

# This week at St Lawrence's



6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> December 2014

Second Sunday of Advent  
(Missal Page 85 – YEAR B Vol. 1)



Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11; Psalm 84; 2 Peter 3:8-14; Mark 1:1-8  
Third Sunday of Advent (Missal Page 87): Isaiah 61:1-2; 10-11; Psalm: Luke 1:46-50, 53-54;  
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 16-8, 19-28

Dear Friends

As we prepare to celebrate the beautiful feast on Monday of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, some words from Pope-Emeritus Benedict XVI:

*'On the path of advent shines the star of Mary Immaculate, "a sign of certain hope and comfort". To reach Jesus, the true light, the sun that dispels all the darkness of history, we need light near us. , human people who reflect Christ's light and illuminate the path to take. And what person is more luminous than Mary? Who can be a better star of hope for us than she, the dawn that announced the day of salvation? For this reason, the liturgy has us celebrate, as Christmas approaches, the solemn feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary: the mystery of God's grace that enfolded her from the first instance of her existence as the creature destined to be Mother of the Redeemer, preserving her from the stain of original sin. Looking at her we recognise the loftiness and beauty of God's plan for everyone: to become holy and immaculate in love, in the image of our Creator.'*

What a calling we have – to become holy and immaculate in love! So, Lord, let it be.

With my love and prayers for you all.

Fr Chris

## SACRAMENTS

### CONFIRMATION

Could all those who have registered for the January Confirmation Course please collect a letter from Bridget. These are at the back of the Church and contain important information regarding the course.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The Parents Meeting is on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December** in the Parish Centre at 2pm or 7pm.

### FIRST CONFESSION

Please keep in your prayers our children as they make their First Confession on **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December**.

## PARISH NOTICES

### CALLING ALL READERS

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December** is "Bible Sunday" and there will be the annual renewal of Commitment to the Ministry of Readers at all weekend Masses.

**Readers, a date for your diary: Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> February, Readers Training Day - 12noon to 4pm.**

### ST LAWRENCE'S SCHOOL

We welcome the Junior Class from St Lawrence's school to the 9.30am their Gift Mass on **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December** at 9.30am.

### LIFE COFFEE MORNING AND MINCE PIE SALE

There will be a Coffee Morning on **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December** after the morning Masses in the Parish Centre. Mince pies, cakes, Christmas Fayre to include toys and bric-a-brac will be on sale. Do come in for a cuppa and cake and great bargain too. All proceeds to the local LIFE Pregnancy Care Centre. Donations of cakes will be much appreciated. For information ring Annie Burke.

### CONFESSIONS BEFORE CHRISTMAS

On **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December** there will be visiting Confessors from 10.30am to 12.00noon and 12.30pm to 1.30pm.

### AFRICAN COMMUNITY

The next Mass led by the African Community will take place on **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December** at 2.30pm.

There will also be a Special Vigil Mass led by the African Community on **Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> December** starting at 10.30pm. All welcome.

### ST LAWRENCE'S FILIPINO COMMUNITY

The Filipino Community cordially invite you to attend the Simbang Gabi Mass on **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December** at 6pm, the main celebrant will be Fr Cirino Potrido.

### CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY MASS

All children are invited to come dressed as a character from the Nativity – angel, shepherd, wise man, even an ox, ass or sheep!, for the 6pm Mass on Christmas Eve. Please could children also prepare a birthday card for Jesus and bring it with them to the Family Mass.

### SENIOR CITIZENS PARTY

The Parish's annual Senior Citizen's "Christmas" Party will take place on **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January** from 12noon to 4pm. Please put your name down on the lists in the porch if you would like to come or if you can help. Details from Philomena Franklin on 020 8751 2153 or 07963 001403.

### CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

There will be a collection at the end of all Masses this weekend towards flowers for Christmas.

### ADVENT WORKSHOP

Well done to Kate Taylor and all her helpers for organising the Advent Workshop, a lot of preparation went on behind the scenes and it was wonderful to see the children and all the beautiful work they produced.

## PRIEST REFERENCE FORMS FOR ADMISSION TO RECEPTION 2015

Fr Chris will be available to sign the Priest Reference forms for admission to St Lawrence's Reception on the following Tuesdays, between 3.45pm and 5.00pm. Please come with your child and wait in church.

