

# This week at St Lawrence's



28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> December 2013

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph  
(Missal Page 106 – YEAR A)

*Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6, 12-14; Psalm 127; Colossians 3:12-21; Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23  
Epiphany of the Lord (Missal Page 115); Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 71; Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-5; Matthew 2:1-12*



*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 of man.  
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 men  
that we may share in your life for ever.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Fr Chris.

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## NEW YEAR SERVICES

**New Year's Eve, Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> December:** 9.30am and 10.30pm (led by the African Community)

**New Year's Day, Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> January:** 9.30am and 1pm (in Polish)

### MASS LED BY THE AFRICAN COMMUNITY

There will be a special Vigil Mass to bring in the New Year which will be led by the African Community on **Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> December** starting at 10.30pm.

## SACRAMENTS

### BAPTISMS

We extend a warm welcome to David Etinosa Ugowe, Agam Singh Randhawa and Aleksander Zygmunt Slodkiewicz who will be baptised this weekend and offer our warmest congratulations to their families.

### RCIA

The Group will meet again on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm.

## PARISH NOTICES

### FIRST FRIDAY

Our early bird Mass will take place at 6.45am on **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January**.

The CAFOD Coffee morning will take place after the 9.30am Mass.

### THANKSGIVING MASS FOR THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We would like to invite all families who have had their child baptised at St Lawrence's during 2013 to a special celebration on **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> January** at 12noon. A short Mass will include a renewal of Baptismal promises and will be followed up by light refreshments. More details nearer the time.

### SENIOR CITIZENS PARTY

The Parish's annual Senior Citizen's "Christmas" Party will take place on **Sunday 12<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.

### ST LAWRENCE'S PRAYER GROUP

The Prayer Group meets every **Thursday from 7.30pm to 9pm** in the Presbytery. A time of prayer and thanksgiving. Reflecting on scriptures. Intercessory prayers for the parish and wider community. New members welcome, come and see. The Group reconvenes on **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January**.

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Please could you return the Church crosses and hang them in the sacristy for general use. This does not apply to those of you who have your own crosses.

## REST IN PEACE

### HAZEL COSTELLO RIP

We pray for the repose of the soul of Hazel Costello RIP who passed away last weekend. Please keep in your prayers her family and all who mourn her. Her Funeral will take place here on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January** at 11.30am.

## THANK YOU

### CRISIS AT CHRISTMAS

Thank you for your generous support to our Crisis at Christmas Appeal. The amount raised was £600.39.

*Happy New Year to all Parishioners at St Lawrence's  
Fr Chris & Fr Fortunato*



## PILGRIMAGES 2014

### PARISH PILGRIMAGE - MALTA

There are only a handful of seats left on this pilgrimage. If you have not already done so, please return your booking forms as soon as possible as places on the pilgrimage are being filled very quickly. The cost of the pilgrimage is £667. A deposit of £200 is required with the booking form plus £29 if you require travel insurance. If you have any queries please speak to Fr Chris or Florie in the Parish Office.

### LOURDES 2014

We will be travelling by coach next year to join the Westminster Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, **20th-26th July**. Full details will be available after Christmas.

### ECUMENICAL PILGRIMAGE TO SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELLA AND FATIMA

If you have taken a brochure and booking form for this Ecumenical Pilgrimage in September and would like to come please return your booking form and deposit to Fr Chris at the presbytery, or if you have sent your form direct to Pax Travel please let Fr Chris know. The deadline for booking is January 31<sup>st</sup> 2014.

## OTHER

### LEGACY OFFICER

The Apostleship of the Sea is looking to appoint a Legacy Officer to join its team based in central London. The purpose of this role is to manage the charity's legacy programme to sustain the charity's work supporting seafarers. Applicants should have a minimum of two years experience of working in legacy fundraising. This post is part time, salary dependent on skills and experience. Applications close: 24<sup>th</sup> January 2014. Interviews 4<sup>th</sup> February 2014. For more information contact John Green [johngreen@apostleshipofthesea.org.uk](mailto:johngreen@apostleshipofthesea.org.uk)

### THE MUSTARD SEED

Saturday evenings of renewal. An opportunity to grow in faith in the power of the Holy Spirit. Lively praise and worship- teaching- prayer Next meeting is 11<sup>th</sup> January with speaker **Charles Whitehead**. Venue: St Margaret's Catholic Church, East Twickenham TW1 1RL Times- 7.45pm for 8.00pm start – finish 10.00 pm. Contact [mustardseed13@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mustardseed13@hotmail.co.uk) for more information.

