



St Lawrence Catholic Church

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24th Sunday of the Year

16th/17th September 2017

Readings: Parish Mass Book Year A, Volume 2: (Missal Page 128): Ecclesiasticus 27:30, 28:7; Psalm 102; Romans 14:7-9;

Matthew 18:21-35

Next Week: 25th Sunday of the Year: Page 131: Isaiah 55:6-9; Psalm 144; Philippians 1:20-24, 27; Matthew 20:1-16

FORGIVENESS – A RESPONSE OF LOVE

There are two aspects to forgiveness that are linked:

1. A willingness to forgive others and
2. The openness to accept forgiveness

Both aspects can grow or decline within our hearts. If we refuse to forgive then we can become incapable of forgiving ourselves. But every time we forgive we open ourselves to be filled with peace.

Forgiveness, like love, is a mystery. It cannot be measured or counted. In today's Gospel Jesus urges us to forgive unconditionally again and again, as a response of love. Then our hearts can be enriched with peace. The Sacrament of Confession (Reconciliation) and the words of absolution are very powerful and has healing, joy and peace.

God the Father of mercies, through the death and resurrection
of His Son, He reconciled the world by Himself, and sent the
Holy Spirit among us for the forgiveness of sins. Through
the ministry of the Church may God
give you pardon and peace.

FR. JOHN

Please pray for our 88 children as, this weekend, they begin their journey to the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

RESURFACING OF THE GREEN

The Green (road leading up to the Church from Browells Lane) will be **closed to cars and pedestrians on Monday 18th, Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th September** for complete resurfacing. Pedestrians will have to access the Church via the path in the park. Do bear with us during this time and apologies for any inconvenience.

CARITAS – CONNECT @ FELTHAM PARISH

Gail Williams and Tiziana Mecocci will be speaking at all Masses this weekend re the work of Caritas and about starting a group here on Tuesdays for people with Intellectual Disabilities. If anyone is interested in volunteering please contact Gail or Tiziana directly at enquiries@stjoseph.org.uk or Bridget Brinkley.

PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Parish Annual General Meeting will take place on **Sunday 1st October** at 12 noon in the Parish Centre
If you have an agenda item or would like to discuss anything at the AGM, or would like to make a suggestion or share an idea please complete one of the slips provided and place in the Suggestion Box.

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM

A warm welcome to Matteo Francisco Serrao, Emmanuel Anthony Furtado and Luke Anthony Fernandes who were baptised this weekend and offer our warmest congratulations to their families.

MARRIAGE

We offer our warmest congratulations to David Monaghan and Chantelle Stokes who celebrated the sacrament of marriage on Friday.

CONFIRMATION

Application forms available from Fr John or Bridget after Mass. They need to be returned by 26th September.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

If you are seeking to understand better the love and mercy of God as lived in the Catholic tradition you are invited to join our Faith Formation course that will begin on **Wednesday, 27th September** at 7pm here at St. Lawrence's. This course is designed to help you explore the Catholic faith and to become a member of the Church if you wish.

PARISH NOTICES

DIARY DATES

26 th Sept	Confirmation Registration closes
26 th Sept	Proclaim Workshop
27 th Sept	Adult Faith Formation Course begins
1 st Oct	Parish AGM 12 noon
14 th Oct	Line Dancing

PROCLAIM WESTMINSTER EVANGELISATION WORKSHOP #1- INITIATIVES & RESOURCES

The above workshop will take place in the Parish Centre on **Tuesday 26th September** from 7pm to 9pm. This is an invitation to all members of the congregation and to those already a part of the Proclaim Westminster team. To register please email Warren Brown on catadmin@rcdow.org.uk or call 020 7798 9152.

FR GREGORY

There will be a second collection for Fr Gregory this weekend, in appreciation for his time with us and his ministry here. The collection will help him with his new parish when he returns to Ghana at the end of the month.

NEW ALTAR SERVERS

There will be a training morning for new Altar Servers on **Saturday 23rd & 30th September, starting at 10am** in Church. All children who have made their First Holy Communion this year are very welcome to join St Lawrence's serving team.

ZIMBABWEAN COFFEE MORNING

There will be a Zimbabwean Coffee Morning on **Sunday 24th September** after the 9am and 11am Masses. Donations of cakes would be appreciated. Please contact Helen Hurley if you can help.

LINE DANCING

Get your dancing shoes (boots!) ready for a fun evening of Line Dancing on **Saturday 14th October**. Tickets on sale from next weekend at £6 for adults and £3 for children under 12.

