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Fourth Sunday of Advent

17th/18th December 2022

Parish Mass Book, Year A, Volume 1: (Page 90): Isaiah 7:10-14; Psalm 23; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-24

Next Week: Parish Mass Book, The Nativity of the Lord: Vigil Mass – Page 95; Mass during the Night – Page 98; Christmas Dawn Mass – Page 101; Mass During the Day – Page 103



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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 2nd Sunday 2.30pm & 4th Saturday 7.00pm; Malayalam Mass 3rd Sunday 2.30pm; Mass in Tagalog 4th Saturday 3pm; Mass led by Nigerian Chaplaincy 4th Sunday 2.30pm.

This Parish is part of Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust (WRCDT) Registered Charity No: 233699

St Joseph pray for our fathers

In the gospel today we hear of St Joseph. Pope Francis describes him as one who stood in the shadows. He made his life a sacrifice for the Incarnate Son of God and Son of Mary. We have a beautiful statue of St Joseph – not in a place of prominence but at the back of church. He is part of our salvation history. We do well to honour, love and seek his prayers for us.

St Joseph was asked to do something hidden but great for God: to be the protector of the Lord Jesus and the Virgin Mary. On him depended so much. He could have withdrawn quietly as Mary's betrothed and foster father of Jesus and their protector and thus failed to live up to his calling. In today's gospel we see he is afraid.

We too can be afraid of our weaknesses so we hide them. But secrets, when we are afraid of admitting our failures to ourselves they grow larger and heavier. The evil one speaks the truth when he accuses us but does so in order to condemn us. But "...God's truth does not condemn, but instead welcomes, embraces, sustains and forgives us." (Pope Francis)

Never be afraid of your weaknesses or failures. Our failures and weaknesses can become the way of becoming closer to the Lord - when they are brought humbly to God in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

In a dream Joseph is given courage by the angel. Do not be afraid to accept responsibility. You have a part to play in the plan of salvation. We do not see the bigger picture in which God's salvation is being worked out. Each of us is being called. St Joseph had an accepting heart, a father's heart, patient, generous, courageous.

Dear fathers: let St Joseph be your refuge and consolation in prayer. Pray to St Joseph. He knows the challenges and responsibilities of fatherhood. Our boys need fathers who can live up to their calling. Never despair of your failures. Do not be afraid. Let St Joseph be a spiritual father to you too. Let him teach you. Receive God's thanksgiving for your faithfulness.

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.

Read: *Patris Corde (With a Father's Heart)* by Pope Francis, available online.

Fr David

CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE

LAST CHANCE TO BUY TICKETS for the raffle. Tickets on sale after all weekend Masses for a beautiful Christmas hamper filled with lots of exciting goodies – something for everyone in the family!

The draw will take place on **Sunday 18th December** after the 11am Mass. Tickets: £1 per strip or 6 strips for £5.00. Proceeds to the Parish Centre.





SERVICES AT ST LAWRENCE'S AT CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR



Saturday 17 December

10.00-10.45am – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,
Confessions and Benediction
11.00am – Mass
4.00-4.45pm Confessions
5.00pm – Vigil Mass for Sunday



Sunday 18 December – Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

Monday – Friday 19 - 23 December

Mass - 9.30am

Saturday 24 December - Christmas Eve

Saturday Morning Mass – 11.00am
Confessions 10.00am-10.30am and 11.30am-12.30pm
Mass - 6.00pm, 8.00pm and 10.00pm (Carols at 9.30pm)



Sunday 25 December - Christmas Day

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

Monday 26 December – St Stephen

Mass - 10.00am, 1pm (Polish)

Tuesday 27 December – St John

Mass - 10.00am

Wednesday 28 – The Holy Innocents; Thursday 29th December – St Thomas Beckett; Friday 30 December – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Mass - 9.30am,

Saturday 31 December – 7th Day in the Octave of Christmas

Mass - 11.00am,
Vigil Mass for Sunday - 5.00pm
Vigil led by the Nigerian Chaplaincy - 10.30pm-Midnight

Sunday 1 January - New Year's Day

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Mass - 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am and 1.00pm (Polish)



Monday 2 January – St Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen

Mass - 10.00am, 1.00pm (Polish)

Tuesday 3 – Thursday 5 January

Mass - 9.30am



Friday 6 January – The Epiphany of the Lord

Mass - 9.30 (with school), 12.00noon, 7.00pm

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.