**December 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>; January 13<sup>th</sup>**

## REST IN PEACE

We pray for the souls of **Ann Catherine Murphy RIP, Doris McEvoy RIP and Nora Sermon RIP** who have died recently. Please also keep in your prayers their families and all who mourn them. Funeral details:

The Funeral of **Ann Catherine Murphy RIP** will take place at Ogden Chapel, Hanworth Crematorium on **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December** at 2.40pm.

The Funeral of **Doris McEvoy RIP** will take place here on **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December** at 1.00pm.

The Funeral of **Nora Sermon RIP** will take place here on **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December** at 10.30am.

## OTHER

### PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE - LODGE BROTHERS

On **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December** at 12.30pm in the Parish Centre, members of staff from Lodge Brothers will be having an open meeting to introduce pre-planned funeral arrangements. All welcome.

### CAROL SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

This beautiful service organised by Lodge Brothers Funeral Service will be held in Church on **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December** at 3pm. 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.

### CHURCHES TOGETHER CAROL SINGING

Churches Together will be Carol Singing at Asda on **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December** at 7pm. Come and join in.

### ST LAWRENCE'S SCHOOL

If any parents had submitted an application form for St Lawrence's School and were on a waiting list, these forms would have been shredded at the end of the last school year. Therefore a new application form will need to be submitted. This does not include applications for reception and Nursery in September 2015.

## PILGRIMAGES 2015

### LANCIANO, LORETO AND SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO

A, six day, pilgrimage from the **8<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> September**. The cost will be £735 on a half board basis plus insurance. If you are interested please enter your name on the sheet at the back of the church to reserve your place. A tour itinerary can also be found here. Any queries please contact Fr Chris/Florie.

### LOURDES 2015

Once again we will be travelling by coach to join the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, **25<sup>th</sup> July to 2<sup>nd</sup> August**. Full details will be available shortly.

## PARISH CENTRE BUILDING FUND UPDATE

**Our Target    £250,000.00**

Number Pledges received as of 4 <sup>th</sup> December	100
Total amount pledged as of 4 <sup>th</sup> December	£42,184.80
Total amount banked as at 4 <sup>th</sup> December	£16,953.00

## Mass intentions and other services this week:

<b>Saturday 6<sup>th</sup></b> Advent FERIA	11.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation
	11.45	Benediction
	<b>12.00</b>	<b>Keith and Rose-Marie Calmiano in Thanksgiving (40<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary)</b>
	17.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
+ First Mass of Sunday	<b>18.00</b>	<b>Patrick Noel Carey RIP</b>
<b>+ Sunday 7<sup>th</sup></b> SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	<b>09.00</b>	<b>Anthony Sheridan RIP (5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)</b>
	<b>11.00</b>	<b>Hazel Costello RIP (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)</b>
	<b>13.00</b>	<b>Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)</b>
	<b>18.00</b>	<b>Flor Prosper RIP</b>
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup></b> THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	09.15	Morning Prayer
	<b>09.30</b>	<b>Emmanuel Obodoako in Thanksgiving (Birthday)</b>
<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup></b> Advent FERIA	09.15	Morning Prayer
	<b>09.30</b>	<b>Arthur D'Souza in Thanksgiving</b>
	10.00	Novena to Our Lady
<b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup></b> Advent FERIA	09.15	Morning Prayer
	<b>09.30</b>	<b>Keith &amp; Rose-Marie Calmiano (Intentions)</b>
<b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup></b> Advent FERIA	09.15	Morning Prayer
	<b>09.30</b>	<b>Milagros Pavia RIP</b>
<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup></b> Advent FERIA	09.15	Morning Prayer
	<b>09.30</b>	<b>Bill Dethridge RIP</b>
<b>Saturday 13<sup>th</sup></b> St Lucy	9.30 - 11.45	First Confession for First Holy Communion Children
	<b>12.00</b>	<b>Jessie Selvam Chelliah RIP</b>
	17.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	<b>18.00</b>	<b>Michael &amp; Nora Ussher RIP</b>
<b>+ Sunday 14<sup>th</sup></b> THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT	<b>09.00</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b>
	<b>11.00</b>	<b>Bridie Rainsford RIP</b>
	<b>13.00</b>	<b>Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)</b>
	15.00	Carol Service of Remembrance (Lodge Brothers)
	<b>18.00</b>	<b>Emelia Potts RIP</b>

**Sanctuary Lamp: Holy Souls Do Rosario Family**

### Thank you for your generosity in last week's Offertory Collection:

29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> November: Envelopes £926.60, Loose £757.55, Standing Orders £420.00 Total: £2104.15  
**Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trustees: Registered Charity No. 233699**

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

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

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