



# St Lawrence Catholic Church

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**Second Sunday of the Year**

**14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

**Readings:** Parish Mass Book Year A, Volume 1: (Missal Page: 125): Isaiah 49:3, 5-6; Psalm 39; 1 Corinthians 1:1-3; John 1:29-34

**Next Week:** - Third Sunday of the Year Page 127: Isaiah 8:23, 9:3; Psalm 26; 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17; Matthew 4:12-23

## Jesus the Lamb of God



Dear Friends,

John the Baptist points us in the direction of Jesus. He tells us that Jesus is 'The Lamb of God' who has come to take away our sins. When we are forgiven, a very real load, a great burden is lifted from us and we are able to go forward with joy. Jesus has come to be friends with us, and we in turn can become friends with each other. In this way we can create a sense of belonging for those who feel they are excluded.

Bringing an end of the Year of Mercy, Pope Francis said 'the door of mercy may be closed, but the true door of mercy, which is the heart of Jesus, always remains open for us, we receive mercy so that we too may be merciful'.

We pray today for the Church in Syria which has been decimated by five years of war. It was the Syrian Church in the seventh century that gave us the prayer 'Lamb of God' which we recite three times at Mass. We pray for mercy and peace for all migrants and refugees who live far from their homelands that they find the help they need.

**FR. JOHN**

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

**Weekday Mass: Monday - Friday 9.30am, Saturday 12 noon**

**Morning Prayer: Monday - Friday - 9.15am, Novena to Our Lady: Tuesdays: 10am**

**Exposition and Benediction: Saturdays: 11am**

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

## PARISH NOTICES

### BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

We extend a warm welcome to Wesley and Wayne Ackah-Benson and Susanna Emily Fernandes who were baptised here last weekend and offer our warmest congratulations to their families.

### COFFEE MORNING FOR ZIMBABWEAN ORPHANS

There will be a Cake and Coffee morning in the Parish Centre after the 9am and 11am Masses this Sunday in aid of the Zimbabwean Orphans.

### PILGRIMAGE TO HOLY LAND

There will be a meeting for all those going to the Holy Land on **Saturday 25th February** at 12.45am in the Parish Centre. We will be hiring a coach to transport us from Feltham to Luton Airport and back. The cost per person for the return journey is £15.00. Please could you pay this money to Florie in the Parish Office as soon as possible.

### CHOIR LOFT TIDY UP

There is to be a 'tidy-up' of the Choir Loft including the store room within the next few weeks. If anyone has items stored in the Loft and would like to keep it, please stick a sign to that effect. All items that are unmarked will be recycled.

## OTHER

### CHURCHES TOGETHER IN BEDFONT, FELTHAM AND HANWORTH

There will be an Ecumenical Service to celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity on **Sunday 22nd January** at 4.00pm at Hanworth Methodist Church, Churchfields Avenue, Hanworth TW13 5NT. All are welcome to attend.

### THE SHELTER PROJECT

The Shelter Project for homeless people in Hounslow Borough provides emergency overnight accommodation with a hot meal in the evening and a cooked breakfast from December to March. Volunteers help to run the shelter at several church locations. More information about the project can be found on <http://www.tsph.org/>. If you are interested to help please contact Andrew Logathanan on 07564 639899 or [ssmmshelter@gmail.com](mailto:ssmmshelter@gmail.com).

### MARY'S MEALS



Mary's Meals wants your unwanted clothing and bedding (**no duvets or pillows or books please**) and will be at our church until 12 noon on **Sunday 5th February** to collect them all.

Put your clothing/bedding into tied sacks and bring them to Mass where the charity Mary's Meals will be here to pick them up. Amazingly 3 full black sacks of good quality clothing will feed a child one good nutritious meal every school day for a whole year!

Mary's Meals is a charity that sets up school feeding programmes in communities where poverty and hunger prevent children from gaining an education

### LIFE PREGNANCY CARE CENTRE

Over £490.00 was raised at the recent Mince Pie sale and Coffee Morning held for the Life Pregnancy Care Centre. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way and for the generous support from parishioners who came in on the day.

## REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the souls of Frank Aiden Doran, Francisca Do Rosario, John York, Desmond Regheline and Janet Dhlwayo who died recently. Their funerals will take place as follows:

**Desmond Regheline RIP – Monday 16th January at 12.40pm** at Hanworth Crematorium

**John York RIP – Wednesday 18th January service at 11.00am** at Hanworth Crematorium followed by burial at Feltham Cemetery.

**Francis Aiden Doran RIP - Wednesday 18th January at 11.20am** at Hanworth Crematorium.

**Janet Dhlwayo RIP – Tuesday 31st January at 10.20am** at Hanworth Crematorium.

**Francisca Do Rosario RIP – details to follow**

Please also keep in your prayers all the family and friends who mourn them.

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

7th/8th: Envelopes £1,113.68 Loose: £914.77  
Standing Orders: £785.80 **Total: £2,814.25**

**Total Crib Appeal: £727.57**

### PARISH CENTRE UPDATE:

**Money banked as at 11/1/2017 – £95,123.95**

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 14 <sup>th</sup>	11.00-11.30 11.45 12.00 17.00 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation Benediction Dermot Farry RIP Sacrament of Reconciliation Monte Carmelina de Bragança RIP (First Anniversary)
Sun 15 <sup>th</sup>	09.00 11.00 13.00 18.00	Mary Fogarty (Intentions) People of the Parish Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Philip & Anne Sheridan RIP
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup>	09.30	Lily Coutinho, Diego D'Souza & Janet D'Souza RIP
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup>	09.30	Fr Freddy D'Souza RIP
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup>	09.30	Celebrants Intention
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup>	09.30	Vera Lobo RIP
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>	09.30	Willie Daly RIP
Sat 21 <sup>st</sup>	11.00-11.30 11.45 12.00 17.00 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation Benediction Ray Palmer RIP Baptisms of Kenisi Lizzy Woods, Alexander George Matias Mann, Tobias Chezuthanikal and Eden Olisaemeka Egbeni Sacrament of Reconciliation Kay Day RIP
Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup>	09.00 11.00 13.00 14.30 18.00	People of the Parish John & Kathleen Hamill RIP Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Mass led by the African Community John Edwards RIP (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary)
Sanctuary Lamp: Vera Lobo RIP		