



St Lawrence Catholic Church

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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

30th/31st December 2017

Readings: Parish Mass Book Year B, Volume 1: Page 105: Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6, 12-14; Psalm 127; Colossians 3:12-21; Luke 2:22-4

January 1st 2018 - The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God – Page 110

Next Week: The Epiphany of the Lord: Page: 115; Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 71; Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY



NEW YEAR – NEW BEGINNINGS

Dear Friends

God chose a family for his Son. Today we see the Holy Family practicing their faith in the Temple, where they meet Simeon and Anna, who were wise and devoted people of God.

Our parish community is a family of families, when we gather and worship regularly. Over the past year our parish has grown in numbers. The average Mass attendance is

Saturday 6.00pm 270; Saturday Filipino Mass 3.00pm 36; Sunday 9am 250, Sunday 11.00am 501; Polish Mass 515, African Mass 2.00pm 28; Sunday 6.00pm 327. Total: **1927**. Starting in the New Year the Ukrainian Community will celebrate Mass on the 2nd Sunday of the month. They are indeed very welcome.

We are blessed to have a large active and devoted Goan Community along with other communities from Feltham to other parts of the world worshipping at St. Lawrence's. May everyone feel welcome and part of our parish family.

Bishop John Wilson will be making a pastoral visit to our parish on the weekend of 3rd/4th March. Wouldn't it be good to have a Parish Pastoral Council in place before his visit so that he can bless and commission the new Pastoral Council.

The Pastoral Council should represent the various communities and groups in our parish.

Today let us thank God for the Holy Family and our parish family. As we begin a New Year this is a time for new beginnings and new opportunities which are at the very heart of the Gospel.

Thank you so much for your love and generosity and for all the kindness that you show, as Cardinal Nichols says in his Pastoral Letter today "may our actions speak more eloquently than our words".

HAPPY NEW YEAR

FR. JOHN

NEW YEAR SERVICES

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

Sunday 31st December: (Saturday 30th 6pm Vigil Mass), Mass at 9am, 11am, 1pm in Polish, 6pm. **New Year's Eve:** Prayers and Mass from 10.30pm led by the African Community)

Monday 1st January - New Year's Day: Mass at 9.30am, 1pm (in Polish)

POLISH MASS

There will be Mass in Polish at 1pm on **1 January**.

FILIPINO COMMUNITY

There will be Mass on **Saturday 30th December at 3.00pm** followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre.

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 **Sunday 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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The First Holy Communion programme begins again on **Saturday 6th January at 4.30pm**. Please keep our children and their families in your prayers.

WALK WITH JESUS

The Tuesday Group begins again on **Tuesday 9th January at 4.30pm** in the Parish Centre.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

The sessions begin again on **Wednesday 3rd January at 7.15pm**.

CONFIRMATION 2018

We have a small number of places left on our Confirmation Preparation Course. If you would like register for the course candidates should see Bridget at any of the weekend Masses on the 6th, 7th, 20th or 21st January to register.

PARISH NOTICES

WELCOME

We welcome Fr Aloysius Beebwa who will be celebrating Mass at 6pm on 31st December, and the 9.30am Mass on 1st and 2nd January. We also welcome Fr Michael Chima who will celebrate the 9am and 11am Mass on 31st December.

SENIOR CITIZENS PARTY

The Parish's annual Senior Citizen's "Christmas" Party will take place on **Sunday 7th 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 on 020 8751 2153 or 07963 001403.

OVER 50'S

The Over 50's will meet again on **Wednesday 3rd January 2018**.

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.

"HOW MISSIONARY IS OUR PARISH?"

Thank you to all those who completed and returned the questionnaire. Formal feedback will be given in the new year.

UNWANTED GIFTS?

I hope you got lots of nice gifts for Christmas. However, if you have got gifts you would like to re-gift please bring them to the Parish Office and we can use them at future events in the parish.

REST IN PEACE

VITTORIO CERULLO RIP

We pray for the soul of **Vittorio Cerullo RIP** who died recently. His funeral will take place here on **Friday 12th January at 10am**. Please note that this will be the only Mass in Church that day. Please also keep in your prayers his family and all who mourn him.

ALICE ABIEGBE RIP

We pray for the repose of **Alice Abiegbe RIP**, mother of Helen Abiegbe, who died as a result of a hit and run in Nigeria. Please pray for the repose of her soul and also keep in your prayers Helen and all the family who mourn her.

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

23-24 December: Envelopes £952.39; Loose: £952.70

Standing Orders: £667.00 **Total: £1,905.09**

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

Envelopes: £813.06 Loose: £2,863.96

Total: 3,677.02

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 30 th	11.00 11.00 12.00 15.00 17.00 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation In Thanksgiving Bragança Family Mass in Tagalog for the Filipino community No Sacrament of Reconciliation In thanksgiving Atumah Family
Sun 31 st	09.00 11.00 13.00 18.00 22.30	Myles Rodrigues RIP Baby Aloysius Caldeira RIP Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Carmina Do Rego & Manuel D'Cunha RIP NEW YEAR'S EVE Vigil Mass led by the African Community
Mon 1 st	09.30 13.00	Patricia Soares RIP Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)
Tues 2 nd	09.30	Theresa Field RIP
Wed 3 rd	09.30	Minguel Monteiro RIP
Thurs 4 th	09.30	Celebrant's Intention
Fri 5 th	09.30	Manuel Francisco & Florina Lourenco RIP
Sat 6 th	11.00 11.00 12.00 17.00 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation Derrick Juriansz RIP (Anniversary) Sacrament of Reconciliation Steve Walsh RIP
Sun 7 th	09.00 11.00 13.00 18.00	Joe & Francesca Do Rosario RIP (Anniversary) Patrick & Edith Maple in Thanksgiving – 61 st Wedding Anniversary Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) People of the Parish

Sanctuary Lamp: Francesca & Jacinto Do Rosario RIP

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 and 5pm

