

# This week at St Lawrence's



22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> November 2014

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe  
(Missal Page 158 – YEAR A Vol. 2)



Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17; Psalm 22; 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28; Matthew 25:31-46  
First Sunday of Advent (Year B: Vol. 1; Missal Page 82); Isaiah 63:16-17, 64:1, 3-8; Psalm 79;  
1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:33-37

## BRINGING OUR CHILDREN TO MASS

When I was growing up, one of the Saturday chores in our house was to polish all the family shoes for Sunday Mass. My mother was a keen dressmaker and we were lucky enough to have lovely dresses which we were only allowed to wear on Sunday to Church. My grandmother would arrive at our house in her Sunday hat and coat and my granddad in his suit and tie. The point I am making is that, for us as a family, Sunday was a special day and going to Mass was the most important part of our week. It required preparation and planning. We would sit as a family in Church under the watchful eye of my parents and grandparents. We were not short of guidance on how to behave in Church and this scenario may be familiar to many of you.

I appreciate times are different now; families are not always able to come to Church together and the extended family support that I experienced as a child may not be your children's experience.

As parents, and leaders of our domestic church, we are still responsible for forming our children in our Catholic faith. There is no more important experience to Catholics than the celebration of Holy Mass, so it is crucial to help children understand and participate in Liturgy as much as they are able. At times, it may seem that the only thing we accomplished at Mass is the exercise of standing and walking with a crying baby or grumpy child. But we also know that children do not remain little for long and amazingly they rise to our expectations. Our primary job is, to make sure they "get" what happens at Mass.

As our parish grows, with new families, I hope that those of us who do not have small children will support our young families and that as a young family you will accept that support and help. It might be a small gesture of a smile that shows a parent that you are there to support them or you might help a child follow the Mass in their little Mass books. We must teach our children how to respond and participate in the Mass even if this means that we ourselves need to revisit how we participate in the Mass.

Do you know when to sit and stand and kneel at Mass and why we sit, stand and kneel at different points of the Mass? Do you know the responses, the Gloria, and the Creed? Let us all look again at how we participate in our Sunday Mass and let's work together so our children can know and experience the sacredness of what we celebrate in Church.

**Bridget Brinkley**

## SACRAMENTS

### BAPTISMS

We extend a warm welcome to Leon James Dunkurs, Franklin Lotanna Udeh and Micah Kwame Vifa Tamakloe who will be baptised this weekend and offer our warmest congratulations to their families.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The Parents Meeting will be on **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November** at 2pm and 7pm in the Parish Centre. Parents will be able to purchase a booklet "Being a Parent Today" by Stephen Wang for £2.50.

## PARISH NOTICES

### IMPORTANT PARKING NOTICE

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE SCHOOL CAR PARK WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR CHURCH PARKING NEXT SUNDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER. THERE WILL, HOWEVER BE ACCESS VIA VICTORIA ROAD FOR PEDESTRIANS. THE NORMAL RULES APPLY AT THE FRONT OF THE CHURCH FOR THOSE ATTENDING MASS I.E. 4 PARKING SPACES FOR DISABLED USERS.**

### BOOKS FOR ADVENT

The Season of Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of God's Son at Christmas – a time of grace, prayer and expectation. As we journey through Advent we offer two pocket sized booklets – **Walk with Me** which has prayerful reflections for each of the days leading up to Christmas and **Day by Day** which has readings for Mass. These are available at the back of Church at £1.00 each.

### PARISH MASS BOOKS – CYCLE B VOLUME 1

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

### 9AM SUNDAY MASS CHOIR

Fr Chris would like to have a short meeting in the choir loft with singers and musicians for the 9am Mass following that celebration **this Sunday**. New singers and musicians are very welcome.

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Parish Council met on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November and elected Michelle Moore-Saxton as Chair and Kate Taylor as Vice Chair. Please pray for them and for all our Parish Councillors.

### LIFE COFFEE MORNING AND MINCE PIE SALE

There will be a Coffee Morning on **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December** after the morning Masses in the Parish Centre. Mince pies, cakes, Christmas Fayre to include toys and bric-a-brac will be on sale. Do come in for a cuppa and cake and great bargain too. All proceeds to the local LIFE Pregnancy Care Centre. Donations of cakes will be much appreciated. For information ring Annie Burke.

### ZIMBABWEAN COFFEE AND CAKE SALE – THANK YOU

Thank you to all who supported the coffee and cake sale. An amazing £350.00 was raised for the Zimbabwean Orphans. God Bless you all. *Helen Hurley*.

### MISSIO

Could Missio collectors kindly pick up their magazines from the back of the Church.

### MASS INTENTIONS

We will be taking Masses Intentions for next year from **Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2014, from 10am-12noon**. The arrangement suggested for 2014, will stand i.e. each person wanting to give a Mass can offer **3 Masses** to be said at St Lawrence's **for the year**. Any intentions over that are to be sent to the Missions. This will allow every parishioner to be able to have a Mass Intention said in Church. Please think carefully about the intentions you wish to give. If it's for several members of your family, try and group them into 'Deceased members of the xxx family', the same applies to thanksgiving intentions. Please note that Mass stipends from now on will be **£10.00** per Mass as recommended by the Diocese, this also applies to Masses being sent to the Missions.

