

# This week at St Lawrence's



8th/9th December 2012



3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent (Missal Page 87): Zephaniah 3:14-18; Psalm Isaiah 12; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:10-18

Second Sunday of Advent  
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Eucharistic Prayer III (Page 27)

Baruch 5:1-9; Psalm 125; Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11; Luke 3:4, 6

Dear Friends

Three big “thank you’s” this weekend – and an appeal.

First, thanks to Kate Taylor and her amazing team for organising the Advent Children’s Workshop and Christingle celebration last Sunday. Over 40 of our children took part – and I suspect the grown-ups had as much fun as them!

Secondly, an enormous thank you to absolutely everyone who helped to make our 80<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration this weekend go with such a swing. To those who contributed in any way to the Mass and the Party, together you helped make it a day we will never forget. I would like to record my thanks to Marian Denehy and Terry Barry for their great work in mounting our Anniversary Exhibition. This will come down before Christmas and pictures will be returned to those who have asked for them in the New Year. It has been a truly wonderful part of a wonderful Celebration Year.

Thirdly, congratulations to the organisers of the RAFA Band Concert here on 23<sup>rd</sup> November, and thanks to everyone who came to enjoy the evening, and for those who helped with refreshments. £600 was raised for the Catholic Children’s Society and another £600 for Dictionaries4Life. Tremendous!

Now for the appeal. 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 by 23<sup>rd</sup> December. You won’t regret it!

With my love and prayers for you all.

Fr Chris

## ADVENT DAY OF PRAYER

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December

A great opportunity to take some time to quieten our hearts and say: ‘come, Lord Jesus’, and remember the ‘real reason for the season’.

In the Church porch there is a ‘Watch of Prayer’ sign up sheet for Eucharistic Adoration, please put your name on the list if you are able to ‘stay and watch’ for an hour.

9.30am – *Eucharistic Adoration*

10.30am – *Sacrament of Reconciliation (with a visiting priest)*

12.00noon – *Mass*

12.30pm – *Eucharistic Adoration and Sacrament of Reconciliation*

14.30pm – *Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament*

## SACRAMENTS

### BAPTISM

We extend a warm welcome to Joseph Thomas John Shanics, Andrew Junior Kiranda and Karina Kasiulyte who will be baptised this weekend and offer our congratulations to their families.

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

If you have registered to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2013 and have not already written to Fr. Chris requesting the Sacrament of Confirmation please do so before **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December**. Preparation sessions begin on the 10<sup>th</sup> January 2013 at 7pm in St. Lawrence’s hall.

## PARISH NOTICES

### SUNDAY SICK LIST

One consequence of such a large parish as ours is that the number of our sick parishioners grows. For example, our Sisters, Ministers of Holy Communion and Fr Chris regularly bring Holy Communion to over 40 people in the parish, many of them quite seriously ill. We would love to be able to pray for them all by name each weekend but simply can’t. We are compiling a new sick list for the weekend bidding prayers starting next weekend, 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> December. If you would like yourself or your loved one to be prayed for by name please let Fr Chris or Florie in the parish office know by Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December and if you would like your name read out for a limited time please indicate when you would like your name taken off the list. You can always go back on whenever you need to.

### ADVENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

*“The more aware we are of God’s gift to us at Christmas, the more we feel urged to share with others.”*

Come along and join Sr. Katherine on Mondays during Advent at 10am (after Mass) in the Presbytery for a time of prayer and reflection.

### BOOKLET FOR ADVENT 2012

The Season of Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of God’s Son at Christmas – a time of grace, prayer and expectation. As we journey through Advent

we offer a pocket sized booklet - **Walk with Me** which has prayerful reflections for each of the days leading up to Christmas. Available at the back of Church, priced at £1.00 each.

### FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS

There will be a retiring collection after all Masses the weekend of 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> December for Christmas Flowers.

### CAFOD WORLD GIFTS

The CAFOD World Gifts Catalogues are now available at the back of Church.