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.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

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

SENIOR CITIZEN'S LUNCH

The Senior Citizen's Christmas Lunch will be held on **Sunday 8th January** from 12noon. There are lists in the porch for Senior's wishing to attend to put their names and contact details and also indicate if you would like a lift. There are also lists for helpers and people willing to provide transport to and from the event. Any queries please call Philomena on 07941 168066.

CHURCH CLEANERS

The Church is cleaned on a Thursday morning after Mass. If you are able to spare half an hour or so, please come along and join the existing group of cleaners.

UCM

The UCM Ladies meet on **Monday 19th December** at 12 noon and then after the holidays on Monday 9th January 2023 at 12noon

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES

CONGRATULATIONS

1 - to the 92 children who made their First Reconciliation last weekend and thank you to the parents and catechists for all their support in this first stage of their journey to First Holy Communion.

2 - It was lovely to meet our young people, on Saturday, who will be starting their Confirmation programme in January.

CONFIRMATION 2023

- If your son or daughter is in **School Year 9 or above** (this is the Diocesan guideline) and would like to join us for their faith journey to Confirmation in 2023 please email Cathy Early cathythecatechist@outlook.com.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

We require additional volunteers for Children's Liturgy at the 11am Mass. Please speak to Cathy Early or email her (address on front page) if you are able to help.

WESTMINSTER YEAR BOOK 2023

Now available in the repository. £5.00 for a bound copy or £6.00 for a ring bound copy.

ADVENT GIVING CALENDAR

The Calendar gives suggestions for items which we can put in our box for Storehouse. **Last day is 18th December.** The important thing about the calendar is that it is also a way for families to find out where they can get some help if they are struggling to buy the food they need. Please see posters at back of church.

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the souls of Patricia Heagney RIP, Felicio Mendes RIP, Luis Sequeira RIP, Patrick Maple RIP, Christopher (Chris) Michael Holland RIP, Frances Atkins RIP, Hildegard Merriquer RIP, Pauline Cynthia O'Hanlon RIP and James (Jim) Coleman RIP, who have passed away recently.

- **Christopher (Chris) M Holland RIP** – Chris will be received into Church on **Monday 19th December** at 4pm. His Requiem Mass will take place on **Tuesday 20th December** at 11am.

We also keep in our prayers all the family and friends who mourn them. May they rest in eternal peace.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 17	11.00am 5.00pm	Palmer, O'Neill & May Families RIP Mary D'Souza RIP (Anniversary)
* Sun 18	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 1.00pm 2.30pm	Caetano Pereira RIP Mary D'Souza - 80 th Birthday Thanksgiving John Igboanugo Jnr RIP Mass in Polish (Msza sw) Mass in Malayalam
Mon 19	8.15am 9.30am 4.00pm	Francisco & Pasquale Pereira RIP Abigail Fernandes in Thanksgiving RECEPTION OF CHRIS HOLLAND RIP
Tues 20	9.30am 11am 7.00pm	Matthew Rodrigues RIP (Anniversary) REQUIEM MASS – CHRIS HOLLAND RIP A J Matthew RIP (14 th Anniversary)
Wed 21	9.30am	Royce Carneiro - Birthday Thanksgiving
Thurs 22	9.30am	Katharine Soares RIP (3 rd Anniversary)
Fri 23	9.30am	Eamon O'Brien RIP
Sat 24	11.00am 6.00pm 8.00pm 9.30pm 10.00pm	World Peace Christmas Eve Family Mass Vigil Mass Carol Service Mass in the Night (Midnight Mass)
* Sun 25	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 1.00pm	People of the Parish People of the Parish People of the Parish Mass in Polish (Msza sw)
Sanctuary Lamp: Derrick Juriansz RIP		

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS

Collection 10-11 December 2022 was:

Loose: £1,030.45 Envelopes: £193.94 Total: £1,224.39
Standing Orders November: £3,715.60 Online Donations November (incl. Mass Offerings and Repository): £2,642.54

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