**FROM FR CHRIS...**

As many of you will know I am going on a pilgrimage to the shrine of St Francis Xavier in Goa from 26<sup>th</sup> November to 5<sup>th</sup> December. This will be a beautiful opportunity to experience the homeland of many of our parishioners and to pray for all of you and your families on the lead-up to Christmas. I am going with an organised group and will be out and about most days. Our accommodation, for those who know the area, will be at *Double Tree by Hilton Hotel, Ximer, Arpora, Bardez, Goa*. If you get a moment please pray for me too! *Fr Chris*

**ADVENT CHILDREN'S WORKSHOP**

**SUNDAY 30<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER - 2-00pm – 4.30pm PARISH CENTRE 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 a children's charity. 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.

**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 the following Tuesdays, between 3.45pm and 5.00pm. Please come with your child and wait in church.

**November 25<sup>th</sup>; December 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>; January 13<sup>th</sup>**

**OTHER**

**PRINCESS ALICE HOSPICE – SANTA 5K FUNRUN**

On **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November** at **Bushey Park** 10.30am and on **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December** at **Richmond Park** at 10.30am and 12.30pm. £12 entry for adults and £4 for children under 12. Register at [www.pah.org.uk/santafunrun](http://www.pah.org.uk/santafunrun).

**ST FRANCIS XAVIER FEAST**

On **Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> November 2014**, West London Goans will be celebrating the Feast of St Francis Xavier, the patron saint of Goa at St Lawrence's School Hall from 1pm - 7pm. Full details on notice board. All welcome.

**PARISH CENTRE BUILDING FUND UPDATE**

**Our Target £250,000.00**

Number Pledges received as of 19 <sup>th</sup> November	89
Total amount pledged as of 19 <sup>th</sup> November	£37,364.80
Total amount banked as at 18 <sup>th</sup> November	£12,868.00

**REST IN PEACE**

**FLOR PROSPER RIP**

We pray for the repose of the soul of **Flor Prosper RIP** who died recently. Her Funeral will take place on **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November** at 4.00pm at Hanworth Crematorium.

**NORA SERMON RIP**

We pray for the repose of the soul of **Nora Sermon RIP** who died recently. Her funeral will take place on **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December** at 10.30am.

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

**Mass intentions and other services this week:**

<b>Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup></b> St Cecilia  + First Mass of Sunday	11.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation
	11.45	Benediction
	12.00	<b>Gerard O'Connor RIP</b>
	12.45	Baptisms of Leon James Dunkurs, Franklin Lotanna Udeh and Micah Kwame Vifa Tamakloe
	15.00	<b>Mass in Tagalog (Filipino)</b>
	17.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	<b>18.00</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b>
<b>+ Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup></b> OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE	<b>09.00</b>	<b>Alfred Deacon RIP</b>
	<b>11.00</b>	<b>Deceased members and friends of the 11am Choir</b>
	<b>13.00</b>	<b>Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)</b>
	<b>14.30</b>	<b>Mass led by the African Community</b>
	<b>18.00</b>	<b>Youth Mass</b>
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup></b> St Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions	09.15	Morning Prayer
	<b>09.30</b>	<b>Lucy Connor RIP</b>
<b>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup></b> Feria	09.15	Morning Prayer
	<b>09.30</b>	<b>Thanksgiving – Mary &amp; Gabriel D'Souza &amp; Family</b>
	10.00	<i>Novena to Our Lady</i>
<b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup></b> Feria	09.15	Morning Prayer
	<b>09.30</b>	<b>Adam Jacob Tojo RIP (First Anniversary)</b>
<b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup></b> Feria	09.15	Morning Prayer
	<b>09.30</b>	<b>Francis Dias RIP</b>
<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup></b> Feria	09.15	Morning Prayer
	<b>09.30</b>	<b>Michael Ese Omoniyodo (Birthday Thanksgiving)</b>
<b>Saturday 29<sup>th</sup></b> Feria  + First Mass of Sunday	11.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation
	11.45	Benediction
	12.00	<b>Thomas Magill RIP (Anniversary)</b>
	17.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	<b>18.00</b>	<b>William &amp; Margaret Chappells RIP</b>
<b>+ Sunday 30<sup>th</sup></b> FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	<b>09.00</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b>
	<b>11.00</b>	<b>Teresa Margetson (Intention)</b>
	<b>13.00</b>	<b>Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)</b>
	<b>18.00</b>	<b>Holy Souls – Canha Family</b>

**Sanctuary Lamp: Gabriel Danladi RIP**

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

15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> November: Envelopes £1234.90, Loose £862.12, Standing Orders £420.00 Total: £2517.02  
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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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