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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

22nd/23rd DECEMBER 2018

Readings: Parish Mass Book Year C, Volume 1: Page 90: Micah 5:1-4; Psalm 79; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45

Christmas Eve: Vigil Mass Page 94; Mass during the Night: Page 97;

Christmas Day: Mass at Dawn Page 100; Mass During the Day – Page 102

Next Week: The Most Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph: Page: 105: Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6, 12-14; Psalm 127; Colossians 3:12-21; Luke 2:41-52



Advent Prayer

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In today's Gospel we prepare for Christmas with Elizabeth and Mary. Like Elizabeth we are open to receive Jesus with wonder and joy. With Mary may we be ready to do the will of God as it is made clear to us

Light the fourth Candle

Heavenly Father, during Advent, may we remember the greatest gift ever given: your only Son, Jesus Christ. Fill our hearts with You day by day as we think of our Saviour putting aside His heavenly glory and coming among us. As a newborn, only a stable roof sheltered Him and ordinary, impoverished parents cared for Him.

Your angels couldn't contain themselves, but broke into the quiet night-watch of a group of humble shepherds. The heavenly messengers proclaimed the glorious news of the Saviour, who would pay the price of our sins, the sign of Your goodwill to all people and Your desire for peace on earth.

As we prepare to celebrate Christmas, grow our understanding and wonder of His birth. By Christmas Day, may our hearts overflow with rejoicing and thanksgiving. Let our gratitude overflow to each person we meet by demonstrating the peace and goodwill in our hearts – not just at this joyful season, but all year round.

Our Father Hail Mary Glory Be

Fr. John, Fr. Peter and the Parish Team wish you and your family love, peace and joy and the gift of Jesus this Christmas.

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

Protecting your Privacy:

In compliance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) which became effective in May this year 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.

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

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR SERVICES

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

Monday 24th 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.

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

Wednesday 26th December - Feast of St Stephen: 9.15 Morning Prayer, 9.30am Mass, 1pm Mass in Polish.

Normal schedule 27th December to 29th December

Monday 31st December: 9.15am Morning Prayer, 9.30am Mass,

New Year's Eve: Prayers and Mass from 10.30pm led by the African Community)

Tuesday 1st January - New Year's Day: Mass at 9.30am, 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, on 26th 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 **Monday 31st 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

MARRIAGE CONGRATULATIONS

Our warmest congratulations to Algest Cela and Sonila Zeqo who were married this weekend.

TUESDAY GROUP

The classes start again on **Tuesday 8th January** at 4.30pm in the Parish Centre.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School commences again on **Sunday 13th January** at 10am in the School Hall.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy begins again on **Sunday 13th January.**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The First Holy Communion programme begins again on **Saturday 19th January** at 4.30pm in the School Hall followed by Mass at 6pm.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

The next meeting is on **Wednesday, 16th January** at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. This course is designed to help you explore the Catholic faith and to become a member of the Church if you wish.

PARISH NOTICES

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.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Thank you to all who contributed towards Christmas Flowers a sum of £253.87 was collected.

SENIOR CITIZENS PARTY

The Parish's annual Senior Citizen's "Christmas" Party will take place on **Sunday 13th 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.

PRAYER GROUP

The St Lawrence's Prayer Group will convene on **Thursday 11th January 2018** at 7.30pm in the Presbytery Prayer Room. New members welcome.

RECEPTION CLASS ADMISSIONS 2019

The last date that Fr John and Fr Peter will be available to see families is **Saturday 12th January from 9.30am to 10.30am** To make an appointment please put your name on the list on the noticeboard in the Church porch. Make sure you bring your child with you for the appointment along with their Baptism Certificate.

REST IN PEACE

EUGENIA CHAPPORY RIP

We pray for the soul of Eugenia Chappory RIP who died recently. Funeral arrangements will be announced shortly.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 22 nd	11.00 11.00 12.00 15.00 17.00 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation Palmer, O'Neill & May Families RIP (Marriage of Algest Cela and Sonila Zeqo) Mass in Tagalog for the Filipino Community Sacrament of Reconciliation Alice Abiegbe RIP (1 st Anniversary)
Sun 23 rd	09.00 11.00 13.00 14.30 18.00	Mary D'Souza RIP Eamon O'Brien RIP Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Mass led by the African Community People of the Parish
Mon 24 th	09.30 18.00 20.30 22.30 22.00	For World Peace Christmas Eve Children's Christmas Mass Vigil Mass Carols Christmas Mass of the Night
Tues 25 th	09.00 11.00 13.00	Celebrant's Intention Celebrant's Intention Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)
Wed 26 th	09.30 13.00	Brian Calmiano & Family (Intentions) and The deceased members of the Guild of St Stephen Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)
Thurs 27 th	09.30	Vera Lobo RIP (Anniversary)
Fri 28 th	09.30	Celebrant's Intention
Sat 29 th	11.00 11.00 12.00 12.45 17.00 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation Derrick Juriansz & Royle van Sanden RIP Baptisms of Mason Gabriel Godinho and Myles Rodrigues Sacrament of Reconciliation Marina & Luis Braganca in Thanksgiving
Sun 30 th	09.00 11.00 13.00 18.00	Deceased members of the Nguyen Family Agnes Pireku RIP Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) People of the Parish
Sanctuary Lamp: Alice Abiegbe RIP		

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

15-16 December: Envelopes £777.80 Loose £1,002.81

Standing Orders £888.25 **Total £2,665.86**