

This week at St Lawrence's



5th/6th January 2013



**Epiphany of the Lord
(Missal Page 115 – YEAR C)
Eucharistic Prayer III (Page 27)**

Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 71; Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12
The Baptism of the Lord (Missal Page 118); Isaiah 42: 1-4, 6-7; Psalm 28; Acts 10:34-38;
Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

Dear Friends

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, 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 and young people, our dear Sisters Katherine and Monica, Daniel for all he does in the parish, Margaret our housekeeper, our catechists, youth club leaders, Sunday School teachers, 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 our school staff and governors – and of course my deep and heartfelt gratitude to the one and only – Fr Gerry!

God Bless everyone – and a very Happy New Year!

Fr Chris

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SACRAMENTS

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2013 (YEAR 9 AND ABOVE)

NOT ADULT CONFIRMATION

Preparation sessions begin on the **Thursday 10th January** 2013 at 7pm in St. Lawrence's School Hall. The parents meeting will take place in the Parish Centre at 7pm on the same day.

BAPTISM

We extend a warm welcome to Ryan Carter Alway, Nathan Odetoyinbo, Rachel Odetoyinbo, Zayne Raphael Mason and Larissa Sharon Mason who will be baptised this weekend and offer our congratulations to their families.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The next preparation session for Children's will be on **Saturday 12th January** in St Lawrence's School at 9.45am and the Parents Sessions with Fr Chris will be on **Tuesday 15th January** at 2.30pm or 7.30pm.

PARISH NOTICES

ST LAWRENCE'S PRAYER GROUP

The Prayer Group reconvenes on **Thursday 10th January** 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.

CHILDREN'S MASS

The next Children's Mass will be on **Sunday 13th January** at 11am.

POLISH MASS

Regular weekly Polish Mass will start on **Sunday 6th of January 2013** at 1 pm

(Regularne Msze sw.w jezyku polskim beda odbywaly sie w kazda niedziele o godz.13.00 od 6 stycznia 2013.)

THE FELTHAM PASSION

Next March, just before Holy Week, we are joining with local churches to present **The Feltham Passion**. Recruitment for this starts right now, and we are looking for people to take part in the following ways: *soloists, actors, dancers, readers, stage management, technicians and costume makers*. Full details are available in the Church porch. An initial meeting will take place on **Sunday 13th January** from 12.30-3.30pm in the Parish Centre. You won't regret it!

ST LAWRENCE'S SCHOOL MASS

The children of St Lawrence's School will be joining us for Mass on **Friday 11th January** at the start of the new school term.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The Children's Liturgy group is open to children who are in reception class and above. It takes place during three of the Sunday Masses in the Parish Centre – Saturday 6pm, Sunday 9am and 11am. Children's Liturgy catechists are asked to collect their rotas from the Presbytery. The sessions commence again on **Saturday 12th January**.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School programme for children attending non-Catholic schools takes place at 10am in St Lawrence's School. Children aged 6 and above are invited to attend. Please bring your child along and see Bridget Brinkley for more details. The programme commences again on **Sunday 13th January**.

GROWING IN FAITH

As you leave Church today, you will be handed a letter from Archbishop Vincent Nichols on *Growing in Faith*.

UCM

The next UCM Meeting will be on **Monday 14th January** at 7.30pm

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

The next Parish Pastoral Council Meeting will take place on **Thursday 17th January** at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. If anyone has any items they would like to be included in the agenda please send a note to Graham Baker, Chair care of the Parish Office.

OTHER

APPEAL BY PASSAGE

There will be an appeal by The Passage at all the Masses this weekend.

SPECIAL NEEDS MASS

St Joseph's Pastoral Centre are having a Mass with special welcome for families and friends with learning difficulties at St Michael and St Martin Church, 94 Bath Road, Hounslow TW3 3EH on **Sunday 6th January** starting with activities at 1.30pm. Mass at 3.00pm will be followed by 'bring and share' refreshments. For more information please contact Gail Williams on 0781 5763330.

WHAT'S COMING UP IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS

January

Saturday 12th – 12noon – THANKSGIVING MASS FOR THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We would like to invite all families who had had their babies baptised at St Lawrence's during 2012 to a special celebration on Saturday 12th January at 12 noon. A short Mass will include a renewal of Baptismal promises and will be followed by light refreshments. More details nearer the time.

Sunday 13th – SENIOR CITIZEN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Parish's annual Senior Citizen's "Christmas" Party will take place on Sunday 13th 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

February

Wednesday 13th – ASH WEDNESDAY

Lent Course – A School of Prayer – a four week journey of discovery

Saturday 16th – Lent Day of Prayer in Church

SCHOOL FORM SIGNING

Fr Chris will be available at the following times for St Lawrence's School

1. Reception Class 2013 Admissions:

Saturday: January 12th - 9.30am-10.30am

2. Nursery Class 2013 Admissions:

Saturdays: 9.30am – 10.30am: January 19th, 26th; February 2nd, 9th; March 2nd; April 13th

Thursdays: 3.45pm – 4.45pm: January 24th, 31st; February 7th, 14th, March 7th; April 18th

Please come with your child and wait in the Church.

REST IN PEACE

MARILYN REEVES RIP

We pray for the repose of the soul of Marilyn Reeves RIP whose funeral will take place here on **Friday 11th January** at 1pm. Please also remember her family in your prayers.

Mass intentions and other services this week:

Saturday 5th Christmas Feria	11.00	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	11.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	11.45	Benediction
	12.00	Patrick & Edith Maple in Thanksgiving (56th Wedding Anniversary)
	12.45	Baptisms of Ryan Carter Alway, Nathan Odetoyinbo, Rachel Odetoyinbo, Zayne Raphael Mason and Larissa Mason
17.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
18.00	Anne Sheridan RIP	
+ Sunday 6th Epiphany of the Lord	09.00	People of the Parish
	11.00	Derrick Juriansz RIP (A)
	13.00	Mass in Polish (Msze)
	18.00	Maria Kenny RIP (Anniversary)
Monday 7th Christmas Feria	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Jacinto Do Rosario RIP (A)
Tuesday 8th Christmas Feria	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Rose and Herbert Harvey RIP
Wednesday 9th Christmas Feria	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	For Vocations
Thursday 10th Christmas Feria	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Clive D'Souza in Thanksgiving
Friday 11th Christmas Feria	09.15	No Morning Prayer
	09.30	Thomas Magill RIP (with school)
	13.00	FUNERAL MASS – MARILYN REEVES RIP
Saturday 12th Christmas Feria	11.00	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	11.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	11.45	Benediction
	12.00	Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Baptism
	17.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
18.00	Margaret Simmons RIP	
+ Sunday 13th The Baptism of the Lord	09.00	For the staff and residents of Derwent Lodge Care Centre
	11.00	People of the Parish
	13.00	Mass in Polish (Msze)
	18.00	Annette Lynch RIP

Sanctuary Lamp: Jacinto Do Rosario RIP

Sunday Mass Times

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

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

Envelopes £1067.64, Loose £750.49, Standing Orders £265 Total: £2083.13

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