

# This week at St Lawrence's



3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> January 2015

The Epiphany of the Lord  
(Missal Page 115 – YEAR B Vol. 1)

Genesis 15:1-6, 21:1-3; Psalm 104; Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Luke 2:22-40  
The Baptism of the Lord (Missal Page 119); Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7; Psalm 28; Acts:10:34-38  
Mark 1:7-11



Dear Friends

On behalf of Fr Fortunato and myself I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your greetings and gifts this Christmas, and to everyone who has given so much to our parish community these last few weeks; our choirs and organist, Readers, Altar Servers, Ministers of Holy Communion, flower arrangers, cleaners, those who wash the altar linens and albs, welcomers, sacristans, Kate and her team for the Advent workshop and Christmas Crib, Social Committee, Lodge Brothers for the Christmas Tree, and all those who have helped to make this season so special. Equal thanks must go to those who serve our parish so well throughout the year; to Florie in the Parish Office, Bridget for all her work with our children, young people and adults, our dear Sisters Katherine, Monica and Nora, Margaret our housekeeper, our catechists, Sunday School teachers, Children's Liturgy leaders, youth club leaders, our Parish Council and Finance Committee, collectors and money counters, prayer group and faith sharing groups, our UCM and over 50's Club, Mother and Toddlers group, publicity group, handy men, grounds men, Bereavement group, Knight of St Columba, Arlene for co-ordinating the "Red Boxes" and our CAFOD and LIFE groups. Not forgetting the work of St Lawrence's School Staff, Governors and Friends of St Lawrence's – and of course our deep and heartfelt gratitude to the one and only – Fr Gerry!

God Bless us everyone – and a very Happy New Year!

Fr Chris.

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## SACRAMENTS

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The first session of the new year will be on **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> January** 9.45am. You will be able to choose the date when your child will make their First Holy Communion at this session.

The Parents Meeting will take place on **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January** at 2pm and 7pm.

### WALK WITH JESUS GROUP

Sessions will commence on **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January** at 4.30pm

### RCIA

Sessions will commence on **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January** at 7pm

### CONFIRMATION

The second Group preparing for Confirmation will have their first meeting on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January** at 7pm

## PARISH NOTICES

### ST LAWRENCE'S PRAYER GROUP

The Prayer Group will reconvene on **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January** at 7.30pm in the Prayer Room. All welcome.

### ST LAWRENCE'S SCHOOL – SPRING TERM MASS

On **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January**, children from St Lawrence's School will be joining us for their Spring Term Mass at 9.30am.

### 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 2014 to a special celebration on **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> January** at 12noon. A short Mass will include a renewal of Baptismal promises and will be followed up by light refreshments.

### SENIOR CITIZENS PARTY

The Parish's annual Senior Citizen's "Christmas" Party will take place on **Sunday 11<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. If you are able to help please put your name down on the helpers list. Details from Philomena Franklin.

### UCM

The UCM will meet for the spring term on **Monday, January 12<sup>th</sup>** in the Parish Centre at 7.30pm

### PRIEST REFERENCE FORMS FOR ADMISSION TO RECEPTION 2015

Fr Chris will be available to sign the Priest Reference forms for admission to St Lawrence's Reception on **January 13<sup>th</sup>**, between 3.45pm and 5.00pm. Please come with your child and wait in church.

## PARISH CENTRE BUILDING FUND UPDATE

Our Target    **£250,000.00**

Number Pledges received as of 29 <sup>th</sup> December	105
Total amount pledged as of 29 <sup>th</sup> December	£45,418.39
Total amount banked as at 29 <sup>th</sup> December	£18,207.59

## REST IN PEACE

### AMELIA BATTEN RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Amelia Batten RIP** who died recently. Her funeral will take place here on **Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> January** at 11.30am.

### PAMELA JOY PHELPS RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Pamela Joy Phelps RIP** who died recently. Her funeral will take place at Hanworth Crematorium on **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January** at 12.00noon.

