

This week at St Lawrence's



10th/11th September 2016

Twenty Fourth Sunday of the Year
(Missal Page 136 – YEAR C Vol. 2)

Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14 Psalm 50; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-32;

Next Week: 25th Sunday of the Year: (Missal Page: 140); Amos 8:4-7; Psalm 112;

1 Timothy 2:1-8; Luke 16:1-13



Fr Antonio's Farewell

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am writing this letter to bid you farewell and to thank you all for your kindness and hospitality. After three weeks living here, I shall be returning to Harare, Zimbabwe this Sunday. From day one the reception I received made me feel at home. I found St Lawrence's to be a warm and vibrant community of faith. This and the daily attendance at Mass in our beautiful Church were inspiring and reviving.

It was a privilege to preside at our daily Masses which often reminded me of our oneness and the common destiny of humanity. Our sharing in the body and blood of Christ at Mass was a foretaste and mirror of that sharing in God's love in heaven. I will remember St Lawrence's and pray for you and I am pretty sure some of you will remember me and pray for me as well. Praying for one another is part of the spiritual growing of our faith.

Perhaps to keep a part of that memory alive, I would like to recommend to you a book I had published last year (2015) with St Paul's publications. It is called "A Leaf of Faith" by Fr Antonio Santos Marizane. It is available at St Paul's Bookshop by Westminster Cathedral. I am told that it is also available online.

May God Bless you all,

Fr Antonio

SACRAMENTS

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 11th 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.

CONFIRMATION

Group One Confirmation Candidates please collect a letter with revised dates from the porch table.

CONFIRMATION

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The First Holy Preparation meeting for children and parents start on **Saturday 17th September** at 9.45am. Please come to St Lawrence's School and you will be directed to your meeting rooms.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

The next Baptism Preparation course will take place on **Saturday 17th September** and **Saturday 1st 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 if you would like to join this course.

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.

PARISH NOTICES

HELLO AND GOODBYES

- A warm welcome to Fr John Byrne our new Parish Priest. We hope you will be happy here.
- We say goodbye to Fr Antonio Marizane as he heads back home to Zimbabwe this Sunday. Our grateful thanks to him for supplying and helping in the parish over the last three weeks. We hope to see you again in the future.
- "Au revoir", warmest wishes and thanks to Fr Chris who moved to his new parish in the week. His new address is: St Mary Moorfields, 4/5 Eldon Street, London EC2M 7LS. Tel: 020 7247 8390 Email: chrsvipers@rcdow.org.uk. Fr Chris's leaving do will be on Saturday 29th October.

UCM

The UCM will meet on **Monday, 12th September** at 7.30pm for the re-opening in the new Parish Centre. It is hoped all members will attend. Any lady of the parish will be most welcome especially those who have made enquiries through the summer.

ST LAWRENCE'S PRAYER GROUP

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

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.

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 17th 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.

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 tile 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 £6,500.00. 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

CATHOLIC EDUCATION SERVICE

There will be a retiring collection for the Catholic Education Service this weekend at the end of all Masses.

HOME MISSION SUNDAY

Next weekend is Home Mission Sunday and themed "PROCLAIM the joy of love. We are encouraged to pray for the work of evangelisation in England and Wales, remembering those whom we know are distant from the life of faith. There will be a retiring collection at the end of all Masses next weekend to support the work of evangelisation.

CAFOD SUPPORTERS MORNING - SATURDAY 17TH SEPT

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

SECONDARY SCHOOL OPEN DAYS

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

TEN BRIDGES OF LONDON SPONSORED CHARITY WALK

One of our parishioners, Mary Crawley, will do the walk to raise funds for the Hounslow LIFE Pregnancy Care Centre. Sponsor forms are available at the back of Church should you wish to sponsor Mary. The walk takes place on **Sunday 25th September** at 2pm. For more information see poster on notice board at the back of Church or contact Annie Burke.

REST IN PEACE

MAUREEN MURRAY RIP

We pray for the soul of Maureen Murray RIP who died recently. Her funeral will take place here on **Friday 16th September 2016** at 12 noon. Please keep in your prayers her children, grandchildren and all the family and friends that mourn her.

SIDNEY BROWN RIP

We pray for the soul of Sidney Brown RIP who died last week. Please also keep in your prayers his family, friends and all those who mourn him. Funeral details to follow.

Mass intentions and other services this week:

Saturday 10th Feria	12.00 17.00 18.00	No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament or Sacrament of Reconciliation Thanksgiving Mass in honour of the new Parish Centre Sacrament of Reconciliation Nigel Owen RIP (Anniversary)
+ Sunday 11th 24 th Sunday of the Year	09.00 11.00 13.00 18.00	Bill Dethridge RIP (Anniversary) People of the Parish Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Deceased members of the Gill and Foxen Families RIP
Monday 12th Feria	09.15 09.30	Morning Prayer Sidney Charlewood RIP
Tuesday 13th St John Chrysostom	09.15 09.30 10.00	Morning Prayer Mary Carmen O'Reilly RIP Novena to Our Lady
Wednesday 14th THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS	09.15 09.30	Morning Prayer Fred & Francis Easton in Thanksgiving – Diamond Anniversary
Thursday 15th Our Lady of Sorrows	09.15 09.30	Morning Prayer Anita Calmiano RIP (Anniversary)
Friday 16th Sts Cornelius & Cyprian	09.15 09.30 12.00	Morning Prayer Emelia Potts (Anniversary) FUNERAL MASS – MAUREEN MURRAY RIP
Saturday 17th Feria	11.00 11.00 12.00 14.30 17.00 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament or Sacrament of Reconciliation Margaret & Edward Millar RIP (Anniversary) Marriage of Daniel Riglin and Sophie Armstrong Sacrament of Reconciliation John Joseph Hurley RIP
+ Sunday 18th 25 th Sunday of the Year	09.00 11.00 13.00 18.00	Kathleen Hourihan RIP Michael & Christine Bigley RIP (Anniversary) Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) People of the Parish

Sanctuary Lamp: For the intentions of the Neil Family

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

3rd/4th: Envelopes £1,066.06 Loose £922.30 Standing Orders: £538.00 **Total: £2,526.36**

PARISH CENTRE UPDATE: MONEY BANKED AS AT 6/9/2016 - £86694.96

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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,

1pm (Polish) & 6 pm;

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

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