

# ST LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH FELTHAM

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Second Sunday of Advent



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9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Year B, Volume 1 (Page 825): Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11; Psalm 84; 2 Peter 3:8-14; Mark 1:1-8

Sunday 17 December: Third Sunday of Advent (Page 87): Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11; Luke 1; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24;

John 1:6-8, 19-28



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### MASS TIMES

Sunday Mass: 8.00am, 9.30am and 11.00am

Monday to Friday Mass: 9.30am; Saturday Morning: 11.00am

Saturday Morning: Confessions: 9.30am to 10.45am with

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,

Saturday Evening: 5.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday

*Ethnic Chaplaincies: Polish Mass every Sunday 1.00pm, Ukrainian*

*Mass 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday 2.30pm & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday 7.00pm; Malayalam Mass 3<sup>rd</sup>*

*Sunday 2.30pm; Mass in Tagalog 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday 3pm; Mass led by*

*Nigerian Chaplaincy 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday 2.30pm.*

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Dear Friends,

This Sunday, I will be attending the minor ministries Mass which, this year, will be celebrated at St Mary and St Michael in Commercial Road. This is the Mass where the men who are in formation for the Permanent Diaconate receive the office of Candidacy, Lector or Acolyte. Please remember them in your prayers as they embark on the next leg of their journey to ordination in the coming years.

It isn't just the men in formation who will be embarking on a new faith journey, we all have that opportunity as last week the new liturgical year began and at Mass we will now be hearing the gospel of Mark. These days it is now accepted that Mark was the first gospel to be written and it certainly has a simplicity about it that in many ways enhances the beauty of its narrative.

And, as it is the shortest of the gospels, some argue that it also has "raw and direct quality" which in many ways makes it an easy gospel for us to read. Here is a little fun fact for you all. Because it is the shortest gospel, it isn't actually quite long enough for all the Sundays in the year, so for five weeks next summer (ordinary time weeks 17-21) the gospels will be taken from John 6, the "bread of Life" discourse.

I have sometimes heard it said that as Catholics we don't read the Bible as often as we should. Sadly, I would agree. I was wondering if at least some of you might take a couple of hours during Advent to read Mark's Gospel in its entirety. There are some wonderful stories within and you never know, you might just find something that resonates within your soul.

Have a blessed Advent

## Deacon Colin

### CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

A collection will be taken **this weekend** at the end of all Masses for Christmas Flowers.

### ADVENT IN ST LAWRENCE'S

Please note **NO** Flowers in Church during Advent.

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from Monday to Friday from 8.30am to 9.25am and from 6pm to 6.45pm on Tuesday evenings (Fr David's schedule permitting).

*There will be no Mass on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 8.15am or Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm.*

### CARITAS ADVENT CALENDAR:

Caritas Westminster has prepared a different Advent Calendar that should help us think of those who are less fortunate or may be struggling at this moment. The calendar gives a suggestion for items to be donated to foodbanks for each day leading to Christmas. See noticeboard or porch glass for details or take a flyer home. Donations will be given to the St Lawrence Foodbank hub and to Riverside Vineyard Storehouse. Please bring your donations by 17<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you.

## SENIORS CHRISTMAS SPECIAL - TEA PARTY

Many thanks to all who helped making the afternoon a great success on Sunday. Thanks to those who helped with the setting up of the Parish Hall, prepared and donated the food, provided the music, the children from St. Lawrence's School who sang beautiful Christmas Carols, the teachers and staff who gave of their time, the youngsters who helped serve and clear up, the drivers Thank you all so much for all you do for our parish - the afternoon was greatly appreciated by our seniors and all those involved in assisting too. God bless you all. **FR. JOHN**

### SERVICES AT ST LAWRENCE'S AT CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR

#### Saturday 23 December

9.30-10.45am – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Confessions and Benediction  
11.00am – Mass, Confessions 11.30am-12.30pm  
3.00pm Mass in Tagalog  
4.00-4.45pm Confessions  
5.00pm – Vigil Mass for Sunday

#### Sunday 24 December – Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mass - 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am, 1.00pm (Polish)

#### Christmas Eve

Mass - 6.00pm, 8.00pm and 10.00pm (Carols at 9.30pm)

#### Monday 25 December - Christmas Day

Mass - 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am, 1.00pm (Polish), 3.00pm Ukrainian  
No evening Mass

#### Tuesday 26 December – St Stephen

Mass - 10.00am, 1pm (Polish)

#### Wednesday 27 December – St John, Thursday 28 – The Holy Innocents;

#### Friday 29<sup>th</sup> December – St Thomas Beckett;

Mass - 10.00am

#### Saturday 30 December – 6<sup>th</sup> Day in the Octave of Christmas

9.30-10.45am – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions  
Mass – 11.00am,

