



# St Lawrence Catholic Church

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**33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year**

**12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> November 2016**

**Readings:** (Page 164): Malachi 3:19-20; Psalm 97; 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12; Luke 21:36

**Next Week:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe: (Missal Page: 167): 2 Samuel 5:1-3; Psalm 121; Colossians 1:12-20;

Luke 23:35-43

My very dear friends,

I am writing to say an enormous thank you for your great kindness to me as I move on to pastures new - a funny way to describe the City of London! Your cards, messages, gifts and the very generous collection you gave me at my Farewell Mass on 29th October have completely blown me away. The Mass itself was a beautiful celebration in true St Lawrence's style and I will always remember it and the lovely words which were said, and the party afterwards was just great. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make it the most fantastic occasion. I have told all my new parishioners about it, and some of them have said they wish they were there!

I have so many people to thank from my seven years with you; Mr McCormack and all the Staff, Governors and children at our School; Fr Gerry, Fr Witold, Fr Roger at the prison, and all the priests and seminarians who serve us; Sisters Mary, Katherine, Nora and Monica; Bridget, Florie (and Joanna before her), Margaret and Sharyn in the Parish Office and Presbytery; and the countless number of you who give so generously of your time, your talents and your love to the life and work of St Lawrence's. It is a parish and a place that brings out the best and helps us give our best.

God bless you always, and please feel free to keep in touch. My contact details if you ever need them are:

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With my love and prayers.

**FR CHRIS**

## PARISH NOTICES

### \*\*\* ST LAWRENCE'S CHURCH BAZAAR \*\*\*

**Date: Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December in the School Hall.**

Time: 10.00am to 3.00pm

How can you help:

- set up on Saturday morning or afternoon, clear up on the Sunday afternoon, help on one of the many stalls, be an elf at Santa's grotto, help with arts and crafts, face painting, sell raffle tickets

Put your name on the list in the Church porch if you can help with any of the above.

- We would like donations of toiletries, perfume and beauty products, unwanted gifts, good, new or nearly new bric-a-brac, good quality handbags, unused Christmas decorations, homemade jams and preserves, bottles (alcoholic or soft), jewellery, tombola prizes, gift vouchers, boxes of chocolates, homemade cakes and Christmas cakes (but no toys or jumble please). These can be brought to the presbytery or the Church over the next few weeks and left by the Baptismal Font.

- Above all, put this date in your diary and spread the word!

**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**

## NOVEMBER – THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

### NOVEMBER LISTS

Available at the back of Church, please fill in and place in the basket by the Book of Remembrance at the foot of the altar.

### REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

This Sunday the 11am Mass will be a requiem for the War Dead. The Parade will set off from St Lawrence's School at 2.40pm for a short service at the Cenotaph on the Green at 3pm, all welcome. We will be hosting refreshments following the service, in the Parish Centre. Thanks to those who have volunteered to help to set-up, serve the drinks and cakes and then to clean up afterwards. If anyone else can help please arrive at the Parish Centre at 1.30pm.

### SPECIAL MASS FOR THE RECENTLY BEREAVED

On **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November** at 6pm we shall be celebrating a special Mass to pray for the peaceful repose of parishioners, who have died over the past year and to pray for the comforting of their families. Please come along to offer the support of your prayers to those who are grieving. The Bereavement Support Group will be providing refreshments in the Parish Centre and a listening ear after Mass.

### ST LAWRENCE PILGRIMAGE 2017

Our 2017 pilgrimage will be to the Holy Land from the **11<sup>th</sup> May to the 18<sup>th</sup> May 2017**. It will be led by Fr Chris Vipera and the cost of the 8 day pilgrimage is £929. This price is guaranteed for all bookings received up until the **19<sup>th</sup> December 2016**. A full itinerary is available at the back of the church. There is also a list that you should enter your name on to reserve a seat if you are planning to go. Booking forms are available from the parish office.

On **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November** there will be a meeting at 12:45pm after the midday mass in the parish centre. All those interested in going should attend this meeting as further details will be discussed.

