

# SS LAWRENCE AND PAUL

## CATHOLIC CHURCH NEWSLETTER



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**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 18th JULY 2010**

*Psalter Week 4 Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time*

*2nd Coll: Building Fund Diocesan Prayer Link: Swindon, St Mary with Highworth*

SAT 17th	5.00pm	SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Baby Joshua ICU
SUN 18th	9.00am	CS SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Captain Bob Stewart
SUN 18th	11.00am	SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Lily Seymour
Tue 20th	9.30am	Mass	St Apollinaris
Wed 21st	9.30am	CS Mass	St Lawrence Brindisi
Thr 22nd	9.30am	Leavers Mass	St Mary Magdelene
Fri 23rd	9.30am	CS Mass	St Bridget
SAT 24th	5.00pm	SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	People of the Parish
SUN 25th	9.00am	CS SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	
SUN 25th	11.00am	SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Freeman Family Int
Tue 27th	9.30am	CS Mass	
Wed 28th	9.30am	CS Mass	
Thr 29th	9.30am	Mass	St Martha
Fri 30th	9.30am	CS Mass	
SAT 31st	5.00pm	EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	
SUN 1st Aug	9.00am	CS EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	
SUN 1st	11.00am	EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	People of the Parish



Confessions at St Lawrence Sat 10.00 - 10.30am and after 5.00pm Mass at St Paul's

### Dear All SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATION

I would like to thank you all for the happy celebration of my twenty-fifth year in the priesthood. First of course to my parents, family and friends who have given me constant support through the years. To all who came to celebrate the mass I congratulate as it was quite cramped and hot in St Lawrence. To my friend Fr Robert a special thanks and I wish him all the best for his twenty-fifth on July 20th.

Then of course those of you who slaved away in the background making the celebration go so smoothly. The Papal Blessing was a wonderful surprise and takes pride of place on my wall. The provision of ample food and drink for the guests was commented upon especially the fine ale which went down so very well. The sudden appearance of the Smithy Singers was a well kept secret and I thank them for serenading us in the garden. The cakes were beautiful and quickly demolished. Fireworks were enjoyed by the gathering and heard by all in Chipping Sodbury. Also I deeply appreciate the envelope given to me by you the parishioners, rest assured I will now be taking a holiday as soon as I possibly can.

And if you are reading online a big thank you to all my friends from other parishes who came on the day and sent felicitations by card and email. I was especially touched by the effort some went to to track me down after many years of being out of contact. Thank you to you all. Jim

**ORDINATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD AT CLIFTON CATHEDRAL 17th July 2010**

Please keep in your prayers Tony Guilfoyle and Matt Anscombe who will be ordained for the diocese this weekend. They will be both speaking to local radio stations on Sunday morning. If you would like details please go to: [www.cliftondiocese.com/Tune-in-this-Sundayjul10](http://www.cliftondiocese.com/Tune-in-this-Sundayjul10)

### PAPAL MASS AT COFTON PARK BIRMINGHAM Sunday 19th September 2010

We will be allocated a certain number of tickets for the Papal mass and will be sharing a coach with a parishes in our cluster pastoral area. The cost will be £30 for the return journey and includes a special pilgrim's pack. A sign up sheet will be put up very shortly. The organisers are asking for payments to be made in advance because coach numbers and costs are critical. Watch this space. FJ

Sun 11th July GA £194 Non GA £64 Cash £219.92 **Total £477.92 AOS £237.12 Att 287**

**44 BONUS BALL** **Winners this week.** **£25 Each** **£50 to Building Fund**  
**G143 #15 J.Cochrane G144 #11 A.Parsons** **Its easy to play. Just pay a pound and choose a number.**

# What's on?



Faith in Maintenance Course	Wed 21st July	10.00am - 4.00pm	St Bonaventure's
Charity Lunch	Wed 21st July	Noon - 1.30pm	St Lawrence Centre
<b>FABRIC AND FINANCE</b>	<b>Thr 29th July</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>St Lawrence Centre</b>
<b>Parish Pastoral Council</b>	<b>Thr 5th Aug</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>St Lawrence Centre</b>
Charity Lunch	Wed 18th Aug	Noon - 1.30pm	St Lawrence Centre
Charity Lunch	Wed 15th Sep	Noon - 1.30pm	St Lawrence Centre
Charity Lunch	Wed 20th Oct	Noon - 1.30pm	St Lawrence Centre

In the interests of openness and clarity for all parishioners I am publishing the first paragraphs of the draft minutes for the *Parishes in Communion for Mission*. Forty-five representatives from the four parishes met at St Augustine's parish to explore the challenges and opportunities of parishes in communion for mission. FJ

## Parishes in Communion for Mission

*Notes from the Meeting held at St Augustine's Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2010, 7.30pm*

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### Preamble

With the publication of the document '*Parishes in Communion for Mission*' it was made clear that these four parishes would form a new pastoral area sharing the ministry of two priests. In a meeting earlier this day the Bishop spoke with the three existing parish priests. He reinforced his published statement that all our deliberations should be in a positive light and be focused on enabling communion and strengthening mission.

