

This week at St Lawrence's



12th/13th December 2015

Third Sunday of Advent
(Missal Page 87 – YEAR C Vol. 1)

Zephaniah 3:14-18; Isaiah 12; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:10-18
Next week: Fourth Sunday of Advent (Missal Page 90):



Pope Francis' Prayer for the Year of Mercy

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father, and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him. Show us your face and we will be saved.

Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being enslaved by money; the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things; made Peter weep after his betrayal, and assured Paradise to the repentant thief.

Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words that you spoke to the Samaritan woman: "If you knew the gift of God!"

You are the visible face of the invisible Father, of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy: let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified.

You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error: let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God.

Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind.

We ask this through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy, you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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. You will be amazed!*

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR WINNERS

There are a few unclaimed Raffle and other prizes. Please see noticeboard which lists all the winners. We have not been able to contact Robert ticket no. 02346, Paulina ticket no. 00029, Berina ticket no. 01192 and Wojciech ticket no. 02337 who are all lucky winners.

CALLING ALL READERS

The annual renewal of Commitment to the Ministry of Readers will take place at all Masses this weekend.

CAROL SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

This beautiful service organised by Lodge Brothers Funeral Service will be held in Church **this Sunday 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. Please see Fr Chris if you can help.

UCM

The UCM will meet on **Monday 14th December** at the Salvation Army Hall at 7.30pm to enjoy singing carols together. Also there will be cake and mince pies.

ST LAWRENCE'S SCHOOL

We welcome the children from St Lawrence's school to the 9.30am for their Gift Mass on **Thursday 17th December** at 9.30am.

ADVENT DAY OF RECONCILIATION

On **Saturday 19th December** between 11.00am and 1.00pm there will be a visiting priest for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a wonderful opportunity to go to Confession before Christmas and at the start of the Year of Mercy.

COME AND SEE – A ONE DAY MEDITATION PROGRAMME FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Meditation has been identified as a practice that makes you stronger, better and more efficient at work. It helps you become more focused and less confused. It disciplines your mind and encourages a culture of mindfulness or living in the present. The programme is aimed at 17-35 year olds and will take place in the School Hall on **Saturday 19th December** from 9.30am-3.30pm. Please see poster on the notice board for the programme. There are a maximum of 35 spaces therefore it is important to reserve a place as soon as possible. Please contact Fr John on 020 8890 2367 or email feltham@rcdow.org.uk to reserve a place.

CAROL SINGING IN THE HIGH STREET

Calling all singers and musicians to join us for Carol Singing in Feltham High Street at 4.00pm on **Saturday 19th December**. The meeting point will be in front of Subway. We are looking for donations of mince pies or sliced cake to distribute to people. Sign up list in porch for those who would like to join in the carol singing.

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.

BRING IN THE NEW YEAR WITH ST LAWRENCE'S AFRICAN COMMUNITY

On **Thursday 31st December** the African Community invite you all to join them for a service to bring in the New Year. The programme starts at 10.30am 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 10th 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.

SCHOOL GOVERNORS

St Lawrence's School Governing Body are looking to recruit two new Foundation Governors. These Governors represent the Diocese of Westminster and are appointed by the Cardinal. Foundation Governors should be practising Catholics who do not currently have children here at the School. If these Governors have a legal or financial training or experience, all the better. Please speak to Fr Chris to find out more.

CHRISTINGLE WORKSHOP

A big thank you to everyone who helped with the Advent workshop. Over 30 children attended and helped create the two banners now hanging in the Church. £39 was raised for the Snowflake Appeal. *Kate Taylor*

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

Thank you to all who supported the Aid to the Church in Need stall at the Christmas Fair, a total of £149 was raised for ACN's Syrian Crisis appeal. *Helen McIlidowie-Jenkins*.

VOTIVE CANDLE STANDS

You will notice that we have new votive candle stands in line with Health and Safety requirements. Please note that candles are never to be stacked on top of one another. The suggested donation for candles is £0.50p. The stands cost £300.00 each. If anyone would like to give one in remembrance of a loved one or in thanksgiving please see Florie in the Parish Office.

