

This week at St Lawrence's



10th/11th January 2015

The Baptism of the Lord
(Missal Page 119 – YEAR B Vol. 1)

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7; Psalm 28; Acts:10:34-38; Mark 1:7-11
Second Sunday of the Year (Missal Page 127); 1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19; Psalm 39;
1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20; John 1:35-42



Dear Friends

Today, the Feast of the Baptism of our Lord, marks the close of Christmastide. It has, once again, been a beautiful Christmas here at St Lawrence's. It's when our parish family truly shines. So a new year dawns, and today's feast is a wonderful way to begin it. St Mark's account of the Baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan is an inspiration, an invitation to each of us to hear God our Father's words, spoken to Jesus, spoken also to us on the day of our Baptism and every day of our Christian lives: "You are my son, my daughter, the Beloved; my favour rests on you". There is no better way to start this new year of your Christian life than to hear these life-affirming, life-enhancing, life-changing words again. Whatever this year brings, blessing and burdens alike, God's favour rests on you.

A very happy - and blessed - new year to you all.

Fr Chris.

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SACRAMENTS

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

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

WALK WITH JESUS GROUP

Sessions will commence on **Monday 12th January** at 5pm

RCIA

Sessions will commence on **Monday 12th January** at 7pm

CONFIRMATION

The second Group preparing for Confirmation in July will have their first meeting on **Thursday 15th January** at 7pm

PARISH NOTICES

ST LAWRENCE'S PRAYER GROUP

The Prayer Group meet every Thursday at 7.30pm in the Prayer Room. All are welcome to attend.

UCM

The UCM will meet on **Monday, January 12th** in the Parish Centre at 7.30pm. All Ladies of the parish are most welcome to attend.

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 13th**, between 3.45pm and 5.00pm. Please come with your child and wait in church.

PILGRIMAGES 2015

LANCIANO, LORETO AND SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO

A, six day, pilgrimage from the **8th to 13th 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 24th 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, **25th July to 2nd 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. Price 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.

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, 13th 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 16th January** at 12.00noon.

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

OTHER

INTER-FAITH VISIT

There will be a Parish visit to the Islamic Cultural Centre, Manor Road, Feltham on **Saturday 24th January** at 1pm. All are welcome to attend. We will be leaving here after the 12 noon Mass.

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

The Archbishop will be inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their **10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (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 28th 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).

PARISH CENTRE BUILDING FUND UPDATE

Our Target **£250,000.00**

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

Mass intentions and other services this week:

Saturday 10th Christmas Feria	11.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation
	11.45	Benediction
	12.00	Baptism Thanksgiving Mass
	17.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	18.00	Francisco Vieira, Maria Tobe, Dan Balanta, Tio Sabino and Sana Mendes RIP
+ First Mass of Sunday		
+ Sunday 11th THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	09.00	Manuel Arnaldo Pires RIP (Anniversary)
	11.00	Kathleen & John Hamill RIP
	13.00	Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)
	18.00	People of the Parish
Monday 12th Feria	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Harry & Margaret Haldane (Intentions)
Tuesday 13th Feria	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Sharyn Chapple & Family (Intentions)
	10.00	Novena to Our Lady
	11.30	FUNERAL SERVICE – AMELIA BATTEN RIP
Wednesday 14th Feria	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Celebrant's Intention
Thursday 15th Feria	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	In Thanksgiving to all parishioners who prayed for Harry Haldane
Friday 16th Feria	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Lily Coutinho RIP
Saturday 17th St Anthony Abbot	11.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation
	11.45	Benediction
	12.00	Margaret Reardon RIP
	12.45	Baptism of Joseph Anthony Lainton
	17.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
+ First Mass of Sunday	18.00	Steve Walsh RIP (Second Anniversary)
+ Sunday 18th Second Sunday of the Year	09.00	People of the Parish
	11.00	Timothy Cahalane (Birthday Thanksgiving)
	13.00	Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)
	18.00	Ivanka & Matija Poldrugac RIP (Anniversary)

Sanctuary Lamp: Kurt Kosin RIP

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

3rd/4th January: Envelopes £1,124.86 Loose £685.11 Standing Orders £607.00 Total: £2416.97
Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trustees: Registered Charity No. 233699

Sunday Mass Times: Saturday 6 pm (Vigil Mass), Sunday 9 am, 11 am, 1pm (Polish) & 6 pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) - Saturday 11am & 5pm