

This week at St Lawrence's



24th/25th November 2012

Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King
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Eucharistic Prayer III (Page 27)

Daniel 7:13-14; Psalm 92; Apocalypse 1:5-8; John 18:33-37

1st Sunday of Advent (Cycle C, Vol. 1, Missal Page 82); Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 24;

1 Thessalonians 3:12, 4:2; Luke 21:25-28, 34-36



I have just returned from a short break in Cyprus. The story of St. Paul in Cyprus is recorded in The Acts of the Apostles Chapter 13. Much has changed on the island since St. Paul first arrived there and much has also changed in the Culture of how we are Church. On the site where St. Paul first arrived is a beautiful Church. As you enter the Church there is a large notice in the form of pictures reminding everyone what is expected once you are inside.

*The 1st was a **NO SMOKING** sign. Well to date I have never seen anyone lighting up here in St. Lawrence's.*

*The 2nd was a **NO MOBILE PHONE** sign, as far as we know God has not called anyone directly by phone yet. So if we have come to Church to connect with God and to allow God to connect with us, it seems reasonable to turn off our mobile phones before we come into Church.*

*The 3rd was a **NO EATING** sign, if you are invited to the greatest celebration ever, it seems inappropriate to take your own food.*

*The 4th was a sign for **SILENCE**. Perhaps here at St. Lawrence's God is waiting for silence to speak to you.*

*As the **Year of Faith** gains momentum here at St. Lawrence's let us try to regain a sense of the sacredness' that was once so visible in all our Catholic Churches. As we come into Church let us all acknowledge the presence of Jesus in the tabernacle and resolve during Holy Mass to:*

NOT SMOKE NOT USE OUR MOBILES

NOT EAT

NOT TALK UNNECESSARILY

Wishing you all a happy and holy Year of Faith. Bridget

SACRAMENTS

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Please keep in your prayers all our children who made their First Confession this weekend.

The next preparation session for Children will be on **Saturday 1st December** in St Lawrence's School at 9.45am and the Parents Sessions with Fr Chris will be on **Tuesday 4th December** at 2.30pm or 7.30pm.

CATECHISTS TRAINING

There will be a training session for leaders of Children's Liturgy on **Wednesday 5th December** from 7-9pm at Our Lady & St Christopher's Church, Cranford. Any Catechists wishing to attend please inform Bridget Brinkley.

PARISH NOTICES

CHILDREN'S MASS

The next Children's Mass will be on **Sunday 2nd December** at 9am.

ST LAWRENCE'S CENSUS

If you had not filled out or missed out on filling a Census Form last year, please could you complete a form and post it in the 'Census' box at the back of Church. This appeal is especially for those parishioners who have been here a long time and may have filled up a form years ago. We now need an updated form.

ST LAWRENCE'S PRAYER GROUP

Meet **every Thursday 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.

80TH BIRTHDAY PARTY – 8TH DECEMBER

There are sign up lists in the porch to help with food, setting up the hall from 10am, clearing up and helping in general on the day. Please sign up if you are able to help in any way.

ADVENT CHILDRENS WORKSHOP

SUNDAY 2ND DECEMBER 2-30 – 4.30 PARISH CENTRE AND 4.30 -5.00 IN THE CHURCH

For the workshop we need the following, if you are able to donate items please bring to the Parish Office.

- Adults who want to come and assist with the event – contact Kate
- kitchen rolls (empty), small buttons (flat), sequins, small wobbly craft, eyes, coloured card (green, yellow, red, brown), Dolly mixtures

There will be a £1 fee which will go towards the costs of the workshop and all profit will go to the charity DePaul UK. All children must be signed in when attending this workshop. The workshop is aimed at children from 2 – 12 years old. All children under 5's must be accompanied by an adult who will need to stay with them throughout the event. The event will be held in the Parish Centre and it will finish with the children being returned to the church for a small service.

The workshop will enable the children to make Advent and Christmas crafts. There will also be songs and prayers. Some of the items that are made from this event will be displayed in the church throughout Advent and Christmas.

PARISH MASS BOOKS – YEAR C VOLUME 1

The Parish Mass Book for Cycle C will commence on the 1st Sunday of Advent. If you would like to purchase your own copy, these are available from the repository at £2.50 each.

