

This week at St Lawrence's



21st/22nd November 2015

**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
(Missal Page 160 – YEAR B Vol. 2)**

Daniel 7:13-14; Psalm 92; Apocalypse 1:5-8; John 18:33-37
Next week: First Sunday of Advent (Parish Mass Book Year C, Volume 1 - Missal Page 82): Jeremiah 33:14-16;
Psalm 24; 1 Thessalonians 3: 12, 4:2; Luke 21:25-28; 34-36

 **Christmas Bazaar – Sunday 6th December - 10am-3pm** 

Impressions from Calais – 12th November 2015

The first thing that strikes you is the smell – of piles of rubbish, overflowing toilets, stagnant water, layers of unwashed clothing. Secondly, so very many people, young men, teenagers, boys, young mothers, standing around or walking purposefully with nowhere to go. I saw and heard bewilderment, desperation, anger and a heart-breaking sense of hopelessness – “*we are going to die here*”. One young man from Afghanistan who spoke to me had been an interpreter for the British Army and was fleeing death-threats back home. Another was a surgeon from Syria, and another, the Principal of a High School, their only “crime” being that they were Christians. It was hard to see them so humiliated, hard to hear their stories. What if it was me having to live that way? Another conversation made me feel like a do-gooder who could do no good, a day-tourist in hell. But there was light there too – youngsters kicking a football around and dreaming of playing for Manchester United; paramedics from London giving up a week of their holidays to give ‘flu jabs to the near-4000 in the camp, already-exhausted travellers from Sudan, Iraq, Afghanistan and Syria; the makeshift Ethiopian Orthodox church at the heart of the camp (one of the first things the refugees built) offering a place of sanctuary, stillness and peace; the many aid agencies and NGO’s from France and the UK bringing fresh clothes, food, toys, footballs, books and dictionaries for the library; the young barber from Syria who managed to bring his shaving brush, razor and scissors and offering his services for free; volunteers I met from all over Europe who were helping to build more sturdy shelters of wood and canvas to protect from the onset of winter. Not least, there was hope in the group I travelled with from London Church Leaders and the Faiths of Forum for London. We were none of us politicians or power-brokers. Each of us, though, are human beings, wanting to stand shoulder to shoulder with those who suffer as refugees and asylum seekers, each of us needing to raise our voices loud for justice, mercy, the sanctity of life, human dignity and the rights of man. Pope Francis has challenged us to “touch the suffering flesh of Christ in others” (Evangelii Gaudium). I tried to do that one day in November, and it is a meeting with the suffering Christ I will never forget. Please pray!

Fr Chris

SACRAMENTS

BAPSIMS

We extend a warm welcome to Aoife Rose Beamson and Ava Julia Vallis who will be baptised this weekend and offer our congratulations to their families.

PARISH NOTICES

UCM

The UCM will meet on **Monday 23rd November** at St Lawrence's Church for Mass at 7.30pm. We **will not** be at the Salvation Army Hall that evening. All assemble in the Church.

RACE NIGHT

The Social Committee invite you to a Race Night in the School Hall on **Saturday 28th November** from 7pm. Tickets on sale after all Masses this weekend (Adults £5.00, Children under 11 free). Bring your own drink. Ploughman's supper included.

SATURDAY NIGHT HELPERS

We would like to recruit some understudies for John Lock to help with opening the Church, setting up for Mass and organising the collection. It would be good to get a few names to help out.

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.

PARISH MASS BOOKS – YEAR C VOLUME 1

The Parish Mass Book for Year B will commence next weekend, the First Sunday of Advent.

MASS INTENTIONS

We will be taking Mass Intentions for next year from **Wednesday 2nd December 2015, from 10am-11am**. Each family can offer 3 Masses to be said in St Lawrence's for the year. Any intentions over that will be sent to the Missions. This will enable every parishioner to have a Mass said in Church. The Mass Stipend remains at £10.00 per Mass as recommended by the Diocese, this also applies to Masses being sent to the Missions.

ADVENT CHILDREN'S WORKSHOP

**SUNDAY 29th NOVEMBER - 2-30pm – 4.30pm SCHOOL HALL
AND 4.30pm IN CHURCH FOR A SHORT CHRISTINGLE SERVICE**



The workshop is for children from 2 – 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 and any profit made will go to “Home-Start's Snowflake Appeal”. 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.

COME AND SEE – A ONE DAY MEDITATION PROGRAMME FOR THE YOUTH

Meditation has been identified as a practice that makes you stronger, better and more efficient at work. It helps you become more focused and less confused. It disciplines your mind and encourages a culture of mindfulness or living in the present. The programme is aimed at 17-35 year olds and will take place in Church on **Saturday 19th December** from 9.30am-3.30pm. Please see poster on the notice board for the programme. There are a maximum of 35 spaces therefore it is important to reserve a place as soon as possible. Please contact Fr John on 020 8890 2367 or email feltham@rcdow.org.uk to reserve a place.

