

# This week at St Lawrence's



13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> September 2014

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS  
(Missal Page 181 – YEAR A Vol. 2)

Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 77; Philippians 2:6-11; John 3:13-17

25<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year (Missal Page 131); Isaiah 55:6-9; Psalm 144; Philippians 1:20-24, 27;  
Matthew 20:1-16



*Dear Friends,*

This Sunday we celebrate one of the most vital events of our Christian Tradition: **The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**. This Feast commemorates the rescue of the relic of the True Cross by Emperor Heraclius in 629 after the Persians had captured it. With this Feast the Church does not celebrate an idea or abstraction or a philosophy, rather we celebrate the concrete and historical event of our salvation: *the Death and Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ*. This feast is in many ways an extension of Good Friday. The mystery of the Cross is the precious talisman of Christians. It is a great and powerful sign of God's love for us – *'a love stronger than death'* – and also a daily reality in our lives: the only true path to holiness.

Among our many sacred hymns, here is a very ancient one that Christians of first centuries use to recite and sing everyday. I think it can help us throughout our daily struggles, it certainly helps me.

*The Glorious Cross of the risen Lord is the tree of my salvation.  
On it I feed, in it I delight, in its roots I grow, in its branches I lie down.*

*Its dew makes me glad,  
its breeze gives me life,  
in its shadow I have put my tent.*

*In hunger, my nourishment,  
in thirst, the fountain,  
in nakedness, my clothing.*

*Hard path, narrow road,  
Jacob's ladder, bed of love  
where the Lord married us.*

*In fear, defence,  
in stumbling, support,  
in victory, crown,  
in struggle, you are reward.*

*Tree of eternal life,  
pillar of the universe,  
skeleton of the earth,  
your peak reaches heaven,  
and in your open arms shines the love of God.*

Therefore let us exalt the Christ's cross whenever we freely take it up, filled with the certainty that the ultimate meaning and fulfilment that we desire in life comes to us through this unending event. St Catherine of Siena wrote: *"we cannot produce or give any other fruit, but the fruit we have taken from the tree of life."* May God bless you all.

*Fr Fortunato.*

## SACRAMENTS

### BAPTISMS

We extend a warm welcome to Amelia Silvester-Smith, Marie Freda Nalwadda, Zachary Weiner and Isabella Ann Crawley who will be baptised this weekend and offer our warmest congratulations to their families.

### CONFIRMATION 2015

Thanks to those who have enrolled on the Confirmation programme. Parents of candidates preparing for Confirmation will have the opportunity to take part in a 5 week course which will run parallel with Confirmation programme.

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy takes place during three of the Sunday Masses in the Parish Centre – Saturday 6pm, Sunday 9am and 11am.

If you would like to help with the Liturgy group or just find out more about Children's Liturgy please contact Bridget Brinkley by email at [bridgetbrinkley@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:bridgetbrinkley@rcdow.org.uk). Children's Liturgy is only possible if we have enough willing volunteers. **Is it your turn to volunteer?** Training will be provided.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School programme is for children attending non-Catholic schools. It takes place at 10am in St Lawrence's School. Children in school year two or above who have not received their First Holy Communion are invited to enrol on this programme. If you would like to find out more please contact Bridget Brinkley by email at [bridgetbrinkley@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:bridgetbrinkley@rcdow.org.uk).

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Our 11am Mass on **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September** will be led by the Children. If your child would like to read at this Mass please contact Bridget on 020 8890 2367, if necessary please leave a message and Bridget will contact you regarding a reading rehearsal

### 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).

## PARISH NOTICES

### HELP WANTED

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

### STORAGE NEEDED

Do you have any spare garage/shed space for items needing to be stored from the old Parish Centre? We have an immediate need to store 6 collapsible garden tables and 25 garden chairs. Please contact the Parish Office if you can help.

### PARISH AUTUMN FAITH SHARING COURSE

The diocesan faith sharing resource this autumn will be on *Jesus, My Lord*, a six week period starting from **12 October to 23 November**. Echoing the message of Christ to the Apostles to go and make disciples, baptising them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Pope Francis often speaks of missionary disciples. The sessions will look at discipleship in terms of our personal vocation at the service of the Kingdom and the gifts we have for the service of the Gospel.

Sr. Katherine will be in touch with Group leaders shortly. Group leaders please contact your group members. New members and new leaders are asked to use the sign up sheet which will be available next weekend at the back of Church.

## CONCERT AT ST LAWRENCE'S

A concert titled "The Joy of the Lord" featuring Jo Boyce and friends will take place in Church on **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October** at 7.30pm. An evening of uplifting, faith-filled music, that will inspire each of us anew with the joy of the Lord. Tickets available from the Parish Office - Price £6.00 (on the door £7.00).



The musicians and crew will be requiring accommodation on the Saturday night and if anyone can spare a room please contact the Parish Office. There are 7 people requiring a room, some willing to share.

