

This week at St Lawrence's



9th/10th January 2016

**The Baptism of the Lord
(Missal Page 118 – YEAR C Vol. 1)**

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7; Psalm 28; Acts 10:34-38; Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

Next week: Second Sunday of the Year (Missal Page 127): Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 95;
1 Corinthians 12:4-11; John 2:1-11



Dear Friends

On behalf of Fr John 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, 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 and Nora, Margaret and Sharyn our housekeepers, our catechists, Sunday School teachers, Children's Liturgy leaders, youth club leaders, our Parish Council and Finance Committee, our new Parish Centre Fund Raising Group and Social Committee, collectors and money counters, prayer group and faith sharing groups, our UCM and over 50's Club, Mother and Toddlers 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 our deep and heartfelt gratitude to the one and only – Fr Gerry!

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

Fr Chris.

**Sunday Mass Times: Saturday 6 pm (Vigil Mass), Sunday 9 am, 11 am,
1pm (Polish) & 6 pm**

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) - Saturday 11am & 5pm

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM

We extend a warm welcome to James Alan Fenner who will be baptised this weekend and offer our congratulations to his family.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

On Saturday **16th January** parents can choose their First Holy Communion dates with Bridget in the school hall between 10.00am and 11.30am

"WALK WITH JESUS" MONDAY GROUP

The "Walk with Jesus" programme for the Monday group meet on **Monday 11th January** from 4.30pm-5.30pm in the Church.

PARISH NOTICES

UCM

The UCM will meet on **Monday 11th January** at the Salvation Army Hall at 7.30pm, to wish each other a Happy New Year. Let us share our own ideas for future meetings.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Finance Committee will meet on **Tuesday 12th January** at 6pm in the Presbytery.

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA

There will be a meeting of the Knights on **Tuesday 12th January** at 8pm in the Presbytery.

ST LAWRENCE'S PRAYER GROUP

The Prayer Group will reconvene on **Thursday 14th January** at 7.30pm in the Prayer Room. All welcome.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR REVIEW MEETING

There will be a Review Meeting on **Tuesday 19th January** at 6.30pm in the Presbytery.

BARN DANCE

The Barn Dance will take place in the School Hall on **Saturday 6th February** at 7pm. Tickets will be on sale next weekend.

WELL DONE

A huge thank you to members of our Filipino community and workers from the Endoscopy Unit at St Peter's Hospital, Chertsey for raising an amazing £420.00 for our new Parish Centre in the lead up to Christmas. They spent three evenings carol singing in Chertsey, Feltham and Bedfont. Judging by the total raised they must have made a wonderful sound.

SCHOOL GOVERNORS

St Lawrence's School Governing Body are looking to recruit two new Foundation Governors. These Governors represent the Diocese of Westminster and are appointed by the Cardinal. Foundation Governors should be practising Catholics who do not currently have children here at the School. If these Governors have a legal or financial training or experience, all the better. Please speak to Fr Chris to find out more.

YEAR OF MERCY

The Cardinal has prepared *A Pilgrimage Companion for the Year of Mercy* by way of explanation and to help us experience God's mercy to the full. Copies of the book are available at the back of Church at £1.00. Please put your donation in the wall box marked 'CTS'. Thank you. There are also some Year of Mercy leaflets available at the back of Church.

CRIB APPEAL

Thank you for your generosity with the Crib Appeal, we have collected £775.12 to date.

VOTIVE CANDLES

The suggested donation for these is now **30p** and not **50p** as previously advertised. Your donations cover the significant cost of supplying these candles as well as our other sacristy costs for altar candles, altar wine and altar breads. As you know, costs never go down!

RECEPTION CLASS ADMISSIONS 2016

The dates and times that Fr Chris will be available to see families are on the notice board in the Church porch. To make an appointment to see him please put your name on one of the lists. Make sure you bring your child with you for the appointment, along with their Baptism Certificate and your Certificate of Catholic Practice.

CAR PARKING

There is to be absolutely no double parking in the school car park. This blocks emergency access to the school and Church for ambulances and fire engines. We will be re-enforcing our policy of lowering the bar in the school car park once the designated 20 spaces are full.

Please note that there is NO PARKING on the Church premises except for two marked spaces - one for Fr Chris the other for disabled parking. ALL CAR USERS are asked to find alternative parking from this time forward for the next twelve months. This applies to weekday and weekend parking

There are service vehicles coming in and out of the parish during the day so please DO NOT TRY AND PARK IN THE CHURCH GROUNDS.

PLEASE DO NOT PARK ANYWHERE ON THE GREEN AS IT IS FOR RESIDENTS' PRIVATE USE ONLY

OTHER

MARY'S MEALS

Mary's Meals is an international charity movement that sets up school feeding programmes in communities where hunger and poverty prevent children from gaining an education. Please bring all your unwanted clothing including bags, blankets, towels, curtains, bedding, shoes, even books to Church on **Sunday 31st January**. Put your clothing etc. (no bric-a-brac or furniture please) into sacks and bring them to Mass where the charity Mary's Meals will be here to pick them up at the 9am and 11am Masses. Amazingly 2 full black sacks of reasonable quality clothing will feed a child one good nutritious meal every school day for a whole year! For more information, visit www.marysmeals.org.uk.

RECEPTION 2016 ADMISSIONS - ST IGNATIUS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Green Street Sunbury on Thames TW16 6QG Tel: 01932 785396

The closing date for applications for admission into Reception class for 2016 is **Friday 15th January 2016**. Please see notice at the back of church.

REST IN PEACE

VERA LOBO RIP

We pray for the repose of the soul of Vera Lobo RIP who died recently. Her Funeral will take place here on **Thursday 14th January** at 11.00am. Please keep in your prayers her children Melvyn, Valerie and Winnie and all the family and friends who mourn her.

Mass intentions and other services this week:

Saturday 9th Christmas Feria	11.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation
	11.45	Benediction
	12.00	Derrick Juriansz RIP (Anniversary)
	12.45	Baptism of James Alan Fenner
	15.00	Wedding of Rafal Danowski and Anna Monika Durej
+ Sunday 10th THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	17.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	18.00	Harry Haldane RIP
	09.00	Rose Hagan (Intention)
	11.00	Patrick and Edith Maple in Thanksgiving
	13.00	Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)
Monday 11th Feria WK1, Year 2	18.00	People of the Parish
	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Zahraa Ali RIP
Tuesday 12th Feria	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	For the intentions of Parishioners from Helen Hurley
	10.00	Novena to Our Lady
Wednesday 13th Feria	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Eileen Carroll RIP (Anniversary)
Thursday 14th Feria	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Celebrant's Intention
	11.00	REQUIEM MASS – VERA LOBO RIP
Friday 15th Feria	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Ivy Adams (Intention)
Saturday 16th Feria	11.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation
	11.45	Benediction
	12.00	Timothy Cahalane RIP
	12.45	Baptisms of Konstantinos Ewaen Molfesis and Schylar Fernandes
	17.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
+ Sunday 17th Second Sunday of the Year	18.00	People of the Parish
	09.00	Edward & Cecilia Cabral RIP
	11.00	Kathleen & John Hamill RIP
	13.00	Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)
	18.00	For the intentions of the Nigerian Chaplain from Feltham Mass Centre

Sanctuary Lamp: For the intentions of St Lawrence's Parishioners

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

2nd/3rd January: Envelopes: £1079.20 Loose: £847.14 Standing Orders: £541.15 **Total: £2,467.49**

PARISH CENTRE UPDATE: MONEY BANKED AS AT 5/1/2016 – £64,271.23

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