RECEPTION CLASS ADMISSIONS 2016

The dates and times that Fr Chris 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 your Certificate of Catholic Practice.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

A reminder for Eucharistic Ministers that unless you have bought your own Cross then please hang the Crosses up after use in the usual place in the sacristy. They should be available for all ministers to use. Thank you.

YEAR OF MERCY

The Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy began with Pope Francis opening the Holy Door in the Vatican on **8th December**. The Cardinal will open the **Holy Door in Westminster Cathedral** in the context of Vespers and Benediction **at 3.30pm on Sunday 13th December**. You are very welcome to attend. Those making a brief pilgrimage during the Year to the Cathedral Holy Door or the others through the Diocese may gain the Jubilee Indulgence for themselves or the Holy Souls.

Our closest Holy Door is at St Michael and St Martin, Bath Road, Hounslow TW3 3EH. All are welcome to St Michael & St Martin Church for the **6pm Mass on Tuesday 15th December** when Fr Chris as Episcopal Vicar will be opening the Holy Door on behalf of Cardinal Vincent Nichols.

The Cardinal has prepared **A Pilgrimage Companion for the Year of Mercy** by way of explanation and to help us experience God's mercy to the full. As you leave Mass you will be handed one copy of the booklet per family for a donation of £1.00. There are also Year of Mercy leaflets and prayer cards available at the back of Church.

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the souls of **Harry Haldane RIP, Shirley Smyth RIP and Timothy Cahalane RIP** who have died recently. Please also keep in your prayers their families and all who mourn them.

The funeral of **Harry Haldane RIP** will take place here on **Monday 14th December at 9.30am**

The funeral of **Shirley Smyth RIP** will take place here on **Monday 21st December at 9.30am**

The funeral of **Timothy Cahalane RIP** will take place here on **Monday 21st December at 1.30pm**

Mass intentions and other services this week:

Saturday 12th Advent Feria	9.30-11.45 12.00 17.00 18.00	<i>First Confessions for First Holy Communion Children</i> John Rea RIP <i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i> Bill Dethridge RIP
+ Sunday 13th Third Sunday of Advent	09.00 11.00 13.00 15.00 18.00	Michael & Nora Ussher RIP Rita Connor (Intentions) Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) <i>Carol Service of Remembrance (Lodge Brothers)</i> Jacqueline Restel RIP
Monday 14th St John of the Cross	09.30	<i>No Morning Prayer</i> REQUIEM MASS – HARRY HALDANE RIP
Tuesday 15th Advent Feria	09.15 09.30 10.00	<i>Morning Prayer</i> Mary Fogarty (Intention) <i>Novena to Our Lady</i>
Wednesday 16th Advent Feria	09.15 09.30	<i>Morning Prayer</i> Bernadette Cimpoiias & Patrick Hanlon RIP
Thursday 17th Advent Feria	09.30	<i>No Morning Prayer</i> Emelia Potts RIP (with School)
Friday 18th Advent Feria	09.15 09.30	<i>Morning Prayer</i> Mary D'Souza (Birthday Thanksgiving)
Saturday 19th Advent Feria	11.00 11.00-13.00 11.45 12.00 17.00 18.00	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i> <i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i> <i>Benediction</i> Palmer & O'Neill Intentions <i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i> Deceased members of the O'Hanlon Family
+ Sunday 20th Fourth Sunday of Advent	09.00 11.00 13.00 18.00	People of the Parish John Clarkson RIP Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Matthew Rodrigues RIP (Anniversary)

Sanctuary Lamp: Emmanuela Danladi (Intentions)

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

5th/6th: Envelopes: £1202.74 Loose: £820.68 Standing Orders: £541.15 **Total: £2,564.57**

PARISH CENTRE UPDATE: MONEY BANKED AS AT 8/12/2015 - £52,095.85

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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CHRISTMAS CARDS

The Repository (Church Shop) has a good selection of Christmas Cards at £3.50 per box. Do have a look after Mass.