Please also remember in your prayers their families and all who mourn them.

## OTHER

### MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY - WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL, SATURDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> MAY 2015 AT 3PM.

The Archbishop will be inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their **10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> (and every year over 60)** wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2015. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give your parish office the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email).

### THE CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY (WESTMINSTER)

are collaborating with the Brandenburg Choral Festival to raise money for the work of CCS. Three a cappella acts are lined up to entertain you while you enjoy a beverage from the very reasonably priced bar (the cheapest in Central London!). The concert will take place at 8pm on **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> of January** and Tickets are £12. To book, please call 0208 969 5305. The concert is being held in a TOP SECRET LOCATION in Central London that will be revealed to you when you buy your ticket(s).

## PILGRIMAGES 2015

### LANCIANO, LORETO AND SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO

A, six day, pilgrimage from the **8<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> September**. The cost will be £735 on a half board basis plus insurance. All 50 seats have now been reserved, but you are welcome to put your name on the waiting list. Those who have not yet taken a booking form please collect one from the Parish Office. If you have taken a booking form, please complete and return with deposit as soon as possible. There will be a meeting on **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January** at 10.30am in the Parish Centre.

### LOURDES 2015

Once again we will be travelling by coach to join the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, **25<sup>th</sup> July to 2<sup>nd</sup> August**. On the way to Lourdes we will be visiting the shrine of St Martin of Tours and on the return journey we will be stopping in Rocamadour and St Bernadette's shrine in Nevers. Price £699 per person plus insurance. Prince includes full board whilst in Lourdes and half board at stops on route. Booking forms will be available from the Parish Office in a couple of weeks.

## Mass intentions and other services this week:

<b>Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup></b> Most Holy Name of Jesus  + First Mass of Sunday	11.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation
	11.45	Benediction
	12.00	<b>Ted Chapple RIP</b>
	17.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	18.00	<b>People of the Parish</b>
<b>+ Sunday 4<sup>th</sup></b> THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	09.00	<b>Flor Prosper RIP</b>
	11.00	<b>Patrick &amp; Edith Maple in Thanksgiving – Wedding Anniversary</b>
	13.00 18.00	<b>Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Olajide Solanke RIP</b>
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup></b> Christmas Feria	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	<b>James David Fitzpatrick RIP (First Anniversary)</b>
<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup></b> Christmas Feria	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	<b>Derrick Juriansz RIP (Anniversary)</b>
	10.00	Novena to Our Lady
<b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup></b> Christmas Feria	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	<b>Jacinto Do Rosario RIP (Anniversary)</b>
<b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup></b> Christmas Feria	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	<b>Diego D'Souza RIP</b>
<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup></b> Christmas Feria		No Morning Prayer
	09.30	<b>Celebrant's Intention (with School)</b>
<b>Saturday 10<sup>th</sup></b> Christmas Feria  + First Mass of Sunday	11.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation
	11.45	Benediction
	12.00	<b>Baptism Thanksgiving Mass</b>
	17.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	18.00	<b>Francisco Vieira, Maria Tobe, Dan Balanta, Tio Sabino and Sana Mendes RIP</b>
<b>+ Sunday 11<sup>th</sup></b> THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	09.00	<b>Manuel Arnaldo Pires RIP (Anniversary)</b>
	11.00	<b>Kathleen &amp; John Hamill RIP</b>
	13.00	<b>Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)</b>
	18.00	<b>People of the Parish</b>

**Sanctuary Lamp: Kurt Kosin RIP**

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

Christmas Offering: Envelopes £1198.52, Loose £2049.07 Total: £3,247.59  
27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> December: Envelopes £873.49, Loose £632.99, Standing Orders £420.00 Total: £1,926.48  
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**Sunday Mass Times: Saturday 6 pm (Vigil Mass), Sunday 9 am, 11 am, 1pm (Polish) & 6 pm  
Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) - Saturday 11am & 5pm**