

# This week at St Lawrence's



3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> September 2016

Twenty Third Sunday of the Year  
(Missal Page 133 – YEAR C Vol. 2)



Wisdom 9:13-18; Psalm 89; Philemon 9-10, 12-17; Luke 14:25-33  
Next Week: 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year: (Missal Page: 136); Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14;  
Psalm 50; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-32



Dear Friends

This weekend Rome will be full to bursting. On Sunday morning Pope Francis presides at the Canonisation Mass for Mother Teresa of Calcutta, declaring her officially as a Saint of the Church. She has, of course, been an unofficial saint for years, particularly for the lowliest and the least.

Her life and witness, her practical holiness in rescuing so many from the gutter and the garbage, stand as an inspiration to all of us and a challenge to those who see materialism, prosperity and comfort as the be all and end all. The Religious Order she founded, the Missionaries of Charity, keep that spirit alive today, and in declaring her a saint the Holy Father invites us and the whole Church to do the same. St Teresa taught “there are no great things, only small things done with great love”. She reminds us that the Christian walk and Christ’s way is simplicity itself. We are not called to be celebrities or conquering heroes. Our names don’t need to appear in lights. We simply need to leave kindness and goodness in our wake. That’s what saints do. As St Teresa teaches us, “spread love wherever you go, let no one ever come to you without leaving happier”.

I have met many saints in my seven years here, and it has been a privilege to serve alongside you as your parish priest. As I prepare to move on this week I have an overwhelming sense of gratitude. We always ask the saints to pray for us, and so I’m asking you to pray for Fr John Byrne as he moves in, that he will feel as blest here as I have every single day. And if you have a spare prayer please remember me and the new saints I am about to meet at St Mary’s and St Joseph’s in the heart of the City of London. For prayer is the pledge of love that binds us.

With my love and prayers for all of you, and my heartfelt thanks.

Fr Chris

## SACRAMENTS

### CONFIRMATION

If you missed the Confirmation enrolment dates earlier this month, there will be another opportunity in September. You must be in Year 9 or above in September 2016, live in the parish of St Lawrence and attend weekly Sunday Mass here. Please come to the Church on **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September – 3.45-5.00pm** to complete an application form and meet with Bridget.

### CONFIRMATION THANKSGIVING MASS

The Confirmation Thanksgiving Mass will take place this **Sunday at 6.00pm**. Your Confirmation Certificates will be presented at the end of Mass followed by refreshments.

### CATECHISM CLASSES FOR CHILDREN NOT ATTENDING A CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Children from the age of 6 (i.e. Year 2 or above) are invited to join our Sunday School Programme. This takes place on a Sunday morning between 10am – 10.45am during school term time. Your child should attend Sunday school for 1 year before applying to join the First Holy Communion programme. Registration for Sunday School this year will take place on **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September** at 10.00am in St. Lawrence's School. Please bring your child with you. If you have already registered your child your first session is on the 11th September.

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

In order to have Children's Liturgy every Saturday evening we need two more volunteers. Please contact Bridget if you are able to help with this.

Catechists – you should have received the Rota by email, there are some hard copies at the back of the Church.

### BAPTISM PREPARATION

The next Baptism Preparation course will take place on **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September** and **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October** at 3.30 pm in the parish centre. If you have requested to have your first child baptised and have completed an application form with Bridget you are invited to attend this course.

If you live and worship in St. Lawrence's parish and expecting a baby soon please contact Bridget by phone at the parish office or by email [bridgetbrinkley@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:bridgetbrinkley@rcdow.org.uk) if you would like to join this course.

## PARISH NOTICES

### NEW PARISH CENTRE

Thanks to all those who helped Bridget in getting the Parish Centre ready for the opening on the 10<sup>th</sup>.

### UCM

The UCM start the term time in our new hall on **Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> September** at 7.30pm. All ladies from the parish are most welcome.

### ST LAWRENCE'S PRAYER GROUP

The Prayer Group are now on their summer break and will reconvene on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September**.

### NATIONAL MASS FOR ALTAR SERVERS IN WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL

We will be taking a group of Altar Servers from the Parish to a special Mass for Altar Servers to be celebrated in Westminster Cathedral on **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 2.30pm**. We plan to leave the Church at 11.00am and return by 5pm. Altar Servers please pick up a letter for your parents from the sacristy if you would like to attend.

### HELPING HANDS GROUP

The Helping Hands team are continuing to work on the project which we hope, with Fr. John's approval, will now be officially launched in the parish in October time.

## GRAND OPENING OF THE NEW PARISH CENTRE

Everyone is invited to the Solemn Blessing and Grand Opening of our new Parish Centre by Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor on **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September** at 12.00 noon, starting with a Mass of Thanksgiving in Church and then the ceremony and a reception. Put this date in your diary today.

There are sheets at the back of Church for help with food, setting up/clearing up, etc.