### PARISH MASS BOOKS – YEAR C VOLUME 1

The Parish Mass Book for Cycle C commences this weekend. If you would like to purchase your own copy, these are available from the repository at £2.50 each.

### OTHER

#### CRISIS AT CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Our retiring collection this weekend is for Crisis. For more information about this charity please check the following link <http://community.crisis.org.uk/xmasappeal>.

#### LIFE – MINCE PIE AND CAKE SALE

This **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December** after the morning Masses (9am & 11am) in the Parish Centre. Mince pies, cakes and Christmas Fayre will be on sale as well as bric-a-brac. Do come in for a cuppa and a chat. All proceeds go to the LIFE Pregnancy Care Centre in Hounslow.

#### FELTHAM CHORAL SOCIETY

The Christmas Concert by the Feltham Choral Society takes place at St Dunstan's Church on Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm. For further details please check the notice board.

#### CAROL SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

This beautiful service organised by Lodge Brothers funeral Service will be held in Church on **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December** at 3pm. All are invited along to remember our departed loved ones at this special time of year and to light a candle for them, as well as joining in our favourite carols. Seasonal refreshments will be served afterwards.

### WHAT'S COMING UP IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS

#### December

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> – 9.30am-2.30pm** - Advent Day of Prayer in Church

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> – 3.00pm** – Carol Service of Remembrance (Lodge Brothers).

#### 2013

#### January

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> – 12noon** – Thanksgiving Mass for the Sacrament of Baptism

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> – Senior Citizen's Christmas Party**

#### February

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> – ASH WEDNESDAY**

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

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> – 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: December 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, January 3<sup>rd</sup> – 3.45pm-4.45pm

Saturdays: December 22<sup>nd</sup>, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> - 9.30am-10.30am

### Mass intentions and other services this week:

<b>Saturday 8<sup>th</sup></b> Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	<b>12.00</b> 17.00 <b>18.00</b>	<b>In Thanksgiving - 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday of our Church</b> Sacrament of Reconciliation <b>John &amp; Annie O'Grady RIP</b>
<b>+ Sunday 9<sup>th</sup></b> Second Sunday of Advent	<b>09.00</b> <b>11.00</b> 12.45 <b>18.00</b>	<b>Charles Petrie RIP (A)</b> <b>Galligan Family (Intentions)</b> Baptisms of Joseph Thomas John Shanics, Andrew Junior Kiranda and Karina Kasiulyte <b>People of the Parish</b>
<b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup></b> Advent Feria	09.15 <b>09.30</b>	Morning Prayer <b>Thanksgiving to Infant Jesus</b>
<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup></b> Advent Feria	09.15 <b>09.30</b> 10.00	Morning Prayer <b>Sister Agnes D'Mello (Intention)</b> Novena to Our Lady
<b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup></b> Advent Feria	09.15 <b>09.30</b>	Morning Prayer <b>Bill Dethridge RIP</b>
<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup></b> St Lucy	09.15 <b>09.30</b>	Morning Prayer <b>Beryl Clark (Intention)</b>
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup></b> St John of the Cross	<b>09.30</b>	No Morning Prayer <b>Inacia Dias RIP</b> With School
<b>Saturday 15<sup>th</sup></b> Advent Feria	09.30 10.30 <b>12.00</b> 12.30  14.30 17.00 <b>18.00</b>	<b>ADVENT DAY OF PRAYER: 9.30am - 2.30pm</b> Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation <b>Christian and Megan D'Souza (Intention)</b> Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation Benediction Sacrament of Reconciliation <b>Harry &amp; Philomena Booker RIP</b>
<b>+ Sunday 16<sup>th</sup></b> Third Sunday of Advent	<b>09.00</b> <b>11.00</b> <b>18.00</b>	<b>Mary D'Souza in Thanksgiving</b> <b>People of the Parish</b> <b>Thomas Diaper RIP</b>

#### Sanctuary Lamp: Emmanuelle Danladi (Intention)

#### Sunday Mass Times

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

#### Contact us:

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

Envelopes £1108.82, Loose £678.30, Standing Orders £265 Total: £2052.12

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