrocino Mendoza RIP
+ Sunday 1st 22nd Sunday of the Year	09.00	Margarita Lopez RIP
	11.00	Tony Loader RIP
	13.00	Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)
	18.00	People of the Parish
Monday 2nd Feria	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Ellen White RIP
Tuesday 3rd ST GREGORY THE GREAT	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Joaquim Joao D'Costa RIP
	10.00	Novena to Our Lady
Wednesday 4th St Cuthbert	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Grace-Sophie in Thanksgiving
Thursday 5th Feria		No Morning Prayer
	09.30	Mary & Gabriel D'Souza in Thanksgiving (with School)
	11.30	FUNERAL MASS – ANNIE WATSON RIP
Friday 6th Feria	06.45	Holy Souls in Purgatory
	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Minguel Francis D'Costa RIP
Saturday 7th Feria	11.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	11.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	11.45	Benediction
	12.00	James Barrett RIP
	12.45	Baptisms of <i>Cian Michael John Francis Howard, Olivia Onyinye Udeh and Tamika Takunda Magume</i>
	17.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	+ First Mass of Sunday	18.00
+ Sunday 8th 23rd Sunday of the Year	09.00	Chris, Cecilia and Ciril Rodrigues in Thanksgiving
	11.00	Ciriaco Caridad Fernandes RIP
	13.00	Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)
	18.00	People of the Parish

Sanctuary Lamp: Daniel Humphreys (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:

24th/25th Aug: Envelopes £902.61, Loose £589.00, Standing Orders £420.00 Total: £1911.61

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