

# This week at St Lawrence's



5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> September 2015

23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year  
(Missal Page 129 – YEAR B Vol. 2)

Isaiah 35:4-7; Psalm 145; James 2:1-5; Mark 7:31-37

Next week: 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year (Missal Page 132); Isaiah 50:5-9; Psalm 114; James 2:14-18; Mark 8: 27-35



## Prayer for Sacramental Preparation in St. Lawrence's Parish

Many parishioners say to me, "You must be busy getting ready for all the sacramental preparations that will be starting in the parish in September..." and of course we are. I would like to think that, we are all getting excited about the sacramental preparations in our parish. It is a great opportunity to evangelise and catechise; it's also a wonderful sign of life in our parish that the Lord invites people to be filled with sacramental grace.

It should not just be a busy time for priests and catechists. It should be busy time for the whole parish because every single parishioner has a role to play in the various stages of initiation into the life of Christ and His body the Church that we celebrate in the sacraments.

So, here is an invitation and challenge for all who worship here at St. Lawrence's. The Catechism teaches us that prayer is essential to the life of every Christian – prayer sustains, transforms and can change the material and spiritual elements of our existence. Therefore we invite every member of our parish to pick a particular sacramental group in the parish and pray for those preparing for that Sacrament, pray also for the catechists and the ministers of the sacraments.

Pray that they may be faithful and dedicated followers of Christ and His Church and that the sacrament that they are preparing to celebrate will transform their lives and make them true witnesses and missionaries of the Gospel in their homes, schools, parishes, towns and cities.

You might choose to pray for the 120 children and their families who will prepare to make their First Confession and receive First Holy Communion next year or the 40 young people who will prepare to be Confirmed or the 80 or so families who will ask to have their children Baptised. You may choose to pray for those who will be married this year or those who will choose to become full members of the Catholic Church. The time of prayer should start as soon as possible - why not start today?

If you would like to find out more about our sacramental groups this year please contact me at the Parish office.

Bridget Brinkley

## SACRAMENTS

### BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

We extend a warm welcome to Dennis John Hopper, Halle Walcott-Hinson and Nella Dobros who will be baptised this weekend and offer our warmest congratulations to their families.

### WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

We offer our warmest congratulations to Francisca Odeh and Yinusa Ibrahim who celebrate the sacrament of marriage this weekend.

We also offer our warmest congratulations to Mary & Gabriel D'Souza who celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary this weekend.

### EXPLORING THE CATHOLIC FAITH

Would you like to find out more about the Catholic Faith? Have you been searching for a deeper meaning for your life? Do you share your life with a Catholic, perhaps you are supporting your husband or wife bringing up your children in the Catholic Faith. If you would like to find out more about the Catholic Church or you thinking about becoming a Catholic please contact Bridget Brinkley on 020 8890 2367 or by e-mailing at [bridgetbrinkley@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:bridgetbrinkley@rcdow.org.uk).

### CONFIRMATION 2016

If you are in Year 9 or above and would like to be prepared to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2016 please register with Bridget Brinkley at one of the following times.

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> and Wed 9<sup>th</sup> September 3.30 pm – 6.30 pm**

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September 3.30pm – 5.30 pm**

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> Wed 16<sup>th</sup> September – 3.30 - 6.30 pm**

Please come to the Church where you will be asked to complete a registration form. The preparation programme will begin on **Wednesday the 30<sup>th</sup> September**.

## PARISH CENTRE UPDATE

Work on the Parish Centre will commence within the next few weeks.

- Could **all groups** currently using the Parish Centre, please make sure that all your bits and pieces are **cleared this weekend** if not already done so.
- Fr Chris would like help with the Parish Centre on **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September at 2pm** – all hands on deck for site clearance work. Some heavy work involved so bring some old clothes to work in, and if you can, a garden fork, spade or shovel.
- There will be a quantity of plastic stacking chairs and some tables for parishioners to collect if wanted. These will be available for collection week beginning **6<sup>th</sup> September**. Please enquire at the Parish Office for details.
- On **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September** work begins on the tree pruning and tree felling and some preliminary demolition work on the Parish Centre & garage.
- Week beginning **5<sup>th</sup> October** the Parish Centre will be demolished and the site cleared. At this stage a large part of the Church site will be sealed off as a building site, and consequently car parking will only be available for key workers and disabled persons at all times.

## PARISH NOTICES

### FLOWER ARRANGERS

Please collect your new rotas from the porch.

## ST LAWRENCE'S SCHOOL MASS

A Mass for the beginning of the new school year will take place on **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September at 9.30am.**

## MOTHER AND TODDLER GROUP

The Mother and Toddler Group "Bright Sparks" will now meet on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 9.30am-11.30am in the Upper Hall at The United Free Church (Christ Church), Hanworth Road, Feltham TW13 5AB.

## PRAYER GROUP

St Lawrence's Prayer Group will reconvene on Thursday **10<sup>th</sup> September** at 7.30pm in the Presbytery. The Prayer Session is a time of praise, thanksgiving, sharing on the scriptures, prayers of intention for family, the Church and the world. New members are welcome. Come and see me. *Sr Katherine*

## UCM

The UCM will commence the new term on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September** at 7.30pm; now at the Salvation Army Hall, 166 Bedford Lane, Feltham TW14 9NJ. See you all there.

