

This week at St Lawrence's



21st/22nd September 2013

Twenty Fifth Sunday of the Year
(Missal Page 140 – YEAR C)

Amos 8: 4-7; Psalm 112; 1 Timothy 2:1-8; Luke 16:1-13

Twenty Sixth Sunday of the Year (Missal Page 143): Amos 6:1, 4-7; Psalm 145; 1 Timothy 6:11-16;

Luke 16:19-31



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

A heartfelt thanks to you all for the warm welcome last Sunday. Despite being new in a new place, I felt very much at ease. Though still early days, it has been an incredibly powerful beginning for me and I hope it will continue throughout the coming years. I am sure the Lord has already prepared opportunities in which we can get to know each other deeply rather than just superficially. After all, God has poured upon me the Ordination to the Priesthood as a gift not as my private prize, but the more I will share it with you the more it will be fruitful.

Although I am just commencing this new journey of my life, I am grateful to God who has always loved me and cared for me, even when as a teenager the idea of becoming a priest was hilarious and quite alien from my plans; even when my focus in life was to be 'someone' in everything: sports, school, relationships and other mundane attractions, which led me to leave the Church. God however never surrendered to show me, through my parents and friends, his mercy and healing love, which made me discover that no one and nothing could give me the fulfilment I was looking for, but Jesus Christ.

It is with great joy that I begin this ministry with you here at *St Lawrence's Church*. As all journeys, it will have ups and downs, but if God made the call he will take care to provide the necessary graces. That is true for all of us, despite our weaknesses or shortcomings, if God called us, to be priests or religious, married or single, parents or something else, he will never be short in providing the means to fulfil that call.

May God Bless you all in this coming week.

Fr Fortunato

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Fr Fortunato's Welcome Celebration

Sunday 29th September

11.00am – Children's Mass
with Filipino Choir

Noon – Party in School Hall
planned by the Friends of St Lawrence's



SACRAMENTS

CONFIRMATION

If you have requested to be prepared to receive the sacrament of Confirmation next year, please pick up your letter confirming your preparation dates from the basket in the Church porch.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN EXPLORING THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

If you, or someone you know, would like to find out more about the Catholic faith or you would like to prepare to receive the Sacraments you missed as a child, please contact Bridget Brinkley at the parish office or by email bridgetbrinkley@rcdow.org.uk. The next meeting will take place on **Monday 23rd September at 7.00pm** in the Parish Centre.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The next preparation session for Children will be on **Saturday 28th September** in St Lawrence's School at 9.45am and the Parents Session will be on **Tuesday 1st October** at 2.00pm or 7.00pm. The next Children's Mass will be on **Sunday 29th September** at 11am and parents are encouraged to attend this Mass.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR CHILDREN NOT IN CATHOLIC SCHOOL

The children preparing to make their First Confession and receive their First Holy Communion in 2014 who do not attend a Catholic school will meet on Mondays in the Parish Centre. Parents please note you do not have access to the Church via St. Lawrence's school on Monday. Please wait outside the Parish Centre where Bridget will meet you.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday school takes place each Sunday during term-time in St. Lawrence's School with Rose-Marie. If you would like to find out more about our Sunday School programme please contact Bridget at the parish office 020 8890 2367.

PARISH NOTICES

CAFOD CAKE AND COFFEE MORNING

There will be a Cake and Coffee morning in aid of CAFOD Harvest Fast Day after the 9am and 11am Masses this Sunday.

UCM

The UCM will meet on **Monday 23rd September** for a talk on "The Mulberry Centre" given by Lyn Harman. All ladies of the Parish are very welcome. The UCM look forward to meeting you.

SOCIAL GROUP MEETING

There will be a meeting on **Tuesday 24th September** at 7pm in the presbytery. New members welcome.

PARISH AUTUMN FAITH SHARING COURSE

The diocesan faith sharing resource this autumn will be on the theme of prayer over a six week period starting from **13 October to 23 November**. The sessions explore the nature of prayer through life using the 'seven ages of man' as a scaffold: 1. *The little ones*; 2. *Childhood*; 3. *Adolescence*; 4. *Maturing in our faith*; 5. *Full of Wisdom* and 6. *Close to the Father*.

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

REST IN PEACE

JANET WALKER RIP

We pray for the repose of the soul of Janet Walker RIP who passed away during the week. Please remember in your prayers her husband Ray. Funeral arrangements to be announced shortly.