OUTSTANDING SPONSORSHIP MONEY FOR IRIS ELDRIDGE

If you haven't yet paid up, please hand in money by the end of this Sunday, 22nd November. Thank you.

CAROL SINGING IN THE HIGH STREET

Calling all singers and musicians to join us for Carol Singing in Feltham High Street at 4.00pm on **Saturday 19th December**. The meeting point will be in front of Subway. We are looking for donations of mince pies or sliced cake to distribute to people. Sign up list in porch for those who would like to join in the carol singing.

OTHER

FUN IN THE PARK

Churches Together in Feltham, Hanworth and Bedfont are planning a Sport and Fun Day next May and are holding a meeting for anyone interested in helping out. The meeting is at All Saints Church Hall (behind All Saints Church on Uxbridge Road, Hanworth) on **Thursday 26th November** at 7.30pm. It would be great if St Lawrence's could be involved.

INTERFAITH EVENT

The Centre for Spirituality and Cultural Advancement (CSCA) and St Lawrence's presents "Reflecting on the place of Mary in our faith traditions" on **Saturday 28th November** at 1pm at the CSCA Centre, Manor Lane, Feltham TW13 4JQ. All those interested in attending please meet Fr Chris after the 12noon Mass and walk to the Centre.

FEAST OF ST FRANCIS XAVIER

On **29th November 2015**, West London Goans will be celebrating the Feast of St Francis Xavier, the patron saint of Goa at St Michael and St Martin's Parish Centre, 94 Bath Road, Hounslow TW3 9EH from 1-7pm. Please see poster in porch for details.

IMPORTANT – CAR PARKING

URGENT REMINDER

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 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



GRAND CHRISTMAS BAZAAR - SUNDAY 6TH DECEMBER 10.00AM-3.00PM



How you can help:

- Posters – take one and display in your front window.
- Grand Christmas Raffle Tickets – buy and sell (in books of 5, £1.00 per ticket).
- Donations need - toiletries, perfume and beauty products, unwanted gifts, good new or nearly new bric-a-brac, good Christmas decorations, homemade jams and preserves (please date them), 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 in the big box by the Baptismal Font.
- Help with setting up on Saturday 5th December at 12noon
- Help on the day
- **Important note for stallholders** – we will provide big signs for your stalls, including the price of your activity, and money floats with the change you will need. You can set up your stall after 12noon on Saturday 5th.
- Bazaar programmes (including) "Lucky Programme" for sale this weekend and next – 50p.

Mass intentions and other services this week:

Saturday 21st The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	11.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation
	11.45	Benediction
	12.00	Ray Palmer RIP
	16.00	Baptisms of Aoife Rose Beamson and Ava Julia Vallis
	17.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
+ Sunday 22nd OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE	18.00	Annette Lynch RIP (Anniversary)
	09.00	People of the Parish
	11.00	Deceased members and friends of the 11am Choir RIP
	13.00	Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)
	14.30	Mass led by the African Community
Monday 23rd Feria	18.00	For World Peace
	09.15	Morning Prayer
Tuesday 24th St Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions	09.30	Michelle Doyle RIP
	10.00	Morning Prayer
Wednesday 25th Feria	09.30	Jenny Kay and Jackie Day (Intentions)
	10.00	Novena to Our Lady
Thursday 26th Feria	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Francesca Do Rosario (Intentions)
Friday 27th Feria	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Deceased members of the Fernandes Family RIP
Saturday 28th Feria	09.30	Baby Adam Jacob Tojo RIP (2nd Anniversary)
	11.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation
	11.45	Benediction
	12.00	Michael Omoniyodo (Birthday Thanksgiving)
	12.45	Baptisms of James Francis Ngu, Jack John Clive Denton, Daisy Jane Coggins and Charlie Stephen Matthew Coggins
+ Sunday 29th First Sunday of Advent Year C	15.00	Mass in Tagalog for the Filipino Community
	17.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	18.00	Manuel Abalada RIP
+ Sunday 29th First Sunday of Advent Year C	09.00	People of the Parish
	11.00	Deceased members of the Fernandes and Dias Families
	13.00	Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)
	18.00	William and Margaret Chappells RIP

Sanctuary Lamp: Gabriel Danladi and Patrick Ibrahim Yahowa RIP

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

14th/15th Nov: Envelopes: £1323.80 Loose: £649.44 Standing Orders: £451.00 **Total: £2,424.24**

PARISH CENTRE UPDATE: MONEY BANKED AS AT 16/11/2015 – £43,944.51

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

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