

# This week at St Lawrence's



19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> December 2015

Fourth Sunday of Advent  
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Micah 5:1-4; Psalm 79; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45  
Christmas: Vigil Mass - Page 94; Midnight Mass - Page 97,  
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Next week: Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (Missal Page 105): Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6, 12-14;  
Psalm 127; Colossians 3:12-21; Luke 2:41-52



*May the joy of the angels,  
the gladness of the shepherds,  
the wisdom of the wise men,  
the love of Mary and Joseph  
and the peace of the Christ child  
be God's gift to you and all  
those you love this Christmas and always.*

*With our love and prayers  
Fr Chris, Fr John, Fr Gerry,  
Bridget, Sr Katherine and Sr Nora.*

**Sunday Mass Times: Saturday 6 pm (Vigil Mass), Sunday 9 am, 11 am,  
1pm (Polish) & 6 pm  
Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) - Saturday 11am & 5pm**

## CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR SERVICES

Services at St Lawrence's over Christmas will be as follows:

**Christmas Eve, Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December:** 9.30am, 6pm (Family Mass), 8.30pm (Vigil Mass), 10.30  
Carol followed by Mass at 11pm.

**Christmas Day, Friday 25<sup>th</sup> December:** 9am, 11am and 1pm (in Polish) No Evening Mass

**Feast of St Stephen, Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> December:** 11.00-11.45 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
and Benediction, 12 noon Mass. 1pm Mass in Polish, 3.00pm Mass in Tagalog, 5.00pm  
Reconciliation, 6.00pm, Vigil Mass for Sunday.

**Normal schedule Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> December to Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> December**

**New Year's Eve, Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> December:** 9.30am and 10.30pm (led by the African Community)

**New Year's Day, Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> January:** 9.30am and 1pm (in Polish)

### CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY MASS

For the 6pm Mass on Christmas Eve all children are invited to come dressed as a character  
from the Nativity – angel, shepherd, wise man, even an ox, ass 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 EVE VIGIL MASS

If you are planning on attending the vigil Mass and are an Altar Server, Reader or Eucharistic  
Minister please put your name on the list in the sacristy. We also need Welcomers and Stewards  
for the Mass, offers to Fr Chris please.

### CHRISTMAS EVE MIDNIGHT MASS OR CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

If you would like a lift to and from the Church for the Midnight Mass which will start at 11pm  
(Carols at 10.30pm) or the 9am, 11am on Christmas Day, please leave your name, address  
and phone number at the Parish Office. We also need drivers for this. If you could offer a  
place in your car to someone who would not otherwise be able to get to Church at Christmas  
please let us have your name and number and an indication of how many places you can  
offer.

### FILIPINO COMMUNITY

There will be Mass on **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> December** at 3.00pm.

### POLISH MASS

There will be Mass in Polish at 1pm on **Christmas Day, on 26<sup>th</sup> December, 27<sup>th</sup> December and  
1 January.**

### MASS LED BY THE AFRICAN COMMUNITY

The African Community invite you all to join in a special *Vigil Mass* to bring in the New Year  
on **Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> December**. The programme starts at **10.30pm** with a Rosary, Devotions to the  
Divine Mercy, Songs of Praise, Holy Mass and finishes with Benediction.

### CHRISTMAS CRIB APPEAL

Our Christmas Crib Appeal is for the Catholic Children's Society (Westminster)

## SACRAMENTS

### FIRST CONFESSION

Congratulations to our children who made their First Confession over the last two weekends.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

On Saturday **16<sup>th</sup> January** parents can choose their First Holy Communion dates with Bridget in  
the school hall between 10.00am and 11.30am

## REST IN PEACE

We pray for the souls of **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 **Shirley Smyth RIP** will take place here on **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 9.30am**

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

## PARISH NOTICES

### CHRISTMAS BAZAAR WINNERS

There are three unclaimed prizes. Please could those who won these – namely Robert ticket no. 02346 and Mrs Rose Chamberlain ticket o. 00631 who are lucky raffle winners and Magdalena who won the Treasure Hunt come and collect your prizes.

### SENIOR CITIZENS PARTY

The Parish's annual Senior Citizen's "Christmas" Party will take place on **Sunday 10<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 this weekend towards flowers for Christmas.

