



# St Lawrence Catholic Church

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**Third Sunday of Advent**

**10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> December 2016**

**Readings: Parish Mass Book Year A, Volume 1:** (Missal Page: 88): Isaiah 35:1-6, 10; Psalm 145; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

**Next Week:** Fourth Sunday of Advent (Missal Page:90): Isaiah 7:10-14; Psalm 23; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-24



# Rejoice!

We have lit the first two candles, one for hope and one for peace. Today we light the third candle, the candle of **JOY**. This should be the easy one, because joy is all around us – in the children, the lights, the music, the gathering together. Joy is like an underground spring that wells up within us; but like music, it needs to be exercised. So today we open ourselves to joy.

**(3<sup>rd</sup> candle is lit) We pray:**

Jesus, who descended from Jesse, you are the sign of God's love.  
Renew our parish families with your spirit of joy and love.

That each one of us may be witnesses to the Joy of Christ  
through prayer and good works,  
and that we may find joy and peace through the Lord's coming.

That God's healing touch may reach those who are sick and suffering,  
And that they may find comfort and support in their time of trial.

(Personal Intentions)

Our Father ..... Hail Mary ..... Glory Be ...

Loving God, we open ourselves to you,  
Trusting that this is how you made us:  
You created us for joy-filled hearts and lives.  
Fill us with the kind of joy that cannot be contained, but must be shared.  
Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you,  
That we may walk in the light of Christ. Amen  
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

A huge **THANK YOU** to everyone who helped with the Christmas Bazaar, to all our stall holders and caterers and to everyone who came to support. We are still counting the money and will be able to announce the grand total next weekend.

### ADVENT PRAYER

The front of the newsletter has the 3rd Week of Advent prayer to be said at home. Please take a moment each day this week to quietly say and reflect on the prayer.

### CHRISTMAS BAZAAR WINNERS

There are a few unclaimed Raffle prizes - Derek Chapman ticket no. 00421, A Murray ticket no. 01738, Luca ticket no. 07801, Kinga Woule ticket no. 02924, Alex Bouchereau ticket no. 01987 and Josie Carter ticket no. 01641 who are all lucky winners.

### ST LAWRENCE'S SCHOOL

We welcome the children from St Lawrence's school to the 9.30am Mass for their Gift Mass on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December**.

### ADVENT CONFESSIONS

Fr John will be available to hear Confessions before Christmas on: **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December** - Exposition and Confessions 7.00pm-8.00pm; **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December** - Confessions 10.15am-11.15am and **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December** - Confessions 10.00am-12.00noon.

### FILIPINO COMMUNITY

There will be a Mass in Tagalog on **Christmas Eve** at 12.00noon followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre.

### 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.

If you are in Year 2 or above and would like to read at the Family Mass at 6pm on Christmas Eve please come to a rehearsal with Bridget on **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup>** at 10am in the Church.

### BRING IN THE NEW YEAR WITH ST LAWRENCE'S

#### AFRICAN COMMUNITY

On **Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> December** the African Community invite you all to join them for a service to bring in the New Year. The programme starts at 11.30pm with a Rosary, Devotions to the Divine Mercy, Songs of Praise, Holy Mass and finishes with Benediction.

#### SENIOR CITIZENS PARTY

The Parish's annual Senior Citizen's "Christmas" Party will take place on **Sunday 8<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.

#### CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

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

#### CHURCHES TOGETHER CAROL SINGING

Churches Together will be Carol Singing at Asda on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December** from 7pm - 8.30pm. Come and join in.

#### RECEPTION CLASS ADMISSIONS 2017

Fr John will be available to sign forms on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January**. 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.

#### LIFE - MINCE PIE SALE

A coffee morning, mince pie and cake sale will be held after the 9am and 11am Masses on **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

## CAROL SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

This beautiful service organised by Lodge Brothers Funeral Service will be held in Church on **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

### PILGRIMAGES 2017

#### ST LAWRENCE PILGRIMAGE TO HOLY LAND

**ALL THOSE WHO HAVE TAKEN FORMS PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED FORMS AND DEPOSITS TO THE PARISH OFFICE BY FRIDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER.**

Our 2017 pilgrimage will be to the Holy Land from the **11<sup>th</sup> May to the 18<sup>th</sup> May 2017**. It will be led by Fr Chris Vipars and the cost of the 8 day pilgrimage is £929.

#### PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA

The Diocese of Westminster will be going on pilgrimage to Fatima from **24<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> 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. Please return your completed forms to Tangney Tours directly.

### REST IN PEACE

#### BRENDA SCRIPPS RIP

We pray for the repose of the soul of Brenda Scripps RIP who died last Saturday. Please also keep all her family in your prayers. Her funeral will take place at Hanworth Crematorium at **4pm on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December**.

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

3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>: Envelopes £1,088.22 Loose £871.32  
Standing Orders: £785.80 **Total: £2,745.34**

#### PARISH CENTRE UPDATE:

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

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 10 <sup>th</sup>	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 <sup>th</sup>	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
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup>	09.30 18.00-20.00	Celebrants Intention Confessions in Polish
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup>	09.30	Jessie Selvam Chelliah RIP
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup>	09.30	Lucy Aladics RIP (with School)
Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup>	09.30	Francisco Pereira and Family in Thanksgiving
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup>	09.30 12.00	Christina Power RIP Baptism of Rachel Marie Stokes
Sat 17 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 12.00 12.45 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation Virginia & Benedicto Masulit in Thanksgiving - Wedding Anniversary Baptisms of Abigail Opoku Kwakye and Ellie-Mary Clarke <b>NO CONFESSION</b> Daisy & Bernard O'Neill & Ray Palmer RIP
Sun 18 <sup>th</sup>	09.00 11.00 13.00 15.30 18.00	Mary D'Souza in Thanksgiving Faustina Mendoza in Thanksgiving Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Lodge Brothers Carol Service of Remembrance People of the Parish
Sanctuary Lamp: Emmanuella Danladi (Intention)		