



St Lawrence Catholic Church

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25th Sunday of the Year

23rd/24th September 2017

Readings: Parish Mass Book Year A, Volume 2: (Missal Page 131): Isaiah 55:6-9; Psalm 144; Philippians 1:20-24, 27; Matthew 20:1-16

Next Week: 26th Sunday of the Year: Page 134: Ezekiel 18:25-28; Psalm 24; Philippians 2:1-11; Matthew 21:28-32

GOD'S GENEROSITY

Today's Gospel is a stern reminder of how destructive selfishness can be. The antidote to selfishness is generosity. God's generosity is beyond measure.

Creation and life itself are God's gifts, given for all equally. Our gifts and talents are given to us to build a better world for all, starting where we are in our own parish. No matter how small is the contribution we make to our parish community, it's ours to make.

Thank you for your selfless love and generosity in the parish. Next Sunday is our Parish Annual General Meeting at 12.00noon 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. **ALL ARE VERY WELCOME.**

The Agenda for the Meeting

- Prayer
- Introduction
- Parish Finances
- Parish Centre
- Parish Groups and activities
- Suggestions received
- The way forward
- Any other business
- Prayer

FR. JOHN

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

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM

A warm welcome to Grace Annabeth Wolstenholme and Emanuela Carla Viegas who were baptised this weekend and offer our warmest congratulations to their families.

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

ZIMBABWEAN COFFEE MORNING

There will be a Zimbabwean Coffee Morning on **this Sunday** after the 9am and 11am Masses.

UCM

The UCM will meet on **Monday 25th September** at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. There will be an interesting talk by Andrew, an Ambulance Paramedic. We look forward to seeing you.

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.

BRIGHT SPARKS MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Bright Sparks – The Mother & Toddler Group are holding a Coffee Morning for Macmillan Cancer Support on **Thursday 28th September** from 9.45am-11.30am. Please drop in to support this worthy cause.

NEW ALTAR SERVERS

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

LINE DANCING

Get your dancing shoes (boots!) ready for a fun evening of Line Dancing on **Saturday 14th October**. Tickets on sale this 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

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. St Paul's Sixth Form Open Evening will be held on **Tuesday 10th October 2017 from 6.00 pm – 8.00 pm**. Address from the Head of Sixth Form at 6.30 pm. Taster Day on Thursday 12th October. We look forward to welcoming you.

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:

23-24 September: Envelopes £885.71; Loose: £925.26

Standing Orders: £667.00 **Total: £2,477.97**

Fr Gregory's Collection: £673.81

MASS INTENTIONS

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
Sun 24 th	18.00	People of the Parish
	19.00	Retreat for the Polish Community
	09.00	John Hourihan RIP
	11.00	Acedick & Benedict Masulit – Birthday Thanksgiving
	13.00	Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)
Mon 25 th	14.30	Mass led by the African Community
	18.00	In Thanksgiving – Fernando Family
Tues 26 th	09.30	Patrick McGough RIP
Wed 27 th	09.30	Olive Rose Vaughan RIP
Thurs 28 th	09.30	Baby Aloysius Caldeira RIP
Fri 29 th	09.30	Theresa Keaveney (Intentions)
Sat 30 th	09.30	Celebrant's Intention
	11.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	11.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	12.00	Wilson Family in Thanksgiving
	12.45	Baptism of Anaya Comfort Yan Pokua Adjei
	17.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
Sun 1 st	18.00	Florina Conceicao Lourenco RIP
	09.00	Justin Dias – Birthday Thanksgiving
	11.00	Myra Hayes RIP (Anniversary)
	13.00	Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)
18.00	People of the Parish	
Sanctuary Lamp: David Ugowe (Birthday Thanksgiving)		