### CHRISTMAS BAZAAR REVIEW MEETING

There will be a Review Meeting on **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January** at 6.30pm in the Presbytery.

### 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.

### VOTIVE CANDLE STANDS

Thank you to the two families that have taken up the offer to donate a candle stand. There is still an opportunity for the other two stands at £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.

### YEAR OF MERCY

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. Copies of the book are available at the back of Church at £1.00. Please put your donation in the wall box marked 'CTS'. Thank you. There are also some Year of Mercy leaflets and prayer cards available at the back of Church.

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FROM THE HALDANE FAMILY

Margaret, Andy, Fiona, Gordon, Graham and families wish to thank all the priests, parishioners and friends for their prayers and support during Harry's illness and later for your words of comfort, your love and care, Mass Offerings, donations to Marie Curie and for attending the funeral.

## THANK YOU

- Special thanks to all who supported the Christmas Bazaar and helped in any way. We made an astounding profit of **£5,392.97**.
- We have also received a donation of £5,000.00 towards the parish centre, our heartfelt thanks to the donor.
- Our thanks to the various Fund Raisers who, since September, have raised an amazing sum of **£5,944.70** (Cake Sale - £267.00; Goan Evening - £3,244.00; Iris' Skydive - £1,924.20; Race Night - £429.50; Fabric/Candle Sale - £80.00)
- Our thanks to Lodge Brothers for the lovely Christmas Tree and for the moving *Carol Service of Remembrance*. A collection was taken up which totalled £430.14 - the money has been sent to *CRISIS at Christmas*.

## Mass intentions and other services this week:

<b>Saturday 19<sup>th</sup></b> Advent Feria	11.00 11.00-13.00 11.45 12.00 17.00 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation Benediction <b>Palmer &amp; O'Neill Intentions</b> Sacrament of Reconciliation <b>Deceased members of the O'Hanlon Family</b>
<b>+ Sunday 20<sup>th</sup></b> Fourth Sunday of Advent	09.00 11.00 13.00 18.00	<b>People of the Parish</b> <b>John Clarkson RIP</b> <b>Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)</b> <b>Matthew Rodrigues RIP (Anniversary)</b>
<b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup></b> Advent Feria	09.30 13.30	No Morning Prayer <b>REQUIEM MASS – SHIRLEY SMYTH RIP</b> <b>REQUIEM MASS – TIMOTHY CAHALANE RIP</b>
<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup></b> Advent Feria	09.15 09.30 10.00	Morning Prayer <b>Nora Lea RIP</b> Novena to Our Lady
<b>Wednesday 23<sup>d</sup></b> Advent Feria	09.15 09.30	Morning Prayer <b>Harry Haldane RIP</b>
<b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup></b> Advent Feria CHRISTMAS EVE	09.15 09.30 18.00 20.30 10.30 11.00	Morning Prayer <b>Rita Connor (Intention)</b> <b>CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MASS</b> <b>VIGIL MASS</b> <b>CAROLS</b> <b>CHRISTMAS MASS OF THE NIGHT</b>
<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup></b> THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD CHRISTMAS DAY	09.00 11.00 13.00	<b>Celebrants Intention</b> <b>Celebrants Intention</b> <b>Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)</b> <b>NO EVENING MASS</b>
<b>Saturday 26<sup>th</sup></b> ST STEPHEN	11.00-11.45 12.00 13.00 15.00 17.00 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction <b>Intentions of Brian Calmiano and Family</b> <b>Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)</b> <b>Mass in Tagalog for the Filipino Community</b> Sacrament of Reconciliation <b>For the well-being of Marlon</b>
<b>+ Sunday 27<sup>th</sup></b> THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH	09.00 11.00 13.00 18.00	<b>John Rea RIP</b> <b>Philip and Anne Sheridan RIP</b> <b>Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)</b> <b>People of the Parish</b>

### Sanctuary Lamp: Jacinto Do Rosario RIP

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

13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup>: Envelopes: £1,029.27 Loose: £730.93 Standing Orders: £541.15 **Total: £2,301.35**

**PARISH CENTRE UPDATE: MONEY BANKED AS AT 17/12/2015 – £63,563.52**

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