**Mass** All attended mass prior to the meeting.

### Welcome/Prayer

Representatives from the four parish pastoral councils were welcomed and the meeting opened with prayer.

### Introduction by Parish Priests

A brief statement was made by each priest to give the meeting a flavour of their thoughts.

1. The first spoke about the necessity of using the correct language to properly convey the thinking and intentions of the Bishop. In particular '*clustering*' is to be avoided because it avoids using the key words *communion* and *mission* which are essential to proper understanding.

We also have to embrace a new thinking about parish priests. They will no longer belong to one parish. They will be shared by all in the larger communion.

Positive thinking will underpin our endeavours. We are faced with a challenge but also a great opportunity to become a stronger church.

2. The second spoke positively about the prospect of deepening communion. He spoke of a bright future for the church with priests committed to the cause and working as equals alongside the people. His experience in San Paulo showed how a number of communities could flourish while sharing a priest. He mentioned the joy they shared when on major feasts they would all come together for worship.
3. The third stressed the importance of parishes working together. Not all parishes are good at everything and will benefit hugely by the expertise of another. The stronger always helping the weaker. But more importantly the joint enterprise will be a source of growth for all and will enable each member to grow in Faith Hope and Love.

These sentiments were greeted with warm approval by the representatives.

*"There was a unanimous positive reaction and groups went into general principals of what they hoped for as well as giving specific examples."*



We should judge rightly in our curiosity about a phenomenon like this; it must be a portentous event, and it is. It is an innovation, a miracle, I may say, in the course of human events. The physical world revolves year by year, and begins again; but the political order of things does not renew itself, does not return; it continues, but it proceeds; there is no retrogression. This is so well understood by men of the day, that with them progress is idolized as another name for good. The past never returns—it is never good;—if we are to escape existing ills, it must be by going forward. The past is {169} out of date; the past is dead. As well may the dead live to us, well may the dead profit us, as the past return. This, then, is the cause of this national transport, this national cry, which encompasses us. The past has returned, the dead lives. Thrones are overturned, and are never restored; States live and die, and then are matter only for history. Babylon was great, and Tyre, and Egypt, and Nineve, and shall never be great again. The English Church was, and the English Church was not, and the English Church is once again. This is the portent, worthy of a cry. It is the coming in of a Second Spring; it is a restoration in the moral world, such as that which yearly takes place in the physical.

Three centuries ago, and the Catholic Church, that great creation of God's power, stood in this land in pride of place. It had the honours of near a thousand years upon it; it was enthroned on some twenty sees up and down the broad country; it was based in the will of a faithful people; it energized through ten thousand instruments of power and influence; and it was ennobled by a host of Saints and Martyrs. The churches, one by one, recounted and rejoiced in the line of glorified intercessors, who were the respective objects of their grateful homage. Canterbury alone numbered perhaps some sixteen, from St. Augustine to St. Dunstan and St. Elphege, from St. Anselm and St. Thomas down to St. Edmund. York had its St. Paulinus, St. John, St. Wilfrid, and St. William; London, its St. Erconwald; Durham, its St. Cuthbert; Winton, its St. Swithun. Then there were St. Aidan of Lindisfarne, and St. Hugh of Lincoln, and St. Chad of Lichfield, and St. Thomas of Hereford, and St. Oswald and St. Wulstan of Worcester, and St. Osmund of Salisbury, and St. Birinus of Dorchester, and St. Richard of Chichester. And then, too, its religious orders, its monastic establishments, its universities, its wide relations all over Europe, its high prerogatives in the temporal state, its wealth, its dependencies, its popular honours, where was there in the whole of Christendom a more glorious hierarchy? Mixed up with the civil institutions, with kings and nobles, with the people, found in every village and in every town, it seemed destined to stand, so long as England stood, and to outlast, it might be, England's greatness.

*Second Spring. Sermon Preached at Oscott College Tuesday 13th July 1852 John Henry Newman*



## LEGION OF MARY

.If you are interested in prayer and apostolic work, please join us! You are always welcome.

We meet every Wednesday at **7.00pm** at St Paul's.

## Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

**TURNING CONCERN INTO ACTION**

Meets every Tuesday  
6.00pm-7.00pm At St Paul's  
All Welcome

