

This week at St Lawrence's



4th/5th January 2014

The Epiphany of the Lord
(Missal Page 115 – YEAR A)



Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 71; Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-5; Matthew 2:1-12
The Baptism of the Lord (Missal Page 118): Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7; Psalm 28; Acts 10:34-38;
Matthew 3:13-17

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 musicians, 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, drivers, 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, handymen, 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 my 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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THANKS FROM THE PASTORAL TEAM

Fr Chris, Fr Fortunato, Fr Gerry, Sr Katherine, Sr Monica,
Sr Nora, Bridget and Florie wish to thank you all for your
Christmas greetings and most generous gifts.
May God bless you all in a special way in the year 2014.

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS

We extend a warm welcome to Katriel Achede Korsimah Morrison, Cacedy Jian Edith Quan-Vie and Ezekial Gaiusyen Velasco who will be baptised this weekend and offer our warmest congratulations to their families.

RCIA

The Group will meet again on **Monday 6th January** at 7pm.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The next preparation session for Children will be on Saturday 11th January in St Lawrence's School at 9.45am and the Parents Session will be on **Tuesday 14th January** at 2.00pm or 7.00pm.

PARISH NOTICES

UCM

The UCM will recommence on **6th January** at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. We look forward to meeting members again. We welcome all ladies of the parish who are interested. Do come along and meet us.

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 11th 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 12th 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 9th January**.

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of **Hazel Costello RIP, Bernadette Cimpoiias RIP, Michael Brennan RIP and Baby Myles Rodrigues RIP** and keep their families in your prayers.

The Funeral of **Hazel Costello RIP** will take place here on **Monday 13th January** at 11.30am.

The Funeral of **Bernadette Cimpoiias** will take place here on **Wednesday 15th January** at 11am.

The Funeral of **Michael Brennan RIP** will take place at Hanworth Crematorium on **Wednesday 15th January** at 12noon.

The Funeral of **Baby Myles Rodrigues RIP** will be announced shortly.

