

# ST LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH FELTHAM

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Fourth Sunday of Advent

21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> December 2019

**Readings: Parish Mass Book Year A, Volume 1:** Page 90: Isaiah 7:10-14; Psalm 23; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-24  
**Christmas Vigil:** Page 95; **Mass in the Night:** Page 98; **Mass at Dawn:** Page 101; **Mass during the Day:** Page 103  
**Next Week: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph:** Page: 106: Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6, 12-14; Psalm 127;  
Colossians 3:12-21; Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23



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### Protecting your Privacy:

In compliance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) which became effective in May 2018, the Parish requires your permission to hold your data for Parish/Diocesan use. You can read our full privacy policy on [www.rcdow.org.uk/diocese/privacy-policy](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/diocese/privacy-policy)

Sunday Mass: 6pm (Vigil Mass), Sunday 9am, 11am, 1pm (Polish) & 6pm; Weekday Mass: Monday-Friday 9.30am; Saturday 12noon; Morning Prayer: Monday-Friday 9.15am, Novena to Our Lady: Tuesdays 10am; Exposition and Benediction: Saturdays 11am; Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturday 11am & 5pm

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

People are preparing for Christmas, buying presents, writing cards and shopping. In the readings today we hear how God is preparing for the birth of His son Emmanuel. The name Emmanuel is mentioned in the 1<sup>st</sup> reading and the gospel today. It means God-is-with us.

On this 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent we light the 4<sup>th</sup> Candle of Love. God is always with us, always showing us how much He loves us.

May we show our love for God in the way we live by being kind to each other, being patient and understanding and forgiving.

We also show our love for God when we come to Mass at Christmas.

*Christmas Eve Masses at 6.00pm; 8.30pm and 11.00pm.*

*Christmas Day Masses at 9.00am and 11.00am.*

Everyone is welcome.

We come to worship God and adore Him. We are never alone. God is always with us in the joys and sorrows in our lives. This is the God we are preparing to welcome this Christmas, the one who remains with us no matter what.

St. Lawrence's is such a welcoming community of friendship and love. Thank you for all that you do to make our parish such a prayerful and vibrant community.

### Novena for Christmas

*Hail and blessed be the hour*

*and moment in which The Son of God was born  
of the most pure Virgin Mary at midnight  
in Bethlehem in the piercing cold.*

*In that hour, vouchsafe O my God  
to hear my prayer and grant my petition  
through the merits of our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
and of this Blessed Mother. Amen*

*On behalf of the Parish Team we wish you peace  
and joy at Christmas and the New Year*

FR. JOHN

## CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR SERVICES

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

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December:** 9.15am Morning Prayer, 9.30am Mass.

**Christmas Eve:** 6pm Family Mass; 8.30pm Vigil Mass; 10.30 Carols followed by Mass at 11pm.

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

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> December - Feast of St Stephen:** 9.15 Morning Prayer, 9.30am Mass, 1pm Mass in Polish.

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

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> December:** 9.15am Morning Prayer, 9.30am Mass,

**New Year's Eve:** Prayers and Mass from 10.30pm led by the Nigerian Chaplaincy

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> January - New Year's Day:** Mass at 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 MASS

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

### CHRISTMAS MASSES

Eucharistic Ministers kindly put your name down on the lists in the sacristy indicating which Mass you will be attending so that we have an awareness of any shortfalls.

### POLISH MASS

There will be Mass in Polish at 1pm on **Christmas Day 25<sup>th</sup> December, 26<sup>th</sup> December and 1 January.**

### MASS LED BY THE NIGERIAN CHAPLAINCY

The Nigerian Chaplaincy invite you all to join in a special *Vigil Mass* to bring in the New Year on **Tuesday 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

### BAPTISMS

A warm welcome to Aaron Fernandes, Ezekiel Chen, Molly-Rose Howe and Ivanya Rodrigues who were baptised this weekend and offer our warmest congratulations to their families.

