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First Sunday of Advent

26th/27th November 2022

Year A, Volume 1: (Page 82): Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 121; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:37-44

Next Week: Second Sunday of Advent: (Page 85): Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 71; Romans 15:4-9; Matthew 3:1-12



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Mass and other liturgies live streamed from Westminster Cathedral and other parishes are available at www.churchservices.tv

MASS TIMES

Sunday Mass: 8.00am, 9.30am and 11.00am

Monday to Friday Mass: 9.30am; Saturday Morning: 11.00am

Saturday Morning: Confessions: 9.30am to 10.45am with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,

Saturday Evening: 5.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday

Ethnic Chaplaincies: Polish Mass every Sunday 1.00pm, Ukrainian Mass 2nd Sunday 2.30pm & 4th Saturday 7.00pm; Malayalam Mass 3rd Sunday 2.30pm; Mass in Tagalog 4th Saturday 3pm; Mass led by Nigerian Chaplaincy 4th Sunday 2.30pm.

This Parish is part of Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust (WRCDT) Registered Charity No: 233699

ADVENT

Today we begin the liturgical Season of Advent. It is a time of waiting, of longing, of anticipation and of rejoicing that 'The Lord is Coming', that 'The Lord is near'. Advent encourages us to look to the future as a future of hope and there is no doubt we need hope today as individuals, as families, as communities and as a country.

The prophet Isaiah foretold 'The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light'. Advent is a time for all of us to grow in hope and in the spiritual gifts we long for, especially if we have experienced darkness and vulnerability in our lives which probably includes many of us who are reading this newsletter.

Don't forget Jesus during this time of Advent, especially during this busy run-in period to Christmas. If we reflect more on Jesus, our lives can change for the better in a very real way this Christmas.

Jesus wants to plant his light and hope in our lives that may be darkened by the bruises we feel at times – it may be sickness, depression, anxiety, separation. Advent hope is brighter than any fear. May the path we follow lead us from a stable to a glimpse of eternity.

So, the Gospel today urges us to stay awake because we do not know the day or the hour when Jesus will return.

FR. JOHN

CHANGE TO WEEKDAY MASS TIME

From **Monday 28th November** the Weekday Mass, Monday to Friday, will revert to the pre-pandemic time of **09.30am** instead of 10.00am.

COFFEE MORNING

A reminder that the Coffee Morning takes place in the Parish Centre this **Sunday 27th November** after the 9.30am and 11.00am Masses.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION FIRST RECONCILIATION

Saturday 10th December at 9.30am and 12noon. No adoration of the Blessed Sacrament this day. Please keep our children in prayer.

CONFIRMATION 2023

- If your son or daughter is in **School Year 9 or above** (this is the Diocesan guideline) and would like to join us for their faith journey to Confirmation in 2023 please email Cathy Early cathythecatechist@outlook.com.

- On **Saturday 10th December at 3pm** there will be a special Mass of Introduction for those who have enrolled for the Confirmation programme. This will be followed by a meeting for both parents and candidates, it is important that you attend this Mass and meeting.

EXPLORING THE CATHOLIC FAITH

Would you like to find out more about the Catholic faith or do you want to become a Catholic, or deepen your personal spiritual life. Please contact Fr David or Deacon Colin.

ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING

Saturday 3 December 12noon in church with Fr David & Deacon Rolly. This is an hour refresher session for those who are already altar servers and an introduction for any new servers. If you can come please email Fr David - davidcherry2015@gmail.com
The session will conclude with lunch at McDonalds at about 1pm. Parents are welcome.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY....

...is for children from Year 2 upwards. The children will leave at the beginning of Mass so that they have their own Liturgy of the Word in the Parish Centre. They will return at the Offertory (during the hymn after the Creed) to take part in the Liturgy of the Eucharist. We encourage parents to sit near the front of Church and to help their children to participate in Mass, by responding and saying prayers. Please do not provide games & toys (including mobile phones) or provide food or drink in Church. If your child is below Year 2 they will not be able to participate in Children's Liturgy. Please keep them in Church with you.

MASS INTENTIONS 2023

You will be able to book your Mass Intentions for 2023 from **Tuesday 29th November**. Initially each household is allowed 3 intentions for the year. Later in the new year you can apply for extra Masses, if available. This gives everyone in the parish a chance to have a Mass Intention. The Stipend per Mass, as recommended by the Diocese is £10.00. This year instead of queuing to see Florie, please take and complete a Mass Intention Request slip, then either return to Florie on a Tuesday or Thursday between 10am-11am or post through the letter box.

