

This week at St Lawrence's



22nd/23rd December 2012

Fourth Sunday of Advent
(Missal Page 90 – YEAR C)
Eucharistic Prayer III (Page 27)



Micah 5:1-4; Psalm 79; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45
Christmas Mass of the Night (Missal Page 97): Isaiah 9:1-7; Psalm 95; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14
Christmas Mass during the Day (Missal Page 102): Isaiah 57:7-10; Psalm 97; Hebrews 1:1-6;
John 1:1-18
Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph (Missal Page 105); Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6, 12-14; Psalm 127;
Colossians 3:12-21; Gospel Luke 2: 41-52



*May the joy of the angels,
the eagerness of the shepherds,
the wonder of the wise men,
the love of Mary and Joseph,
and the peace of the Christ Child
be God's gifts to us
this Christmas time and always.*

*With my love and prayers for you
and your loved ones for a
very Happy Christmas!*

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CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR SERVICES

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

Christmas Eve Monday 24 December: 9.30am, 6pm (Children's Mass) & 11pm
Christmas Day Tuesday 25 December: 9.00am & 11.00am, 1.00pm (Polish Mass)
(No evening Mass)

Normal schedule Wednesday 26th December to Sunday 30th December

New Year's Eve Monday 31st December: 9.30am, 10.30pm (African Community)

New Year's Day Tuesday 1st January: 9.30am

CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY MASS

For the 6pm Family 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.

CHRISTMAS EVE MIDNIGHT MASS OR CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

We are pleased to welcome Bishop Alan Hopes who will be celebrating our Midnight Mass this year.

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.

POLISH MASS AND CONFESSIONS

On Sunday 23rd December, Confessions (Spowiedz) will take place at 12.30 followed by Mass (Msze) at 1.00pm.

On Christmas Day Mass will be celebrated at 1.00pm.

AFRICAN MASS

A special Mass led by the African Community will take place on Monday 31st December at 10.30pm.

PARISH NOTICES

ADVENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

“As we enter into the final stages of Advent, let us pray with eager hearts for the coming of the Lord.”

The last session will be on Monday 24th with Sr. Katherine at 10am (after Mass).

ST LAWRENCE'S PRAYER GROUP

The Prayer Group will **not** be meeting on Thursday 27th December.

ALL MISSIO COLLECTORS

Calendars for 2013 are now in the porch for collection.

POLISH MASS

Regular weekly Polish Mass will start on **Sunday 6th of January 2013** at 1 pm

(Regularne Msze sw.w jezuku polskim beda odbywaly sie w kazda niedziele o godz. **13.00 od 6 stycznia 2013.**)

THE FELTHAM PASSION

Next March, just before Holy Week, we are joining with local churches to present **The Feltham Passion**. Recruitment for this starts right now, and we are looking for people to take part in the following ways: *soloists, actors, dancers, readers, stage management, technicians and costume makers*. Full details are available in the Church porch, and you are asked to return your form to the presbytery **this weekend**. An initial meeting will take place on Sunday 13th January from 12.30-3.30pm in the Parish Hall. You won't regret it!

SACRAMENTS

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2013 (YEAR 9 AND ABOVE) NOT ADULT CONFIRMATION

Preparation sessions begin on the 10th January 2013 at 7pm in St. Lawrence's School Hall.

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

We offer our warmest congratulations to Wilfred Umenyo and Mary Nnaji who celebrated the sacrament of marriage this weekend.

WHAT'S COMING UP IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS

2013

January

Saturday 12th – 12noon – THANKSGIVING MASS FOR THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We would like to invite all families who had had their babies baptised at St Lawrence's during 2012 to a special celebration on Saturday 12th January at 12 noon. A short Mass will include a renewal of Baptismal promises and will be followed by light refreshments. More details nearer the time.

Sunday 13th – SENIOR CITIZEN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

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

February

Wednesday 13th – ASH WEDNESDAY

Lent Course – A School of Prayer – a four week journey of discovery

Saturday 16th – Lent Day of Prayer in Church

SCHOOL FORM SIGNING

Fr Chris will be available at the following times for St Lawrence's School Reception Class 2013 Admissions: Please come with your child and wait in the Church.

Thursdays: January 3rd – 3.45pm-4.45pm

Saturdays: January 5th, 12th - 9.30am-10.30am

REST IN PEACE

It is with sadness that we learnt of the deaths of **Michael McEvoy RIP**, **Grace Netto RIP** and **Sheila Pettit RIP**. Please pray for the happy repose of their souls and keep their families in your prayers at this time.

The funeral of **Michael McEvoy RIP** will take place here on **Thursday 3rd January** at 12noon.

The funeral of **Grace Netto RIP** will take place here on **Friday 4th January** at 9.30am.

The funeral of **Sheila Pettit RIP** will take place at Hanworth Crematorium on **Friday 4th January** at 11.20am

Mass intentions and other services this week:

Saturday 22nd Advent Feria	11.00	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	11.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	11.45	Benediction
	12.00	Bridie Kearns (Intention)
	14.00	Wedding of Wilfred Umenyo and Mary Nnaji
	15.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation in Polish (Spowiedz)
	17.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	18.00	Maria Isabel Figueiredo RIP
+ Sunday 23rd Fourth Sunday of Advent	09.00	Faustina Mendoza in Thanksgiving
	11.00	People of the Parish
	12.30	Sacrament of Reconciliation in Polish (Spowiedz)
	13.00	Mass in Polish (Msze)
	18.00	Mary & John D'Souza RIP
Monday 24th Advent Feria Christmas Eve Children's Christmas Mass	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Christina Power (Birthday Intention)
	18.00	Celebrant's Intention
	22.30	Carols
	23.00	Celebrant's Intention
Tuesday 25th NATIVITY OF THE LORD Christmas Day	09.00	Celebrant's Intention
	11.00	Celebrant's Intention
	13.00	Mass in Polish (Msze) No Evening Mass
Wednesday 26th St Stephen	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Brian Calmiano & Family (Intention)
Thursday 27th St John	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Sheila Pettit RIP
Friday 28th Holy Innocents	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Ramir Consebido RIP (A)
Saturday 29th St Thomas Becket	11.00	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	11.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	11.45	Benediction
	12.00	Derrick Juriansz RIP
	17.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	18.00	Daisy & Bernard O'Neill RIP (A)
+ Sunday 30th Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph	09.00	Braganza Family in Thanksgiving
	11.00	Stacey Pereira in Thanksgiving
	18.00	People of the Parish

Sanctuary Lamp: Emmanuella Danladi (Intention)

Sunday Mass Times

Saturday 6 pm (Vigil Mass), Sunday 9 am, 11 am & 6 pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) - Saturday 11am & 5pm

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

Envelopes £1206.43, Loose £953.24, Standing Orders £265 Total: £2424.67
Christmas Flowers - £250.25

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