

This week at St Lawrence's



28th/29th September 2013

Twenty Sixth Sunday of the Year
(Missal Page 143 – YEAR C)

Amos 6:1, 4-7; Psalm 145; 1 Timothy 6:11-16; Luke 16:19-31

Twenty Seventh Sunday of the Year (Missal Page 146): Habakkuk 1:2-3, 2:2-4; Psalm 94

2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14; Luke 17:5-10



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

What most absorbs your time, your attention, and your heart?

In the parable of Lazarus and the rich man Jesus paints a dramatic scene of contrasts: riches and poverty, heaven and hell, compassion and indifference, inclusion and exclusion.

Most of us sometime find the beggars to be unnerving and annoying, telling ourselves not to give them money because they might use it for drinks or drugs. But looking at the story of Lazarus and the rich man, did they have different fates? No! Both of them died.

Despite a life of misfortune and suffering, Lazarus did not lose hope in God and was carried to Abraham's bosom. His eyes were set on a treasure stored up for him in heaven. The rich man, however, could not see beyond his material treasure. He was too absorbed in what he had to notice the needs of those around him. He lost sight of God and the treasure of heaven and so he pretended to live a content life. His torment, however, began by locking himself in his narrow ego, going against his calling to give. In the end the rich man became a beggar!

Therefore, brothers and sisters, let us aim to righteousness, godliness, faith, charity, steadfastness and gentleness, so to take hold of the eternal life to which we were called when we made our profession and spoke up for the truth (1Tm 6:11-12). And so let us ask silently within our heart: in front of such suffering and darkness, would your faith remain intact? Would mine? What was this faith that Lazarus had?

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

BAPTISMS

If you have recently completed a Baptism Request Form, Bridget Brinkley will be in touch shortly to arrange a time to meet with you. Please note we currently have a large number of requests for baptism and will be in touch with you as soon as possible.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation preparation has now begun and enrolment for 2014 has now closed. Please pray for our young people as they prepare to take their final step towards being fully initiated in the Catholic faith.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The next Parents Session will be on **Tuesday 1st October** at 2.00pm or 7.00pm

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

ST LAWRENCE'S SCHOOL

We welcome St Lawrence's School for the School Harvest Mass on **Thursday 3rd October** at 9.30am.

FIRST FRIDAY

Our early bird Mass will take place at 06.45am on Friday 4th October.

COFFEE MORNING

The CAFOD First Friday Coffee morning will take place on Friday 4th October after the 9.30am Mass.

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.

OTHER

CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY: FRIDAY, 4 OCTOBER 2013

It is a stark fact that one in eight of us will go to bed hungry tonight. CAFOD is asking you to make a place at your table to help our sisters and brothers in the world's poorest countries to get enough nutritious food to eat. CAFOD Fast Day envelopes are available in church this

week. Please give as much as you can so that hunger doesn't remain a fact of life. The collection will be taken up next weekend.

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.

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.

THANK YOU

NIGEL OWEN RIP

Patti, Edward, Gareth, Andrew and Kirsty would like to thank everyone for all their cards, Masses and support on the death of their beloved husband and father, Nigel.

CAFOD COFFEE AND CAKE MORNING

Thank you for donations of cakes, to helpers and to all who spent their money at the Coffee morning last weekend. A total of £191.56 was raised.

HOME MISSIONS

The collection for Home Missions was £268.26, thank you for your generosity.

CARJ

The collection for Racial Justice raised £96.47, thank you to all who supported the cause.

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

Saturday 9th – New Parishioners' Mass, 6pm

Sunday 17th – Mass for the Bereaved, 6pm

Saturday 23rd – "Good Neighbour Day" part of Interfaith Week – Church & Parish Centre, 2-4pm

Sunday 24th – Youth Mass, 6pm (*Year of Faith ends*)

Saturday 30th – Advent Day of Prayer, 10.30am-2.30pm

December

Sunday 1st – Christingle Workshop, 2.30pm

Friday 6th – RAFA Band Christmas Concert for all the family, 7.30pm

Sunday 8th – LIFE Annual Mince Pie sale after 9am & 11am Masses

Sunday 15th – Lodge Brothers Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving, 3pm

Mass intentions and other services this week:

Saturday 28th Feria	11.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	11.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	11.45	Benediction
	12.00	Valentina Gueve RIP
	17.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
+ First Mass of Sunday	18.00	Tom Goodwin RIP
+ Sunday 29th 26 th Sunday of the Year	09.00	Holy Souls (Lim Family)
	11.00	Christine Cahalane RIP
	13.00	Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)
	18.00	People of the Parish
Monday 30th St Jerome	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Josephina Colaco RIP
	10.45	FUNERAL MASS – LUCY MARIA AIRD RIP
Tuesday 1st St Therese of the Child Jesus	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Eileen Marks RIP
	10.00	Novena to Our Lady
Wednesday 2nd The Holy Guardian Angels	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Isaura & Henry Britto RIP
Thursday 3rd Feria		No Morning Prayer
	09.30	Eugenia Peneyro RIP (A) (with School)
Friday 4th St Francis of Assisi	06.45	Patrick Coffey RIP
	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Assis De Souza in Thanksgiving
Saturday 5th Feria	11.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	11.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	11.45	Benediction
	12.00	Rosemary Edwards in Thanksgiving
	12.45	Baptisms of Aaron Jay Singh, Stanley Thomas Montague and Hayden James Hazlehurst
+ First Mass of Sunday	17.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	18.00	Myra Hayes RIP
	+ Sunday 6th 27 th Sunday of the Year	09.00
11.00		Augustin Gomez RIP
13.00		Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)
18.00		People of the Parish

Sanctuary Lamp: Francisca 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:

21st/22nd Sept: Envelopes £1221.11, Loose £683.00, Standing Orders £420.00 Total: £2324.11

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