DATE FOR THE DIARY

- **Senior Citizen's Lunch** – Sunday 8th January from 12noon. The lists will be out shortly.

- **Christmas Hamper Raffle**: Tickets will be on sale this weekend and the draw will take place on **Sunday 18th December** after the 11am Mass. Tickets: £1 per strip or 6 for £5.00. Proceeds to the Parish Centre.

FIRE WARDEN RECRUITMENT - if you would like to volunteer as a Fire Warden at Mass please speak to Deacon Rolly. We need wardens at each Mass including weekdays, weekends, ethnic chaplaincies & hall users. Training will be provided.

FLOWER ARRANGING

If anyone would like to help with flower arranging, please speak to Arlene Juriansz.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS

Collection 19-20 November 2022 was:

Loose: £1,395.79 Envelopes: £173.00 Total: £1,568.79

<https://portal.mydona.com/assets/webPay/index.php?cid=262>

HSBC Bank: WRC DT Feltham Sort code: 40-05-20 – Acc. No: 71095528

PARKING AT ST LAWRENCE'S

Parking is becoming an issue again. Please note that Parking in the Church ground is **restricted for Blue Badge holders and those with mobility issues only**. Parking is also not permitted on the sides along the fencing as this is a health and safety issue. The access way is for drop off only and not parking. This is applicable on Sundays, Holy Days of Obligation, Funerals, Weddings and other such special occasions. Parking is available at Tesco, Feltham Leisure West and on Sundays limited parking in the school. The two spaces in front of the presbytery are for the Priest and Pastoral Team.

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED FOR THE REPOSITORY

If anyone (couples or single people) would be interested in volunteering to run the repository after the Saturday 5pm Mass and the Sunday morning Masses, please call Fr John on 0787 905 8732 to discuss.

WANTED NOW!!

Play worker need for TEDDS afterschool club at St Lawrence's Parish Centre, Feltham, Monday to Friday 3-6pm when required. Training will be given. Need to like children, be enthusiastic, patient and have a good sense of humour. Ring 07971 994669 Sarah or Julie.

CAFOD WORLD GIFTS: Give a gift of hope this Christmas, please take a booklet as you leave church.

ADVENT GIVING CALENDAR

The Caritas Westminster team are sharing an Advent Giving Calendar again this year. The Calendar gives suggestions for items which we can put in our box for Storehouse. The important thing about the calendar is that it is also a way for families to find out where they can get some help if they are struggling to buy the food they need. Please see posters at back of church.

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the souls of Chris Holland, Hildegard Merrique RIP, Pauline Cynthia O'Hanlon RIP, Peter Mbanu RIP, James (Jim) Coleman RIP, Betty Finnegan RIP and Pierre Ndingang RIP who have passed away recently.

- **Hildegard Merrique RIP** – her funeral service will be held at Hanworth Crematorium on **Thursday 1st December at 2.20pm**.

- **Pauline Cynthia O'Hanlon RIP** – Her Requiem Mass will take place here on **Friday 2nd December** at 12noon.

- **James (Jim) Coleman RIP** – His Requiem Mass will take place here on **Tuesday 6th December** at 11am.

We also keep in our prayers all the family and friends who mourn them. May they rest in peace.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 26	11.00am 5.00pm	Margaret & William Chappells RIP Jerry Dias in Birthday Thanksgiving
* Sun 27	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 1.00pm 2.30pm	Glemcy Pereira RIP Eric & Cina Fernandes in Thanksgiving Deceased members and friends of the 11am Choir RIP Mass in Polish (Msza sw) Nigerian Chaplaincy Mass
Mon 28	8.15am 9.30am	Intentions of the Fernandes Family Michael Omoniyodo – Birthday Thanksgiving
Tues 29	9.30am 7.00pm	Thomas Magill RIP (Anniversary) Luiza Maria Dias RIP
Wed 30	9.30am	Lourdino Soares RIP (Anniversary)
Thurs 1 Dec	9.30am	George D'Mello RIP
Fri 2	9.30am 12.00noon	Agnetha Wilson in Thanksgiving REQUIEM MASS – PAULINE CYNTHIA O'HANLON RIP
Sat 3	11.00am 5.00pm	James Swinney RIP Neysa Beryl Faria – Birthday Thanksgiving
* Sun 4	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 1.00pm 2.30pm	Lawrence Murray RIP (1 st Anniversary) Cecilia Costa – Birthday Thanksgiving Timothy Cahalane RIP (Anniversary) Mass in Polish (Msza sw) Nigerian Chaplaincy Mass
Sanctuary Lamp: Michael Omoniyodo – Birthday Thanksgiving		