### SATURDAY 12 noon MASS READERS

If you would like to read at the 12 noon Mass on Saturdays please contact the Parish Office.

### 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.

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

The next PPC Meeting will take place on **Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm**. If anyone has any items for the Council please deliver to the Presbytery by 12noon on the day.

## OTHER

### SECONDARY SCHOOL OPEN DAYS

Please see notice board for Open Days at local Catholic Secondary Schools.

### LIFE CONFERENCE.

**Saturday 27 September 2014**, St Wilfrid's Hall, The Oratory House, Brompton Road, London SW7 2RP. 10 am to 6 pm. Conference fee £25 (including refreshments and buffet lunch). For more information and to book, contact Jo Morris on 01926 312272 or [joannemorris@lifecharity.org.uk](mailto:joannemorris@lifecharity.org.uk). Everyone interested in pro-life issues welcome.

### APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA

The Apostleship of the Sea is holding a Mass on the feast of Our Lady Star of the Sea on the **25<sup>th</sup> September** at 12.30pm, St George's Cathedral, SE1 7HY presided by Bishop Tom Burns, all our welcome for more information email [johnngreen@apostleshipofthesea.org.uk](mailto:johnngreen@apostleshipofthesea.org.uk)

### DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE MIDDLE EAST

Westminster Cathedral, **Sat. Oct. 4**, 9.30am – 3.45pm, led by Fr. Shafiq Abouzayd, Fr. Charbel El-Azzi, Mgr. Keith Bartrop, and others, in the presence of Archbishop Samir Nassar of Damascus, who will speak to us about the current tragic situation. Please come and join the Archbishop and though him all the suffering peoples of Syria and Iraq and all the Middle East to show your love and solidarity. See poster on notice board for full details.

## REST IN PEACE

### AILEEN PHYLLIS MATTHEWS RIP

We pray for the repose of the soul of Aileen Phyllis Matthews RIP whose funeral service will take place here on **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September** at 12noon. Please also keep her family and all those who mourn her in prayer.

### EILEEN DOROTHY BOWERMAN RIP

We pray for the repose of the soul of Eileen Dorothy Bowerman RIP whose funeral service will take place at Jamieson Chapel, Hanworth Crematorium on **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September** at 1.00pm. Please also keep her family and all those who mourn her in prayer.

## Mass intentions and other services this week:

<b>Saturday 13<sup>th</sup></b> St John Chrysostom	11.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	11.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	11.45	Benediction
	<b>12.00</b>	<b>Chris Keating (Intention)</b>
	12.45	Baptisms of Amelia Silvester-Smith, Marie Freda Nalwadda, Zachary Weiner and Isabella Ann Crawley
	17.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
+ First Mass of Sunday	<b>18.00</b>	<b>Nigel Owen RIP (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)</b>
<b>+ Sunday 14<sup>th</sup></b> THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS	<b>09.00</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b>
	<b>11.00</b>	<b>Jacinta Mwaura (Special Intentions)</b>
	<b>13.00</b>	<b>Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)</b>
	<b>18.00</b>	<b>Anthony Adams (Intentions)</b>
<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup></b> Our Lady of Sorrows	09.15	No Morning Prayer
	<b>09.30</b>	<b>Anita Calmiano RIP (Anniversary)</b>
	<b>12.00</b>	<b>FUNERAL SERVICE – AILEEN PHYLLIS MATTHEWS RIP</b>
<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup></b> Sts Cornelius & Cyprian	09.15	Morning Prayer
	<b>09.30</b>	<b>Neeva Fernando RIP</b>
	10.00	Novena to Our Lady
<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup></b> Feria	09.15	Morning Prayer
	<b>09.30</b>	<b>John Joseph Hurley RIP (Anniversary)</b>
<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup></b> Feria	09.15	Morning Prayer
	<b>09.30</b>	<b>Bartholomew &amp; Mariquinha Fernandes RIP (Anniversary)</b>
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup></b> Feria	09.15	Morning Prayer
	<b>09.30</b>	<b>Celebrant's Intention</b>
<b>Saturday 20<sup>th</sup></b> Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Paul Chong Ha-sang and Companions	11.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	11.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	11.45	Benediction
	<b>12.00</b>	<b>Emmy Denny RIP</b>
	17.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
+ First Mass of Sunday	<b>18.00</b>	<b>Annette Lynch RIP</b>
<b>+ Sunday 21<sup>st</sup></b> 25 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year	<b>09.00</b>	<b>Bernadette Cimpoais &amp; Patrick Hanlon RIP</b>
	<b>11.00</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b>
	<b>13.00</b>	<b>Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)</b>
	<b>18.00</b>	<b>Joseph Perera RIP</b>

### Sanctuary Lamp: Janet Walker RIP (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)

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

6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> September: Envelopes £1197.55, Loose £761.52, Standing Orders £420.00 Total: £2379.07  
Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trustees: Registered Charity No. 233699

**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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