NATIONAL MASS FOR ALTAR SERVERS

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 21st October at 2.30pm**. We plan to leave the Church at 11.00am and return by 5.00pm. A letter for parents is available in the sacristy. Please take one, complete and return as soon as possible.

SCHOOL FORM SIGNING

Fr John will be available on the following dates for Secondary School Form signing. To book an appointment please put your name on the list on the porch noticeboard.

Tuesdays: 26th Sept, 3rd Oct, 10th Oct – 3.45 to 5.00pm

Saturdays: 30th Sept, 7th Oct, 14th Oct – 9.30 to 10.30am

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO SPAIN 2018

Visiting Orviedo, Garabandal, Loyola and Xavier. **Dates: 17-23 September 2018**. Cost £749 on a half board basis. Price is guaranteed until 30th November. If interested, please put your name on the list at the back of the Church. For a booking form and further information please speak to Florie in the Parish Office. See poster for details.

OTHER

MISSIO COLLECTORS...

..please collect the Autumn magazines from the porch

SECONDARY SCHOOL OPEN DAYS

Please see flyers on the notice board for Open Day information at St Paul's, Gunnersbury, Gumley, St Catherine's, St Mark's and Cardinal Vaughan schools for Year 7 entry in 2018.

OSTERLEY CATENIAN CIRCLE

Osterley Circle of the "thecatenians.com" meet every 3rd Wednesday. For further information please contact membership@osterley-catena.org.uk.

NEW FOUNDATION DEGREE FOR CATHOLICS WORKING IN HEALTHCARE AND THOSE SEEKING TO BE CHAPLAINS.

Starting in October, St Mary's University Twickenham is pleased to offer a new foundation degree in Healthcare Ethics, Theology and Care. This is a part time two year programme for those seeking to be hospital chaplains and for people working in healthcare settings, from care homes, to hospices and hospitals. Lectures and seminars take place at St Mary's one evening a week and additional lectures and resources are available online. If you are interested in applying or finding out more please contact matthew.james@stmarys.ac.uk

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

There is a healing weekend for men and women who find themselves single again following separation, divorce or the death of a partner from **6th to 8th October 2017** at the Emmaus Centre, West Wickham, Kent. For details please contact Freda 01322-838415 Sandra 01293-783965 or John 01992-642443 email johnbrotherton@hotmail.co.uk

Thank you for your generosity in last week's collection:

9-10 September: Envelopes £946.35; Loose: £1,049.31

Standing Orders: £667.00 **Total: £2,662.66**

Parish Centre: £183.26

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 16 th	11.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	11.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	12.00	Rita Connor RIP and Rose Mary Chamberlain RIP (Memorial)
	12.45	Baptisms of Mateo Francisco Serrao, Emmanuel Anthony Furtado and Luke Anthony Fernandes
	17.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	18.00	Emelia Potts RIP (3 rd Anniversary)
Sun 17 th	09.00	People of the Parish
	11.00	John Igboanugo Junior RIP
	13.00	Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)
	18.00	Holy Souls Canha Family RIP
Mon 18 th	09.30	Ivy Adams and Family (Intentions)
Tues 19 th	09.30	John Hourihan RIP
Wed 20 th	09.30	Eileen Carroll RIP
Thurs 21 st	09.30	Sr Teresita Heenan (Intentions)
Fri 22 nd	09.30	Shaheen Yousufzai (In Thanksgiving and Good Health)
Sat 23 rd	11.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	11.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	12.00	Gery Ward RIP
	12.45	Baptisms of Grace Annabeth Wolstenholme and Emanuela Carla Viegas
	15.00	Mass in Tagalog for the Filipino community
	17.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	18.00	People of the Parish
	19.00	Retreat for the Polish Community
Sun 24 th	09.00	John Hourihan RIP
	11.00	Acedick & Benedict Masulit – Birthday Thanksgiving
	13.00	Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)
	14.30	Mass led by the African Community
	18.00	In Thanksgiving – Fernando Family
	Sanctuary Lamp: Harry Haldane RIP	

Sunday Mass: 6pm (Vigil Mass), Sunday 9am, 11am, 1pm (Polish) & 6pm. Weekday Mass: Monday-Friday 9.30am; Saturday 12noon Morning Prayer: Monday-Friday 9.15am, Novena to Our Lady: Tuesdays 10am, Exposition and Benediction: Saturdays 11am, Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) – Saturday 11am and 5pm