## PARISH NOTICES

### CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

A collection will be taken up this weekend 21/22 December at all Masses.

### CARITAS CHRISTMAS FOOD STALL

After the 9am and 11am Masses on **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December** we will be holding a free Christmas Food Stall in the Parish organised by the Caritas Food Collective. All the food will be provided by The Felix Project, who rescue perfectly good food that would have gone to waste and make sure it goes to a good home. Please bring along a bag and help yourself to the free food to make sure we are all doing our bit to tackle food waste this Christmas. The Caritas Food Collective are a new project by Caritas Westminster working to ensure everyone gets enough to eat and no food goes to waste, to find out more visit [www.caritasfoodcollective.org.uk](http://www.caritasfoodcollective.org.uk) or call 020 7931 6077.

## LUXURY CHRISTMAS HAMPER DRAW

The winning ticket numbers are displayed in the porch.

## 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 from the porch.

## SENIOR CITIZEN'S PARTY

The Parish Annual Senior Citizen's "Christmas" party will take place on **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January** from 12noon to 4pm. 60 places only. Please put your name down **once only** on the lists in the porch if you would like to come or if you can help. Details from Philomena Franklin.

## NIGHT SHELTER

There will be a meeting on **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> January** at 1pm for all those who have put their name down to volunteer for the Night Shelter starting in mid-February. Please note that all volunteers need to be DBS checked for St Lawrence's irrespective of having a DBS elsewhere.

## REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the souls of **Mary A Smith RIP, James Swinney RIP, Philomena Griffin RIP and Anthony Murphy RIP** who have died recently. Please also keep in your prayers their families and all who mourn them. May they rest in peace.

**MARY A SMITH RIP** – Her Requiem will take place here on **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December** at 11am.

**JAMES SWINNEY RIP** – His Requiem will take place here on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January** at 11.00am

**PHILOMENA GRIFFIN RIP** – Her Funeral Service will take place at Hanworth Crematorium on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January** at 1.00pm.

**ANTHONY MURPHY RIP.** His Funeral Service will take place at Hanworth Crematorium on **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January** at 2.00pm

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 21	11.00 11.00 12.00 12.45 17.00 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation Daisy & Bernard O'Neill and Ray Palmer RIP Baptisms of Aaron Fernandes, Ezekiel Chen, Molly-Rose Howe and Ivanya Rodrigues Sacrament of Reconciliation Bertha, John & Michael McDonagh RIP
Sun 22	09.00 11.00 13.00 14.30 18.00	Eamon O'Brien RIP Intentions of the Ordone Family Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Mass led by the Nigerian Chaplaincy Deceased members of the McGillicuddy Family RIP
Mon 23	09.30 11.00	Edviges Godinho RIP REQUIEM MASS – MARY A SMITH RIP
Tues 24	09.30 18.00 20.30 10.30 23.00	Michael Hurley RIP Children's Mass Vigil Mass Carols Mass during the Night
Wed 25	09.00 11.00 13.00	People of the Parish People of the Parish Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) NO EVENING MASS
Thurs 26	09.30 13.00	Intentions of Brian Calmiano and Family and Deceased members of the Guild of St Stephen Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) No Sacred Heart of Jesus devotions
Fri 27	09.30	Delfine Vaz RIP
Sat 28	11.00 11.00 12.00 15.00 17.00 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation Rose-Marie Calmiano (Intentions) Mass for the Filipino Community Sacrament of Reconciliation Willie Dockerty RIP
Sun 29	09.00 11.00 13.00 18.00	Peter Keating RIP Derrick Juriansz RIP Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Marinha & Luis Bragança in Thanksgiving

Sanctuary Lamp: Matson D'Cruz in Thanksgiving and Good Health

**Thank you for your generosity in last week's collection:**

**14-15 December:** Envelopes £601.17 Loose £651.69

Standing Orders £769.00 **Total £2,021.86**