Vigil Mass for Sunday - 5.00pm

#### Sunday 31 December – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

*There will be a retiring collection for the Holy Land at all Masses today*

Mass - 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am and 1.00pm (Polish)

Vigil led by the Nigerian Chaplaincy - 10.30pm-Midnight

#### Monday 1 January - New Year's Day

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Mass - 9.30am, 11.00am and 1.00pm (Polish)

#### Tuesday 2 January – Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> January

Normal weekday timetable

#### Sunday 7 January – The Epiphany of the Lord

Mass - 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am, 1.00pm (Polish), 3.00pm Ukrainian

*Mass will be livestreamed in the Parish Centre on Sundays in Advent, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day through to the Feast of the Epiphany.*

## CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY MASS

For the 6pm Christmas Eve Mass all children are invited to come dressed as a character from the Nativity – an angel, shepherd, wise men, even an ox, donkey or sheep! Please could children also prepare a birthday card for Jesus and bring it with them to the Family Mass. They will be asked to place it by the crib during the offertory. This Mass is primarily for families and children.

## CHRISTMAS MASSES

Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Welcomers and Stewards – please put your name on the appropriate lists, available in the Sacristy for the Mass you are planning on attending, especially the Vigil Mass at 8.00pm.

## CHRISTMAS CRIB APPEAL

Our Christmas Crib Appeal is for the Catholic Children's Society.

## APPEAL FOR THE HOLY LAND

A collection will be taken on **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> December** and will remain open until 7<sup>th</sup> January.

## CHRISTMAS OFFERING ENVELOPES

If you do not have a Planned Giving envelope but would like to make a Christmas Offering, please take a "Christmas Offering" envelope available in the porch next weekend.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 9	11.00am 5.00pm	Sr Mary O'Malley RIP Ivy Adams – Birthday Thanksgiving
☒ Sun 10	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 1.00pm 2.30pm	Leslie Hempenstall RIP Alex Fernandes RIP People of the Parish Mass in Polish (Msza sw) Mass in Ukrainian
Mon 11	8.15am 9.30am	Thanksgiving & Good Health Justin Dias John Lafferty RIP
Tues 12	9.30am 7.00pm	Mary Chacko RIP (5 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary) Deceased Brothers of the Knights of St Columba RIP
Wed 13	9.30am	Pham Family Intentions
Thurs 14	9.30am	Andrew Omoniyodu & Bright Williams – Birthday Thanksgiving
Fri 15	9.30am	Bishut Themudo RIP
Sat 16	11.00am 5.00pm	Catherine Ojideh in Thanksgiving Felicio Eleuterio Mendes RIP (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary)
☒ Sun 17	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 1.00pm 2.30pm	Cedric Harris RIP (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary) and Lucille & Edward Gomes RIP Mary D'Souza in Thanksgiving Ofelia Petate RIP (Anniversary) Mass in Polish (Msza sw) Mass in Ukrainian
Sanctuary Lamp: Derrick Juriansz RIP		

## SACRAMENTS

### CONFIRMATION

Group 2 will meet on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December** at 6.30pm

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The First Confessions take place on **16<sup>th</sup> December** at 9.30am and 12noon. Please keep the children in your prayers.

### WALK WITH JESUS (SUNDAY SCHOOL)

The next session will be on **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December** at 10.30am. You can still register if you attend a non-Catholic School and are in Year 2 or above. Please email Cathy Early, details overleaf.

## CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE

### PROCEEDS TOWARDS PURCHASE OF DEFIBRILLATORS FOR THE CHURCH AND PARISH CENTRE

Tickets on sale after all weekend Masses for a beautiful Christmas hamper filled with lots of exciting goodies. The draw will take place on **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December** after the 11am Mass.

**Tickets: £1 per strip or 6 strips for £5.00.**

(There will be Defibrillator and First Aid Training in the new year)

Many thanks in advance for your generous support

We have raised **£832.17** so far

## UCM

The next meeting of the UCM, will be on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December** at 12.30 in the Parish Centre.

## CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING

St. Lawrence Charismatic Prayer Group inviting all our Parishioners for their monthly Charismatic Prayer Meeting & Christmas Celebration on **Saturday 16 December from 6.15 pm to 8pm** in the Parish Centre. Come and experience God's Love & Mercy!

## REPOSITORY

We have Advent Calendars, Christmas Cards, 2024 religious calendars, gift wallets and a few gifts available in the Repository.

## CAR PARKING

The Church car park is for use for those who have a disabled badge or employees or contractors. For anyone else it's a drop off point. Parking is available elsewhere – Tesco's, Feltham Leisure West or on Sundays in the School car park or side roads. **PLEASE DO NOT PARK ON CHURCH PREMISES ANY DAY OF THE WEEK.**

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

**2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> December:** Loose: £1569.58 Envelopes: £209.00

**Total: £1,778.58**

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