CALLING ALL READERS

Sunday 9th December is "Bible Sunday" and there will be the annual renewal of Commitment to the Ministry of Readers at all weekend Masses.

OTHER

LIFE – MINCE PIE AND CAKE SALE

This will be held **on Sunday 9th December** after the morning Masses (9am & 11am) in the Parish Centre. Mince pies, cakes and Christmas Fayre will be on sale as well as bric-a-brac. Do come in for a cuppa and a chat. If you can help in any way please contact Annie Burke. All proceeds go to the LIFE Pregnancy Care Centre in Hounslow.

FEAST OF ST FRANCIS XAVIER

On **2nd December 2012**, West London Goans will be celebrating the Feast of St Francis Xavier, the patron saint of Goa at St Lawrence's School Hall, Victoria Road, Feltham, TW13 4FF from 1-7pm. Tickets cost £12 (£13 after 20th Nov) which includes 3 course meal and dancing to live band and disco. Please contact Tessy De Mello or Jonelle Afonso.

CAFOD WORLD GIFTS

The CAFOD World Gifts Catalogues are now available at the back of Church.

WHAT'S COMING UP IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS

December

Sunday 2nd – 2.30pm – Children's Workshop and Christingle Service.

Friday 7th – 6.30pm – Finance Committee Meeting in the Presbytery

Saturday 8th – 12noon – 80th Anniversary Mass with Archbishop Vincent Nichols followed by party in the School Hall

Sunday 9th – Bible Sunday – Renewal of Commitment of Readers (*at all weekend Masses*)

Saturday 15th – Advent Day of Prayer in Church

Sunday 16th – 3.00pm – Carol Service of Remembrance (Lodge Brothers).

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January

Saturday 12th – 12noon – Thanksgiving Mass for the Sacrament of Baptism

Sunday 13th – Senior Citizen's Christmas Party – please sign up on lists in porch

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 Reception Class 2013 Admissions:

Thursdays: December 13th, 20th, January 3rd – 3.45pm-4.45pm

Saturdays: December 22nd, January 5th, 12th - 9.30am-10.30am

Please come with your child and wait in the Church.

Mass intentions and other services this week:

Saturday 24th SS Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions	9.30 - 11.45 12.00 17.00 18.00	<i>First Confessions for First Holy Communion Children</i> Antonio D'Souza RIP <i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i> People of the Parish
+ Sunday 25th OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, UNIVERSAL KING	09.00 11.00 14.00 18.00	Deceased members of the Pereira Family Deceased members and friends of the 11am Choir Mass led by the African Community Mass for new Parishioners
Monday 26th Feria	09.15 09.30	<i>Morning Prayer</i> Derrick Juriansz RIP
Tuesday 27th Feria	09.15 09.30 10.00	<i>Morning Prayer</i> Harry & Philomena Booker RIP <i>Novena to Our Lady</i>
Wednesday 28th Feria	09.15 09.30	<i>Morning Prayer</i> Holy Souls
Thursday 29th Feria	09.15 09.30	<i>Morning Prayer</i> Bernard Early RIP
Friday 30th St Andrew	09.15 09.30	<i>Morning Prayer</i> Wilson Family in Thanksgiving
Saturday 1st Feria	11.00 11.00 11.45 12.00 17.00 18.00	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i> <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i> <i>Benediction</i> Galligan Family (Intentions) <i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i> Michael & Nora Usher RIP
+ Sunday 2nd First Sunday of Advent	09.00 11.00 12.45 18.00	Kevin Guiney RIP (A) Kevin Matthews RIP <i>Baptisms of Max and Sonya Yamindae Davies</i> People of the Parish

Sanctuary Lamp: Gabriel Danladi 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 the Offertory Collections:

4 Nov: Envelopes £1041.30, Loose £726.97, Standing Orders £265 Total: £2033.27

11 Nov: Envelopes £1335.54, Loose £779.55, Standing Orders £265 Total: £2380.09

18 Nov: Envelopes £1140.88, Loose £779.50, Standing Orders £265 Total: £2185.38

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