VALENTINA GUEVE RIP

We pray for the repose of the soul of Valentina Gueve RIP who passed away recently. Her funeral will take place here on **Wednesday 25th September** at 11.00am. Please also remember in your prayers her family and all those who mourn her.

LUCY MARIA AIRD RIP

We pray for the repose of the soul of Lucy Maria Aird RIP who passed away recently. Her funeral will take place here on **Monday 30th September** at 10.45am. Please also remember in your prayers her family and all those who mourn her.

ESTHER KUSI-APPIAH RIP

We pray for the repose of the soul of Esther Kusi-Appiah RIP who passed away recently. Please also remember in your prayers her mother Veronica Quainoo, her children, her sisters and all who mourn her. Her funeral will take place here on **Friday 11th October** at 11am. Her body will be received into the Church on **Thursday 10th October** at 6pm followed by Holy Mass.

OTHER

THE ORDINARIATE

At Masses this weekend we receive a letter from Monsignor Keith Newton, Ordinary of the Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham, about the contribution that the Ordinariate is making to the life and work of the Catholic Church in this country. The Ordinariate is the structure under which former Anglicans who wish to enter the full communion of the Catholic Church, bringing with them some of the traditions and beauty of the Anglican heritage in which they were nurtured, may do so. Copies available at the back of Church.

DAY OF PRAYER AT WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL

There will be a Day of Prayer at Westminster Cathedral for the Peace of the Middle East on **Saturday 28th September** from 9.30am to 3.30pm led by Mgr. Keith Barthrop, Canon Christopher Tuckwell and other priests. Please see flyer on notice board for a full programme.

VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT GROUP

The next meeting of the Vocations Discernment Group for young adults (20's and 30's) is on **Friday 27 September** from 7-9pm in the Hinsley Room next to Westminster Cathedral. Fr Gianni Notarianni OSA will reflect on the lessons of St Augustine for today - "My heart is restless, Lord until it rests in you." For further info contact Fr Richard Nesbitt at richardnesbitt@rcdow.org.uk

SCHOOLS

SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSFER FORM SIGNING

Fr Chris will be available to sign forms for Secondary School transfer at the following times:

October: Tuesday 1st, 8th, 12th, 22nd – 3.30pm to 4.30pm

Please come in with your child and wait in the Church.

PLEASE SEE NOTICE BOARD FOR INFORMATION ON OPEN DAYS AT GUNNERSBURY CATHOLIC SCHOOL FOR BOYS, ST MARK'S, GUMLEY HOUSE CONVENT, ST PAUL'S COLLEGE AND ST IGNATIUS PRIMARY SCHOOL.

WHAT'S COMING UP IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS

October

Saturday 12th – Day of Prayer, 10.30am to 2.30pm (CAFOD Soup Lunch available)

November

Sunday 3rd – LIFE Coffee Morning (45th anniversary) after 9am & 11am Masses

Sunday 3rd – Blessing of Graves

Thursday 7th – Parish Pastoral Council Meeting, 7.30pm

Mass intentions and other services this week:

Saturday 21st ST MATTHEW	11.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	11.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	11.45	Benediction
	12.00	Galligan Family Intentions
	17.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
+ First Mass of Sunday	18.00	Deceased members of the Hurley Family RIP
+ Sunday 22nd 25 th Sunday of the Year	09.00	People of the Parish
	11.00	Frank O'Connor RIP
	13.00	Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)
	14.00	Mass led by the African Community
	18.00	In Thanksgiving – J Canha and family
Monday 23rd St Pius of Pietrelcina	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Maria D'Mello RIP
Tuesday 24th Our Lady of Walsingham	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Holy Souls in Purgatory
	10.00	<i>Novena to Our Lady</i>
Wednesday 25th Feria	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Celebrant's Intention
	11.00	FUNERAL MASS - VALENTINA GUEVE RIP
Thursday 26th Feria	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Mary Molloy in Thanksgiving
Friday 27th St Vincent de Paul	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Sr Clare Dunton RIP
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+ First Mass of Sunday	18.00	Tom Goodwin RIP
+ Sunday 29th 26 th Sunday of the Year	09.00	Holy Souls
	11.00	Christine Cahalane RIP
	13.00	Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)
	18.00	People of the Parish

Sanctuary Lamp: Raphael Omoniyodo in Thanksgiving

Sunday Mass Times

Saturday 6 pm (Vigil Mass), Sunday 9 am, 11 am & 6 pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) - Saturday 11am & 5pm

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

14th/15th Sept: Envelopes £1329.78, Loose £780.56, Standing Orders £420.00 Total: £2530.34

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