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CONFESSIONS

**Sat. morning after
Mass; before Mass on
Sat. evening; or by
arrangement**

**EMERGENCY PRAYER
LINES 9 A.M. - 9 P.M.**
276577, 351499, 354060

THE PILGRIM

pilgrim@saintlaurence.org.uk

6.00 p.m. Vigil Mass (William Ellison+)

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8.00 a.m. Mass (John Tonkin+)

9.30 a.m. Mass in School (Parish)

11.00 a.m. Mass

5.00 p.m. Ablaze Mass (Families Special Ints.)

Monday 18th September Feria
9.30 a.m. Mass

Tuesday 19th September Feria
9.30 a.m. Mass (Tivon intentions)

Wednesday 20th September St. Teresa of Calcutta
9.30 a.m. Mass

7.30 p.m. Conversations on Letter of St. Paul to the Romans

Thursday 21st September Feria
9.30 a.m. Eucharistic Service

Friday 22nd September The Nativity of the BVM
12.30 p.m. Mass (Jorge Muratto +)

Saturday 23rd September Feria
9.30 a.m. Mass
6.00 p.m. Vigil Mass

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8.00 a.m. Mass

9.30 a.m. Mass in School (Parish)

11.00 a.m. Mass

SUNDAY READINGS



1st Reading: Ecclesiasticus 27: 30-28;7

The wise man warn us of the danger of allowing resentment to fester in our hearts. Life is too short and too precious a gift to spend on bitterness.

Psalm Response

The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.

2nd Reading: Romans 14: 7-9

The life of each of us touches the lives of countless other people in our families, at work, in the community. If we truly belong to Christ, our lives will touch them for good.

Gospel: Matthew 18: 21-35

Jesus uses the parable of two servants to remind us how we may be tempted to use double standards in expecting generous forgiveness while doling out a harsh and merciless justice to others. The standard of forgiveness he puts before his disciples is seventy times seven.

Home Mission (2nd collection) ***The focus this year will be threefold:***

1. To enable the faithful to pray that the Holy Spirit will inspire their loved ones to turn towards Jesus.
2. To inspire communities to consider their approach to those seeking Christ by developing an attitude of welcome, acceptance and love.
3. To provide support and training for those engaged in Evangelisation.

GIFT - Growing in Faith Together

GIFT is St. Laurence's Youth Group for young adults aged 11 - 16 years old. The Youth Group's original goals are to build a community of young parishioners that can support one another through Confirmation and as they prepare for their college years. Through games, nibbles and team building activities led by the Holy Spirit, this will be a great chance for the youth to get to know other young parishioners and strengthen their commitment to the parish. The first meeting will take place **Friday, September 22nd from 6 - 8pm in the Parish Room.**

Volunteers needed for GIFT

We are looking for young adults to help lead the Youth Group. They must be 16+ and have been confirmed. Great leadership opportunity for young adults to add to CV or university applications.

Please contact Helena@plai-theatre.org if you are interested.

Meet and Chat Afternoon with Tea

This will be in the Parish Room on **MONDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER from 2 - 4 p.m.** If anyone would like a lift please contact an SVP member or call Liz on **07771 613102**

Saint Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) -Turning concern into action

Members of St. Laurence's SVP will talk about the work of the SVP at Masses on the **23rd and 24th September**. We thank parishioners for their generous response to SVP appeals which enable us to befriend and give practical support to many individuals and families in need. ***We are appealing for new members.***

If you have a few hours a week to spare and are interested in joining us or finding out more, please speak to any SVP member or contact me, Catherine Warren on **07799 320331** or email **svp@saintlaurence.org.uk**

Wanted by the SVP for families in our Parish

Clothes for 9 - 12 month old baby boy, a 2 - 3 year old girl and a 3 - 4 year old boy needed and a double buggy.

Also needed are second-hand children's clothes and shoes (boys and girls) for a number of families in need in our Parish.

Please leave in the Parish Room marked for SVP or call **07771 613102** for collection.

CELEBRATE 28TH - 29TH OCTOBER

This is a Catholic Charismatic Weekend for the whole family being held at Nicholas Breakspear School, St. Albans, phone **01727 760079** Booking office open now. These weekends provide for the wide variety of age groups within a joy filled, warm atmosphere. Worship, drama, teaching, workshops, Mass and friendships are all key elements that go to make up a Celebrate Weekend.

Places fill up very quickly and booking online is now open **stalbins@celebrateconference.org** or phone Nessa **07712289434** or Sandy **07714462151** for a seat on the bus and for catering purposes.

Alter Servers Training

The next training course will start in **mid October**. The course is open to anyone who has completed their first Communion. If you or your child is interested in attending please e-mail **Servers@room86.co.uk**

Update from Connect2:Peru

See Cafod noticeboard in Narthex for news of wonderful redevelopment of children's play park with our partners in CEAS and Warmi Huasi and read about an important step forward for the people of Cruz de Mayo in their relationship with the hydroelectric company over the management of Lake Paron. Thanks you for your continued support.



Many thanks for your generous offering to the parish last week of **£996** plus **£637** each week by banker's order.
Retiring collection for Catholic Educ. Fund last week was **£238**
Retiring collection this week is for **HOME MISSION**

Congratulations

We welcomed into God's family through the Sacrament of Baptism **LOLA MAE** and **MARIUS GEORGE MUKIIBI**; **ROSE ALICE** and **ISAAC CHARLIE OBOTU**; **RAIN LOUIE PADUA** and **BELLA-MAE BARBARA GIBBS**.

May they grow in the faith of Jesus Christ

1. **Accommodation wanted**

A professional male parishioner is looking for accommodation to rent. Present accommodation being sold. Please telephone **07881535940** or email **johnrpowlitch@googlemail.com**

2. 17 year old Italian student (girl) in unsuitable accommodation at present would like room with Catholic family until June of next year. Contact Parish Office for further details.

Job Offer

P/T Warehouse Assistant required for immediate start. If interested please contact **07748234741**

Holy Hour Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is every Wednesday **6.00 p.m. until 7.00 p.m.** All welcome even for just a few moments.

Soulfood Prayer Group

Every **1st** and **3rd** Tuesdays at **8.00 p.m.** at St. Laurence's and every **2nd** and **4th** Tuesdays at **8.00 p.m.** in the Parish Hall of Our Lady & the English Martyrs church.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Margaret Francis, Darryl Burke, Margaret Sibley, Ann Bishop, Andy Perkins, Robert James, James Walsh, Mary Flood, Elena Sumbitoff, Patrick Nicholson, Eve Haugh, Beatrice Arias, Bro. James O.P., John Lynch, Romano Dias.

Also for those who are sick: Louise McEwan, Martin Cox, Charles McEwan, Ruth Lindsey-Scott, Madeline Stacey, John Steel, Hyeyoen Kim, David Tomlinson, Patrick Hickey, Diogenes Da Costa, Kathie Scott, Marina Rowland, John Gannon, Teresa Brett, Angel Fernandez Garcia, Nora O'Reilly and Rebecca Londei .