

This week at St Lawrence's



20th/21st December 2014

Fourth Sunday of Advent
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2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14-16; Psalm 88; Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38
Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph (Missal Page 105): Genesis 15:1-6, 21:1-3; Psalm 104;
Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Luke 2: 22-40



*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 Fortunato, Fr Gerry,
Bridget, Sr Katherine, Sr Nora and Sr Monica.*

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CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR SERVICES

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

Christmas Eve, Wednesday 24th December: 9.30am, 6pm (Family Mass), 8.30pm (Vigil Mass) and 11pm.

Christmas Day, Thursday 25th December: 9am, 11am and 1pm (in Polish) No Evening Mass

Feast of St Stephen, Friday 26th December: 9.30am and 1pm (in Polish)

Normal schedule Saturday 27th December to Tuesday 30th December

New Year's Eve, Wednesday 31st December: 9.30am and 10.30pm (led by the African Community)

New Year's Day, Thursday 1st 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.

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

The Filipino Community cordially invite you to attend the Simbang Gabi Mass on **Monday 22nd December** at 6pm, the main celebrant will be Fr Cirino Potrido.

There will also be the usual Monthly Mass on **Saturday 27th December** at 3.00pm.

POLISH MASS

There will be Mass in Polish at 1pm on **Christmas Day, on 26th December, 28th December and 1 January.**

MASS LED BY THE AFRICAN COMMUNITY

The monthly Mass will be held on **Sunday 28th December** at 2.30pm.

There will be a special *Vigil Mass* to bring in the New Year which will be led by the African Community on **Wednesday 31st December** starting at 10.30pm.

CHRISTMAS CRIB APPEAL

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

SACRAMENTS

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to our children who made their First Confession last weekend.

THANK YOU

Special thanks to

- 1) Many thanks to all who donated cakes and items and supported the recent Coffee morning for LIFE. Thanks to all who helped in any way. £325.06 was raised for the Life Pregnancy Care Centre. *Annie Burke*
- 2) Lodge Brothers for the lovely Christmas Tree and for the moving *Carol Service of Remembrance*. A collection was taken up which totalled £450.00 and the money has been sent to *CRISIS at Christmas*.

REST IN PEACE

EDWIN JOHN CHAPPLE (TED) RIP

We pray for the soul of **Edwin John (Ted) Chapple RIP**, whose funeral will take place at Hanworth Crematorium on **Tuesday 23rd December** at 12noon. Please also keep in your prayers his wife Sharyn and all the family who mourn him.

PARISH NOTICES

THANKSGIVING MASS FOR THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We would like to invite all families who have had their child baptised at St Lawrence's during 2014 to a special celebration on **Saturday 10th January** at 12noon. A short Mass will include a renewal of Baptismal promises and will be followed up by light refreshments.

SENIOR CITIZENS PARTY

The Parish's annual Senior Citizen's "Christmas" Party will take place on **Sunday 11th 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.

OTHER

MESSAGE FROM ARCHBISHOP VINCENT NICHOLS

After three years' effort across the parishes of the diocese, our Growing in Faith campaign is coming to a close. I want very much indeed to express my thanks to you for the attention and support you have given to its three key themes: strengthening parish life; supporting priests, in formation and old age; and Caritas, our work with the poor. I thank you for your prayers, the work done by the volunteers and I thank all who have made financial contributions. In total, with gifts and pledges, a sum of £37 million has been given. This great achievement will do so much to enable us to meet our needs and look forward confidently. This is a marvellous measure of your great generosity and love for the Lord and His Church. Thank you so much.

I also want to take this opportunity to wish you a graceful and peaceful Christmas, full of the Lord's blessings for you all and your family. ✠ Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster

PILGRIMAGES 2015

LANCIANO, LORETO AND SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO

A, six day, pilgrimage from the **8th to 13th September**. The cost will be £735 on a half board basis plus insurance. All 50 seats have now been reserved, but you are welcome to put your name on the waiting list in the Parish Office. Those who have not yet taken a booking form please collect one from the Parish Office. If you have taken a booking form, please complete and return with deposit as soon as possible. There will be a meeting on **Saturday 24th January** at 10.30am in the Parish Centre.

LOURDES 2015

Once again we will be travelling by coach to join the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, **25th July to 2nd August**. On the way to Lourdes we will be visiting the shrine of St Martin of Tours and on the return journey we will be stopping in Rocamadour and St Bernadette's shrine in Nevers. Price £699 per person plus insurance. Price includes full board whilst in Lourdes and half board at stops on route.

PARISH CENTRE BUILDING FUND UPDATE

Our Target £250,000.00

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| Number Pledges received as of 16 th December | 104 |
| Total amount pledged as of 16 th December | £43,703.39 |
| Total amount banked as at 16 th December | £17,837.59 |

Mass intentions and other services this week:

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| Saturday 20th Advent FERIA | 10.30-12.00 12.00 12.30-13.30 17.00 18.00 | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation Matthew Rodrigues RIP (Anniversary) Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation Sacrament of Reconciliation Deceased members of the Hanlon Family RIP |
| + Sunday 21st FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT | 09.00 11.00 13.00 18.00 | Keith & Rose-Marie Calmiano (Intentions) People of the Parish Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Intentions of the Canha Family |
| Monday 22nd Advent FERIA | 09.15 09.30 18.00 | Morning Prayer Molly Gray Simbang Gabi Mass for the Filipino Community |
| Tuesday 23rd Advent FERIA | 09.15 09.30 10.00 | Morning Prayer Baby Summer Crocker RIP Novena to Our Lady |
| Wednesday 24th Advent FERIA | 09.15 09.30 18.00 20.30 10.30 11.00 | Morning Prayer Margaret O'Sullivan RIP Children's Christmas Mass Vigil Mass Carols Christmas Mass of the Night |
| Thursday 25th THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD CHRISTMAS DAY | 09.00 11.00 13.00 | Celebrant's Intention Celebrant's Intention Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) No evening Mass |
| Friday 26th ST STEPHEN | 09.15 09.30 13.00 | Morning Prayer Anita Calmiano RIP Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) |
| Saturday 27th ST JOHN | 11.00 11.45 12.00 15.00 17.00 18.00 | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation Benediction Inacio Dias RIP Mass in Tagalog for the Filipino Community Sacrament of Reconciliation Daisy & Bernard O'Neill and Ray Palmer RIP |
| + Sunday 28th HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH | 09.00 11.00 13.00 14.30 18.00 | People of the Parish Anne and Philip Sheridan RIP Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Mass led by the African Community The Canha Family in Thanksgiving |

Sanctuary Lamp: Do Rosario Family (Intentions)

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

13th/14th December: Envelopes £988.10, Loose £736.09, Standing Orders £420.00 Total: £2144.19
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**