### AN OPEN AIR PASSION PLAY IN STAINES – EASTER 2014

Churches Together have a thrilling opportunity; to declare Christ's trial, death and resurrection in a vivid, open-air play that will be both a stunning visual spectacle and an arresting and thought-provoking drama. We will stage our drama in the Memorial Gardens in Staines, in the open air, on **Easter Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> April 2014**. There will be two performances, at midday and 2.30, each running for about 90 minutes. The original concept calls for a biblically faithful retelling of the Easter story to a high professional standard. We will need a cast of around 60 people and a team of perhaps 60 more to make costumes, construct sets, work the public address, steward the site, counsel the cast, crew and audience and pray for the blessing of God. Please see noticeboard for further details. Call John Miller on 01784 441882 or go to [www.spelthornetransformation.org](http://www.spelthornetransformation.org) or e-mail: [passionplay@spelthornetransformation.org](mailto:passionplay@spelthornetransformation.org)

### PRINCESS ALICE HOSPICE

The Chaplaincy Team at Princess Alice Hospice are looking for Pastoral and Spiritual Care Volunteers. Anyone interested in volunteering are invited to attend one of the Open Meetings planned at the Hospice (West End Lane, Esher, Surrey KT10 8NA). **Dates: Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 6.30-8.30pm or Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2.30-4.00pm**. Anyone interested but unable to attend the meeting call 01372 461806 for further information. Please see poster in porch.

### EVANGELII GAUDIUM

Copies of Evangelii Gaudium - The Joy of the Gospel – by Pope Francis are available for sale in the repository at £4.95.

### COMBONI SISTERS

The Comboni Missionary Sisters will be giving their Mission Appeal here the weekend of **4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> January**.

## Mass intentions and other services this week:

<b>Saturday 28<sup>th</sup></b> THE HOLY INNOCENTS	11.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	11.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	11.45	Benediction
	<b>12.00</b>	<b>Inacia Dias RIP</b>
	12.45	Baptisms of David Etinosa Ugowe, Agam Singh Randhawa and Aleksander Zygmunt Slodkiewicz
+ First Mass of Sunday	17.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	<b>18.00</b>	<b>Ray Palmer, Daisy &amp; Bernard O'Neill RIP</b>
<b>+ Sunday 29<sup>th</sup></b> HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH	<b>09.00</b>	<b>Bragança Family in Thanksgiving</b>
	<b>11.00</b>	<b>Derrick Juriansz RIP</b>
	<b>13.00</b> <b>18.00</b>	<b>Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)</b> <b>People of the Parish</b>
<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup></b> 6 <sup>th</sup> Day in the Octave of Christmas	09.15	Morning Prayer
	<b>09.30</b>	<b>Thank you to all Parishioners from Veronica Quainoo</b>
<b>Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup></b> 7 <sup>th</sup> Day in the Octave of Christmas	09.15	Morning Prayer
	<b>09.30</b>	<b>Thomas Magill RIP</b>
	10.00 <b>20.30</b>	Novena to Our Lady <b>Vigil Mass led by the African Community</b>
<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup></b> SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD (NEW YEAR'S DAY)	09.15	Morning Prayer
	<b>09.30</b>	<b>Patricia Soares RIP (Anniversary)</b>
	<b>13.00</b>	<b>Mass in Polish</b>
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup></b> Sts Basil and Gregory	09.15	Morning Prayer
	<b>09.30</b>	<b>Joao Paulo Pires &amp; Antoinette Pires (Wedding Anniversary Thanksgiving)</b>
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup></b> Most Holy Name of Jesus	<b>06.45</b>	<b>Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart of Jesus</b>
	09.15	Morning Prayer
	<b>09.30</b>	<b>John Chandler RIP</b>
<b>Saturday 4<sup>th</sup></b> Christmas FERIA	11.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	11.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	11.45	Benediction
	<b>12.00</b>	<b>Myles Rodrigues (Intention)</b>
	12.45	Baptisms of Cacedy Jian Edith Quan-Vie and Ezekial Galusyen Velasco
+ First Mass of Sunday	17.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	<b>18.00</b>	<b>Ellen McNab RIP</b>
<b>+ Sunday 5<sup>th</sup></b> EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	<b>09.00</b>	<b>Eleanor Mendoza RIP (Anniversary)</b>
	<b>11.00</b>	<b>Patrick &amp; Edith Maple in Thanksgiving</b> <b>(57<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary)</b>
	<b>13.00</b>	<b>Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)</b>
	<b>18.00</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b>

### Sanctuary Lamp: Patrick Ibrahim Yahowa RIP

#### 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:

21-22 Dec: Envelopes £980.68, Loose £630.17, Standing Orders £420.00 Total: £2030.85

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