### ADVENT CHILDREN'S WORKSHOP



**SUNDAY 27<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER - 2-30pm – 4.00pm PARISH CENTRE, 4.30pm IN CHURCH FOR A SHORT CHRISTINGLE SERVICE FOLLOWED BY TEA AND MINCE PIES IN THE PARISH CENTRE**

The workshop is for children from 4 – 12 years old. All children under 5 must be accompanied by an adult who will need to stay with them throughout the event. There is a small charge of £1.00 for each child. This pays for items used during the workshop. All children must be signed in when attending this workshop.

The workshop will enable the children to make Advent and Christmas crafts and sing songs. Some of the items that are made from this event will be displayed in the Church, other items can be taken home.

Please put your name on the list at the back of Church if you would like to help

## SACRAMENTS

### BAPTISMS

We extend a warm welcome to Steven James Hunt who was baptised during the week and offer our warmest congratulations to his family.

## OTHER

### SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS

Today's second collection is for the annual Sick & Retired Priests Fund of the Diocese of Westminster. The Fund ensures elderly and infirm priests are not alone in their senior years, after a lifetime of service. Your gift helps defray the costs the Diocese bears in fulfilling its lifetime commitment to these men for their housing, medical, convalescence, companionship and spiritual support needs. Please be generous. Most priests retire with modest means, and later on circumstances with health, mobility, or frailty can adversely impact their ability to live independently. If you do not have an envelope, plenty are still available at the back of Church, or you can donate online at [www.rcdow.org.uk/donations](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations).

### ST IGNATIUS CATHOLIC PRIMARY IN SUNBURY

is currently looking for a Teacher to start in either January or April 2017. Full and part time considered. Please see the school's website for further details or contact Mrs Corbett Tel: 01932 785396. **Closing date: 22<sup>nd</sup> November.**

### TOWARDS ADVENT 2016

A Festival of Catholic Culture is being held on **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November** in Westminster Cathedral Hall, Ambrosden Avenue London SW1 1QJ from 10am. Over 30 organisations will be attending and it is an opportunity for them to give an insight into their activities and they will also have many articles for sale. Admission is free. In addition some talks and workshops will be given during the event. Further details are available on '[towardsadvent@blogspot.com](mailto:towardsadvent@blogspot.com)'

### FEAST OF ST FRANCIS XAVIER

The West London Goans Sports & Social Club will be celebrating the feast on **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November** at St Michael & Martin's Parish Centre from 1pm-7pm. Live Band and disco. Tickets include food. Please see notice board for flyer and more details.

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

5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>: Envelopes £1,002.63 Loose £832.49  
Standing Orders: £538.00 **Total: £2,373.12**

### PARISH CENTRE UPDATE:

**Money banked as at 8/11/2016 – £91,979.67**

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 12 <sup>th</sup>	12.00 18.00	Sr Katherine O'Reilly (Intention) Esther Carsi-Cruz Kimpo (Birthday Intention)
Sun 13 <sup>th</sup>	09.00 11.00 13.00 18.00	Sabina Alvares RIP (Anniversary) The War Dead RIP Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Mass for the Bereaved
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup>	09.30	Martin & Bridget Moore RIP
Tues 15 <sup>th</sup>	09.30	Celebrants Intention
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup>	09.30	John Rea RIP
Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup>	09.30	Francis Day RIP
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup>	09.30	Harry Haldane RIP
Sat 19 <sup>th</sup>	12.00 12.45 18.00	Ildinha & Bernardo Pereira RIP <i>Baptisms of Ethan Cardoso-Kaminski, Janelle Etornam Afua Sogbey, Elena Sasso and Austyn Mensah Agyemang</i> People of the Parish
Sun 20 <sup>th</sup>	09.00 11.00 13.00 18.00	Alec Papworth RIP (Anniversary) Deceased members & friends of the 11am Choir RIP Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Alfred & Aida Simoes RIP
Sanctuary Lamp: Gabriel Danladi & Patrick I Yakowa RIP		