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Second Sunday of Advent

3rd/4th December 2016

Readings: Parish Mass Book Year A, Volume 1: (Missal Page: 85): Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 71; Romans 15:4-9; Matthew 3:1-12

Next Week: Third Sunday of Advent (Missal Page: 88): Isaiah 35:1-6, 10; Psalm 145; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11



Christmas Bazaar – Sunday 4th December - 10am-3pm



Last Sunday we lit the first Advent candle – the candle of hope. It was wonderful to know that so many of you were praying each day in your homes at this special time of year.

Today we light the second candle, the candle of **peace**. We light it knowing full well that peace is elusive, and in some parts of the world, it is completely absent. Yet in this season of Advent, we trust that God is never absent from us. God is always preparing something new. And even when there is war, tension or discord, God is present, gently leading us to new possibilities.

(2nd candle is lit) We pray:

May we grow in understanding of God's ways of justice and reconciliation, as a pathway to peace in our world. We pray for families and all who are struggling to make ends meet at this time of year. May they find the help and support that they need through the generosity of others.

For all in our parish family who give cheerfully of their time. May they be blessed for their kindness.
(Personal Intentions)

Our Father..... Hail Mary Glory be

Lord God,

Let me be a peacemaker in my own life, and in the world.

Let me pray especially for this difficult world

and those who are so in need of an end to violence

Come Lord Jesus come

FR. JOHN

Sunday Mass: Saturday 6 pm (Vigil Mass), Sunday 9 am, 11 am, 1pm (Polish) & 6 pm

Weekday Mass: Monday - Friday 9.30am, Saturday 12 noon

Morning Prayer: Monday – Friday - 9.15am, Novena to Our Lady: Tuesdays: 10am

Exposition and Benediction: Saturdays: 11am

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) - Saturday 11am & 5pm

PARISH NOTICES

ADVENT PRAYER

The front of the newsletter has the 2nd Week of Advent prayers to be said at home. Please take a moment each day this week to quietly say and reflect on the prayer.

CALLING ALL READERS

There will be the annual renewal of Commitment to the Ministry of Readers at all Masses this weekend.

UCM

The UCM will meet on **Monday 5th December** at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre for our own Mass. This being the first Mass in our new hall, it is hoped that members will make every effort to attend.

The £5.00 charge for our Christmas Party will be collected.

MASS INTENTIONS

We will be taking Mass Intentions for next year from **Wednesday 7th December 2016, from 10am-11am. Each family can offer 3 Masses only** to be said in St Lawrence's for the year. Any intentions over that will be sent to the Missions. This will enable every parishioner to have a Mass said in Church. The Mass Stipend remains at £10.00 per Mass as recommended by the Diocese, this also applies to Masses being sent to the Mission. **Bookings will be taken in the Prayer Room, please wait in Church.**

RECEPTION CLASS ADMISSIONS 2017

The dates and times that Fr John will be available to see families are on the notice board in the Church porch. To make an appointment to see him please put your name on one of the lists. Make sure you bring your child with you for the appointment, along with their Baptism Certificate and the Certificate of Catholic Practice.

PILGRIMAGES 2017

ST LAWRENCE PILGRIMAGE

Our 2017 pilgrimage will be to the Holy Land from the **11th May to the 18th May 2017**. It will be led by Fr Chris Vipers and the cost of the 8 day pilgrimage is £929. This price is guaranteed for all bookings received up until the **19th December 2016**. A full itinerary is available at the back of the church. There is also a list that you should enter your name on to reserve a seat if you are planning to go. Booking forms are available from the parish office.

PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA

The Diocese of Westminster will be going on pilgrimage to Fatima from **24th to 27th April 2017** for the Centenary Year of the Apparitions, led by Cardinal Vincent Nichols. Price: £530 per person. Very limited single room availability. Insurance £26 per person. Please see poster on notice board. If interested please pick up a form from the Parish Office. The Pilgrimage Office in Westminster is taking bookings on a first come first serve basis. Please return your completed forms to Tangney Tours directly.

LIFE – MINCE PIE SALE

A coffee morning, mince pie and cake sale will be held after the 9am and 11am Masses on **Sunday 18th December** in the Parish Centre. There will also be toys, bric-a-brac and Christmas Fayre on sale. Do come along for a cuppa, cake and a bargain. All proceeds go to the Life Pregnancy Care Centre in Hounslow. If you can help on the day or donate items please contact Annie Burke.

MISSIO COLLECTORS

Please pick up your bundle of calendars from the porch.

CHRISTMAS CARDS AND 2016 CALENDARS

The Repository (Church Shop) has a good selection of Christmas Cards and calendars for 2016. Cards are sold by the box at £3.50 and calendars are £1.20 each. Do have a look after Mass.

CAROL SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

This beautiful service organised by Lodge Brothers Funeral Service will be held in Church on **Sunday 18th December at 3.30pm**. All are invited along to remember our departed loved ones at this special time of year and to light a candle for them, as well as joining in our favourite carols. Seasonal refreshments will be served afterwards.

REST IN PEACE

SIDNEY BROWN RIP – 22.12.1940 to 2.9.2016

There will be a Memorial Mass for Sidney Brown on **Friday 9th December** at 9.30am followed by burial of ashes at Feltham Cemetery. Sidney was a faithful member of this parish did a lot of good work for the parish especially with the SVP until he suffered ill health. Refreshments will be served after the service.

SACRAMENTS

FIRST CONFESSIONS

Please keep our children who made their First Confessions this weekend and for those who will be making their First Confessions next week in your prayers. There will be no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament next Saturday.

Thank you for your generosity in last week's Collections:

26th/27th: Envelopes £971.56 Loose £724.13
Standing Orders: £785.80 **Total: £2,481.49**
Sick and Retired Priests Fund: £946.10

PARISH CENTRE UPDATE:

Money banked as at 29/11/2016 – £92,907.15

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 3 rd	9.30-11.45 12.00 17.00 18.00	NO EXPOSITION First Confessions for our First Holy Communion Children Deceased members of the O'Hanlon Family RIP Sacrament of Reconciliation In Thanksgiving Laura Onyiuke and Family
Sun 4 th	09.00 11.00 13.00 18.00	Carmina Costa (Birthday Thanksgiving) Timothy Cahalane RIP (First Anniversary) Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) People of the Parish
Mon 5 th	09.30	Celebrants Intention
Tues 6 th	09.30	Patrick McGough RIP
Wed 7 th	09.30	Kathleen Hourihan RIP
Thurs 8 th	09.30	Ted Chapple RIP (Anniversary)
Fri 9 th	09.30	Ivy Adams (Intention) Memorial for Sidney Brown RIP
Sat 10 th	9.30-11.45 12.00 17.00 18.00	NO EXPOSITION First Confessions for our First Holy Communion Children Samuel Pereira in Thanksgiving Sacrament of Reconciliation People of the Parish
Sun 11 th	09.00 11.00 13.00 18.00	Luis & Marina Bragança in Thanksgiving John Rea RIP Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Maureen and Patrick Murray RIP
Sanctuary Lamp: Emmanuella Danladi (Intention)		