## CELEBRATION BRICKS

'Celebration Bricks' can celebrate a birth, marriage, life of a dear one, an achievement, a blessing or simply YOU or your family leaving a legacy of your connection with this community. There are two options available:

**Option 1 – single brick, two lines per brick – 16 characters per line - £50.00 a brick.**

**Option 2 – double brick, four lines per brick – 16 characters per line - £100.00 a brick.**

See samples of the brick file at the back of Church. Pink leaflets with detailed information including an order form are available at the back of Church.

So far we have raised just over £6,050.00. We have put in our first order but this is an ongoing process so it's not too late to hand in your application.

## APPEAL FOR A GROUNDSMAN/HANDYMAN

We are looking to recruit a volunteer groundsman/handyman for the Church premises. If you have any time to spare please contact the Parish Office for details.

## OTHER

### CAFOD SUPPORTERS MORNING - SATURDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> SEPT 10AM-12, OAKWOOD, NORTH LONDON.

CAFOD will be hosting a supporter's information morning with a guest speaker who has first-hand knowledge of our work in Bolivia. Bolivia is the country we are focusing on this Harvest Fast Day.

Come and hear how CAFOD is helping communities, thanks to your support. Meeting will take place at 10am at CAFOD Westminster Volunteer Centre, 1st floor, Catholic Church of Christ the King, 29 Bramley Road, London N14 4HE. Bookings taken on 0208 449 6970 or e mail

[westminster@cafod.org.uk](mailto:westminster@cafod.org.uk)

## SECONDARY SCHOOL OPEN DAYS

Please see notice board for information on Open Days at Gunnersbury and St Paul Schools for 2017-18 Admissions.

## TEN BRIDGES OF LONDON CHARITY WALK

The walk will take place on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 2pm, is 5.5 miles and should take 2-3 hours. If you would like to take part in this Charity Walk in support of the Hounslow Life Group please speak to Annie Burke. See poster on notice board.

## PRAISE IN THE PARK

Churches Together in Staines and Laleham invite you to a worship event called "Praise in the Park" on Sunday 11 September 2016 from 1.00pm-3.30pm. It will take place by the river near the Methodist Church where the Passion play was staged. Bring a picnic with chair or blanket. See notice board for further details.

## REST IN PEACE

### MAUREEN MURRAY RIP

We pray for the soul of Maureen Murray RIP who died recently. Please also keep in your prayers her family and all those who mourn her. Funeral details to follow.

## Mass intentions and other services this week:

<b>Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup></b> ST GREGORY THE GREAT	11.00 11.00 -11.30 11.45 12.00 14.00 17.00 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation Benediction <b>Diana Armstrong (Intentions)</b> Marriage of Stanislaw Oleniacz and Anna Oleniacz Sacrament of Reconciliation <b>Power Family Intentions</b>
<b>+ Sunday 4<sup>th</sup></b> 23rd Sunday of the Year	09.00 11.00 13.00 18.00	<b>Gabriel and Mary D'Souza in Thanksgiving</b> <b>Christian and Eucharia Obodoako in Thanksgiving</b> <b>Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)</b> <b>People of the Parish (Confirmation Thanksgiving Mass)</b>
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup></b> Feria	09.15 09.30	Morning Prayer <b>Joyce Pereira in Thanksgiving</b>
<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup></b> Feria	09.15 09.30 10.00	Morning Prayer <b>Celebrant's Intention</b> Novena to Our Lady
<b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup></b> Feria	09.15 09.30	Morning Prayer <b>Eileen Carroll RIP</b>
<b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup></b> THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	09.15 09.30	Morning Prayer <b>Chris Rodrigues in Thanksgiving</b>
<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup></b> Feria	09.15 09.30	Morning Prayer <b>Richard Sebastian RIP (Anniversary)</b>
<b>Saturday 10<sup>th</sup></b> Feria	12.00 17.00 18.00	No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament or Sacrament of Reconciliation <b>Thanksgiving Mass in honour of the new Parish Centre</b> Sacrament of Reconciliation <b>Nigel Owen RIP (Anniversary)</b>
<b>+ Sunday 11<sup>th</sup></b> 25th Sunday of the Year	09.00 11.00 13.00 18.00	<b>Bill Dethridge RIP (Anniversary)</b> <b>People of the Parish</b> <b>Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)</b> <b>Deceased members of the Gill and Foxen Families RIP</b>

### Sanctuary Lamp: Malcolm Dexter RIP

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

27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup>: Envelopes £981.37 Loose £767.30 Standing Orders: £538.00 **Total: £2,286.67**

**PARISH CENTRE UPDATE: MONEY BANKED AS AT 30/8/2016 - £85,272.50**

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**Pastoral Assistant:** Bridget Brinkley

**Parish Secretary:** Florie Fernandes

**Sunday Mass Times: Saturday 6 pm (Vigil Mass), Sunday 9 am, 11 am,**

**1 pm (Polish) & 6 pm;**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) - Saturday 11am & 5pm**

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Text to: **70800 PARISH FELTH**