



# St Lawrence Catholic Church

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## The Nativity Of The Lord (Christmas)

24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> December 2016

**Readings: Parish Mass Book Year A, Volume 1:** Christmas Vigil – Page 95; Midnight Mass - Page 98, Mass at Dawn - Page 101,  
Mass during the Day - Page 103

**Next Week:** Missal Page 109: Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God: Numbers 6:22-27; Psalm 66; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21



Welcome to our Christmas Mass - wherever you have come from it's wonderful you are here to celebrate the birth of Jesus our Saviour. God becomes one with us so that He can understand how we feel. This is the mystery of the Incarnation.

Christmas is a feast of the heart. It shows us what the heart of God is like and it shows us what our hearts are capable of. At Christmas we open our hearts and when we do we begin to live.

What makes us human is not so much our ability to think but our ability to love. Since I have come to St. Lawrence's Parish I have experienced so much love and warmth. I hope I can return my love to you in my ministry here in Feltham.

We are all invited to the crib to open our hearts to our Saviour, who has come to bring peace, hope and joy and we return to our homes like the shepherds 'glorifying and praising God for all they had seen and heard'. We must allow that love and peace to penetrate our hearts and celebrate with our family and friends the joy that lives among us.

As we plan for a new year may the love of Jesus find a new space in our hearts and minds, so that the real work of Christmas can begin once again.

***Wishing you all love and peace for Christmas and the New Year.***

**Fr. John and the Parish Team**

### ***A Christmas Novena***

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, I ask you O my God, to hear my prayers ..... and grant my desires through the merits of our Saviour Jesus Christ, and of His Blessed Mother. Amen

## PARISH NOTICES

### CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR SERVICES

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

**Christmas Eve, Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December:** 10-12 Confessions; 12 noon Mass in Tagalog; 6pm Family Mass; 8.30pm Vigil Mass; 10.30 Carols followed by Mass at 11pm.

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

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

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

**New Year's Eve, Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> December:** 11.00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions; 12 noon Mass; 5.00 Confessions; 6.00 Mass and 11.30pm (led by the African Community)

**New Year's Day, Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> January:** 9.00am, 11.00am, 1pm (in Polish) and 6.00pm

### POLISH COMMUNITY

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

### VIGIL 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 **11.30pm** 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)

### BAPTISM PREPARATION

The next Baptism Preparation Sessions will be on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> January** at 3.30pm in the Parish Centre

### SENIOR CITIZENS PARTY

The Parish's annual Senior Citizen's "Christmas" Party will take place on **Sunday 8<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.

### THE SHELTER PROJECT

The Shelter Project for homeless people in Hounslow Borough provides emergency overnight accommodation with a hot meal in the evening and a cooked breakfast from December to March. Volunteers help to run the shelter at several church locations. More information about the project can be found on <http://www.tsph.org/>. If you are interested to help please contact Andrew Logathanan on 07564 639899 or [ssmmshelter@gmail.com](mailto:ssmmshelter@gmail.com).

### RECEPTION CLASS ADMISSIONS 2017

Fr John will be available to sign forms on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January.** 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 the Certificate of Catholic Practice.

## ST LAWRENCE'S SCHOOL

We welcome the children of St Lawrence's School to the Start of Term Mass on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January** at 9.30am.

### PILGRIMAGE TO HOLY LAND

There will be a meeting for all those going to the Holy Land on **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February** at 12.45am in the Parish Centre.

### REST IN PEACE

#### JANUSZ KAPUCINSKI RIP

We pray for the repose of the soul of Janusz Kapucinski RIP, father of Fr Witold Kapucinski our Polish Chaplain, who died recently. Please also keep in your prayers Fr Witold and all the family and friends who mourn him.

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

17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup>: Envelopes £987.00 Loose £789.18

Standing Orders: £785.80 **Total: £2,561.98**

**Christmas Flowers - £290.00**

**Crisis at Christmas (taken at Carol Service) - £166.42**

**PARISH CENTRE UPDATE:**

**Money banked as at 13/12/2016 - £94,968.31**

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 24 <sup>th</sup>	10.00-12.00 12.00  18.00 20.30 22.30 23.00	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i>  MASS IN TAGALOG FOR THE FILIPINO COMMUNITY CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MASS VIGIL MASS CAROLS CHRISTMAS MASS OF THE NIGHT
Sun 25 <sup>th</sup>	09.00 11.00 13.00	Celebrants Intention Celebrants Intention Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) NO EVENING MASS
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup>	09.30	Intentions of Brian Calmiano and Family & Deceased members of the Guild of St Stephen RIP
Tues 27 <sup>th</sup>	09.30	Vera Lobo RIP (First Anniversary)
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup>	09.30	Joe Rosario RIP
Thurs 29 <sup>th</sup>	09.30	Derrick Juriansz RIP
Fri 30 <sup>th</sup>	09.30	Celebrants Intention
Sat 31 <sup>st</sup>	11.00-11.30 11.45 12.00 17.00 18.00 23.30	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation Benediction</i> Sr Katherine O'Reilly (Intentions) <i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i> Thomas McGill RIP Vigil Mass led by the African Community
Sun 1 <sup>st</sup>	09.00 11.00 13.00 18.00	Patricia Soares For World Peace Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) People of the Parish
Sanctuary Lamp: Francesca Rosario (Intentions)		

**Sunday Mass: Saturday 6 pm (Vigil Mass), Sunday 9 am, 11 am, 1pm (Polish) & 6 pm**

**Weekday Mass: Monday - Friday 9.30am, Saturday 12 noon**

**Morning Prayer: Monday – Friday - 9.15am, Novena to Our Lady: Tuesdays: 10am**

**Exposition and Benediction: Saturdays: 11am**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) - Saturday 11am & 5pm**

## **CHRISTMAS BAZAAR WINNERS**

There are a few unclaimed Raffle prizes - Derek Chapman ticket no. 00421, Kinga Woule ticket no. 02924, and Josie Carter ticket no. 01641 who are all lucky winners.

### **PILGRIMAGES 2017**

#### **ST LAWRENCE PILGRIMAGE TO HOLY LAND**

**ALL THOSE WHO HAVE TAKEN FORMS PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED FORMS AND DEPOSITS TO THE PARISH OFFICE BY FRIDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER.**

Our 2017 pilgrimage will be to the Holy Land from the **11th May to the 18th May 2017**. It will be led by Fr Chris Vipers and the cost of the 8 day pilgrimage is £929.

#### **PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA**

The Diocese of Westminster will be going on pilgrimage to Fatima from **24<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> April 2017** for the Centenary Year of the Apparitions, led by Cardinal Vincent Nichols. Price: £530 per person. Very limited single room availability. Insurance £26 per person. Please see poster on notice board. If interested please pick up a form from the Parish Office. Please return your completed forms to Tangney Tours directly.