

This week at St Lawrence's



26th/27th December 2015

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
(Missal Page 105 – YEAR C Vol. 1)



Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6, 12-14; Psalm 127; Colossians 3:12-21; Luke 2:41-52
Next week: Epiphany of the Lord (Missal Page 115); Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 71;
Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

A Prayer on the Feast of the Holy Family

*Let us pray as the family of God,
who share in his life.*

*Father in heaven, creator of all,
you ordered the earth to bring forth life
and crowned its goodness by creating the family.
In history's moment when all was ready,
you sent your Son to dwell in time,
obedient to the laws of life in our world.*

*Teach us the sanctity of human love,
show us the value of family life,
and help us to live in peace with all
that we may share in your life for ever.*

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

*With thanks from Fr Chris, Fr John, Fr Gerry,
Bridget and the Parish Team
for your kindness and generosity this Christmas.
God Bless you always.*

**Sunday Mass Times: Saturday 6 pm (Vigil Mass), Sunday 9 am, 11 am,
1pm (Polish) & 6 pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) - Saturday 11am & 5pm**

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR SERVICES

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 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.

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Thursday 1st January: 9.30am and 1pm (in Polish)

CHRISTMAS CRIB APPEAL

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

SACRAMENTS

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

On Saturday **16th January** parents can choose their First Holy Communion dates with Bridget in the school hall between 10.00am and 11.30am

PARISH NOTICES

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR WINNERS

There are three unclaimed prizes. Please could those who won these – namely Robert ticket no. 02346 and Mrs Rose Chamberlain ticket o. 00631 who are lucky raffle winners and Magdalena who won the Treasure Hunt come and collect your prizes.

SENIOR CITIZENS PARTY

The Parish's annual Senior Citizen's "Christmas" Party will take place on **Sunday 10th January** from 12noon to 4pm. The list is now closed.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Thank you for your generous support an amazing £313.90 was collected towards the Christmas flowers.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR REVIEW MEETING

There will be a Review Meeting on **Tuesday 19th January** at 6.30pm in the Presbytery.

SCHOOL GOVERNORS

St Lawrence's School Governing Body are looking to recruit two new Foundation Governors. These Governors represent the Diocese of Westminster and are appointed by the Cardinal. Foundation Governors should be practising Catholics who do not currently have children here at the School. If these Governors have a legal or financial training or experience, all the better. Please speak to Fr Chris to find out more.

VOTIVE CANDLE STANDS

Thank you to the two families that have taken up the offer to donate a candle stand. There is still an opportunity for the other two stands at £300.00 each, if anyone would like to give one in remembrance of a loved one or in thanksgiving please see Florie in the Parish Office.

RECEPTION CLASS ADMISSIONS 2016

The dates and times that Fr Chris will be available to see families are on the notice board in the Church porch. 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 your Certificate of Catholic Practice.

ST LAWRENCE'S PRAYER GROUP

The Prayer Group will reconvene on **Thursday 7th January** at 7.30pm in the Prayer Room. All welcome.

YEAR OF MERCY

The Cardinal has prepared *A Pilgrimage Companion for the Year of Mercy* by way of explanation and to help us experience God's mercy to the full. Copies of the book are available at the back of Church at £1.00. Please put your donation in the wall box marked 'CTS'. Thank you. There are also some Year of Mercy leaflets and prayer cards available at the back of Church.

TEN TEN THEATRE

Parents and guardians with children in St Lawrence's school are encouraged to attend a session **at drop off on Wednesday 6th January**. The session is a wonderful opportunity for parents and guardians to engage with the work that the children will be doing with the Ten Ten Theatre company. Ten Ten presents stories and workshops teaching relationship education rooted in the Catholic ethos. All of the work that they present is age-appropriate and it is intended to support parents by exploring various topics such as freedom and rules, service, change and vocation. The session will be led by two professional actors and will involve a mixture of performance, personal reflection and an opportunity to share and respond to the material presented. Parents will also leave with a greater understand of the work and be better able to discuss the topics with the children at home.

Ten Ten will also be filming part of the parent session for use in a short film which they will use to demonstrate to impact of their work on children and families, and they would very much like to interview one or two parents afterwards. Of course, this is entirely voluntary and the company will not film any parents or children who do not want to be included in the film.

There is to be absolutely no double parking in the school car park. This blocks emergency access to the school and Church for ambulances and fire engines. We will be re-enforcing our policy of lowering the bar in the school car park once the designated 20 spaces are full.

Please note that there is NO PARKING on the Church premises except for two marked spaces - one for Fr Chris the other for disabled parking. ALL CAR USERS are asked to find alternative parking from this time forward for the next twelve months. This applies to weekday and weekend parking

There are service vehicles coming in and out of the parish during the day so please DO NOT TRY AND PARK IN THE CHURCH GROUNDS.

PLEASE DO NOT PARK ANYWHERE ON THE GREEN AS IT IS FOR RESIDENTS' PRIVATE USE ONLY



Happy New Year to you all

Mass intentions and other services this week:

Saturday 26th ST STEPHEN	11.00-11.45	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction
	12.00	Intentions of Brian Calmiano and Family
	13.00	Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)
	15.00	Mass in Tagalog for the Filipino Community
	17.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
+ Sunday 27th THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH	18.00	For the well-being of Marlon
	09.00	John Rea RIP
	11.00	Philip and Anne Sheridan RIP
	13.00	Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)
Monday 28th THE HOLY INNOCENTS	18.00	People of the Parish
	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Harry Haldane RIP
Tuesday 29th ST THOMAS BECKETT	13.00	Wedding of Ross Bennett and Lucia Delle Cave
	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Harry Haldane RIP
	10.00	Novena to Our Lady
Wednesday 30th 6 th Day in the Octave of Christmas	16.00	Marriage Blessing Luis and Marinha Bragança 25 th Wedding Anniversary
	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Baby Myles Rodrigues RIP (Anniversary)
Thursday 31st 7 th Day in the Octave of Christmas NEW YEAR'S EVE	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	In Thanksgiving - Juriansz Family
	22.30	Prayers, Devotions, Songs of Praise, Mass and Benediction led by the African Community
Friday 1st SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD	09.30	Patricia Soares RIP (Anniversary)
	13.00	Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)
Saturday 2nd Sts Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen	11.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation
	11.45	Benediction
	12.00	Ildinha Pereira RIP
	17.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	18.00	For the intentions of the Windsor Family
+ Sunday 3rd THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	09.00	Harry Haldane RIP
	11.00	People of the Parish
	13.00	Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)
	18.00	Deceased members of the Bhatnagar Family RIP

Sanctuary Lamp: Jacinto Do Rosario RIP

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

19th/20th: Envelopes: £1,317.94 Loose: £746.45 Standing Orders: £541.15 **Total: £2,605.54**

PARISH CENTRE UPDATE: MONEY BANKED AS AT 17/12/2015 - £63,677.58

Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trustees: Registered Charity No. 233699

Contact us:

9 The Green, Feltham, TW13 4AF

www.saintlawrences.org.uk

020 8890 2367

feltham@rcdow.org.uk

Parish Priest: Fr Chris Vipers

Parish Sisters: Sr. Katherine O'Reilly, Sr. Nora Gorman

Parish Secretary: Florie Fernandes

Assistant Priest: Fr Biju John

Pastoral Assistant: Bridget Brinkley