## OVER 50's CLUB

The over 50's Club will meet at the Salvation Army Hall, 166 Bedford Lane, Feltham TW14 0NJ on Wednesdays from 1pm-3pm.

## THANK YOU

Mary Crawley raised £300 for the new parish centre. Thanks to Michelle & Ciara Moore-Saxton for helping sell the items. Thanks to all who donated goods and also to those who bought from us. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

## NEW ALTAR SERVERS INITIATION

All new Altar Servers who attended the training session are invited to the Altar Servers Initiation which will take place at all the weekend Masses on **19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> September.**

## FR FORTUNATO'S FAREWELL MASS AND PARTY

Fr Fortunato's farewell Mass will take place on **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September** at 12.00noon followed by a party. The theme will be an International Mass and party. We will be looking for two or three hymns in different languages. Food lists will be available at the back of Church in the next week. Please contact the Parish Office for information.

If you would like to contribute towards a leaving gift for Fr Fortunato, please hand in your envelope to Fr Chris, Fr John, Bridget Brinkley or to the Parish Office. There will be a card in the Repository (shop) for you to sign.

## SOCIAL EVENT – GOAN EVENING/FIESTA

The Goan Community at St Lawrence's are planning a "Goan Evening/Fiesta" to be held **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October** from 7.30pm in the School Hall. All proceeds will go towards the Parish Centre Building Fund. For offers of help please speak to George Fernandes or contact the Parish Office.

## WALSINGHAM AND ITALY PILGRIMAGES

We pray for all our pilgrims travelling to Walsingham this Sunday and to those flying to Italy on Tuesday. May they have a safe journey and a peaceful and spiritual pilgrimage.

## CAFOD HARVEST SUPPORTERS MEETING - SATURDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

Come and hear how your support of CAFOD is enabling communities in Niger, to continue to survive in spite of extreme droughts. Meeting from 10am- 12.15pm at Amigo Hall WE1 7HY, next to St Georges Cathedral, Southwark, Lambeth North. Please contact CAFOD on 0208-449-6970 or [westminster@cafod.org.uk](mailto:westminster@cafod.org.uk) for further details or book direct via [www.cafodwestminster.wordpress.com](http://www.cafodwestminster.wordpress.com)

## CATENIAN ASSOCIATION

Osterley Circle's fifth anniversary meeting & dinner is **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September.** Meet in the bar at 7PM in the Conservative Club, Gresham Road, Hounslow, TW3 4BX. Dinner £25/person. Everyone welcome. Contact Peter Oliver on 07905 657 285 to book in by the evening of Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> please. Dress code: Smart Casual.

## Mass intentions and other services this week:

<b>Saturday 5<sup>th</sup></b> Feria	11.00 11.45 <b>12.00</b> 14.00 16.00 17.00 <b>18.00</b>	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation Benediction <b>Mary &amp; Gabriel D'Souza in Thanksgiving (50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary)</b> Wedding of Francisca Odeh and Yinusa Ibrahim Baptisms of Dennis John Hopper, Halle Walcott-Hinson and Nella Dobros Sacrament of Reconciliation <b>Intentions of Barbara-Ann, Anthony, Althea &amp; Ivy Adams.</b> (Confirmation Thanksgiving Mass)
<b>+ Sunday 6<sup>th</sup></b> 23rd Sunday of the Year	<b>09.00</b> <b>11.00</b> <b>13.00</b> <b>18.00</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b> <b>Deceased members of the Lourenco Family RIP</b> <b>Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)</b> <b>Mariela &amp; Manoj Bhatnagar in Thanksgiving</b>
<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup></b> Feria	<b>09.30</b>	No Morning Prayer <b>Doris Murray RIP</b> (with St Lawrence's School)
<b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup></b> Feria	09.15 <b>09.30</b> 10.00	Morning Prayer <b>Chris Rodrigues in Thanksgiving</b> Novena to Our Lady
<b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup></b> Feria	09.15 <b>09.30</b>	Morning Prayer <b>For good health of the Fernandes Family</b>
<b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup></b> ST GREGORY THE GREAT	09.15 <b>09.30</b>	Morning Prayer <b>Richard Sebastian RIP</b>
<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup></b> Feria	09.15 <b>09.30</b>	Morning Prayer <b>Bill Dethridge RIP (Anniversary)</b>
<b>Saturday 12<sup>th</sup></b> Feria	11.00 11.45 <b>12.00</b> 17.00 <b>18.00</b>	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation Benediction <b>Kian Blyth (Intention)</b> Sacrament of Reconciliation <b>Nigel Owen RIP (Anniversary)</b>
<b>+ Sunday 13<sup>th</sup></b> 24th Sunday of the Year	<b>09.00</b> <b>11.00</b> <b>13.00</b> <b>18.00</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b> <b>John &amp; Florence Rea in Thanksgiving (60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary)</b> <b>Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)</b> <b>June Roberts RIP (First Anniversary)</b>

## Sanctuary Lamp: Fernandes/Vaz Family Intentions

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

**29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> August:** Envelopes: £694.44 Loose: £551.04 Standing Orders: £485.00 Total: £1,730.48

**PARISH CENTRE UPDATE: MONEY BANKED AS AT 01/09/2015 - £39,565.15**

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**Sunday Mass Times: Saturday 6 pm (Vigil Mass), Sunday 9 am, 11 am, 1pm (Polish) & 6 pm  
Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) - Saturday 11am & 5pm**

### Contact us:

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