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First Sunday of Advent

26th/27th November 2016

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

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

Dear Friends

Advent is a time that helps us to find out about ourselves, to find out what it is that is important to us, and what occupies the thoughts of our hearts from day to day. Advent is a time of **hope**.

The first candle on the Advent wreath is the **Candle of Hope**. When you pray at home each day this week, you can pray the following prayers:

We light this candle today to remind us that Jesus is our hope and the hope of the world. We thank God for the promises he has made to us and for the light he has brought into the world. (First Candle is lit)

Hope is like a light shining in the dark place. As we look at the light of this candle we celebrate the hope we have in Jesus Christ.

**Lord God,
only you can see into my heart and know
that under all the busyness of my life,
there is a deep longing
to make this Advent one that welcomes you
more deeply into my own life.**

(Your personal intentions)

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be

Come, Lord Jesus, Come.

FR. JOHN

Earlier in the year you will (hopefully) remember that we were working on a **Helping Hands Project** in the parish. Much has happened since then and finally life appears to be a bit calmer and we are now in a position to launch this project to the parish. I was prompted not least by last Monday's weather when it was just so wet I could not face going out to get milk and black coffee is not my favourite thing! This led me to think about all those who for whatever reason can't go out regardless of the weather and how so many of us volunteered to help others in the community.

You will find at the back of Church the '**St. Lawrence's Helping Hands Referral Forms**' so if you know someone who could do with a helping hand this winter please take a form and return it to me at the parish office once completed. We will then match the person with one of our volunteers who will visit them in their home, initially with one of the pastoral team.

Many thanks to all of you who volunteered for this role and to the many of you who do so much of this work already. If you would like a copy of '**St. Lawrence's Parish Helping Hands Best Practice Guideline**' please let me know.

Let us pray that God will direct us to those most in need this winter and that he will give us the courage to be His helping hands and feet in our community.

May God bless all that you do.

Bridget

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

PARISH NOTICES

*** ST LAWRENCE'S CHURCH BAZAAR ***

Date: Sunday 4th December in the School Hall.

Time: 10.00am to 3.00pm

How can you help:

- Put your name on the list in the Church porch if you can help with: 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
- 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.
- Tickets for the Christmas Raffle are available to sell and buy. Please sell as many books as you can (in books of 5, £1.00 per ticket).

ADVENT CHILDREN'S WORKSHOP

The workshop takes place this Sunday from 2.30pm and is aimed at children from ages 4-12.

FLOWER ARRANGERS

On **Thursday 1st December** at 7pm in the Parish Centre, Janet Errington will be demonstrating "Flower arranging in Churches". Anyone wishing to attend would be most welcome.

FIRST FRIDAY CAFOD COFFEE MORNING

The First Friday Coffee Morning in aid of CAFOD will take place after the 9.30am Mass on **2nd December**.

CALLING ALL READERS

Sunday 4th December is "Bible Sunday" and there will be the annual renewal of Commitment to the Ministry of Readers at all weekend Masses.

MASS INTENTIONS

We will be taking Mass Intentions for next year from **Wednesday 7th December 2016, from 10am-11am. Each family can offer 3 Masses only** 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.

RECEPTION CLASS ADMISSIONS 2017

The dates and times that Fr John 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 the Certificate of Catholic Practice.

PILGRIMAGES 2017

ST LAWRENCE PILGRIMAGE

Our 2017 pilgrimage will be to the Holy Land from the **11th May to the 18th May 2017**. It will be led by Fr Chris Vipers and the cost of the 8 day pilgrimage is £929. This price is guaranteed for all bookings received up until the **19th 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.

PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA

The Diocese of Westminster will be going on pilgrimage to Fatima from **24th to 27th April 2017** for the Centenary Year of the Apparitions, led by Cardinal Vincent Nichols. Price: £530 per person. Very limited single room availability. Insurance £26 per person. Please see poster on notice board. If interested please pick up a form from the Parish Office. The Pilgrimage Office in Westminster is taking bookings on a first come first serve basis. Please return your completed forms to Tangney Tours directly.

LIFE – MINCE PIE SALE

There will be a Coffee morning with cake and mince pies on **Sunday 18th December** after the 9am and 11am Masses. More details next week.

REST IN PEACE

SIDNEY BROWN RIP – 22.12.1940 to 2.9.2016

There will be a Memorial Mass for Sidney Brown on **Friday 9th December** at 9.30am followed by burial of ashes at Feltham Cemetery. Sidney was a faithful member of this parish did a lot of good work for the parish especially with the SVP until he suffered ill health.

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS

We extend a warm welcome to Amari-Jade Claris Teresa Harris-Baptiste, Calista Asante, Leo-Jaycob Balitaan, Mason Mayuran Thevalingam and Chloe Given Sy who were baptised this weekend and offer our warmest congratulations to their families.

FIRST CONFESSIONS

First Confessions for our First Holy Communion will take place on **Saturday 3rd and Saturday 10th December** from 9.30am-10.30am and 10.45am-11.45am. There will be no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on these two days. Please keep our children in your prayers.

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

19th/20th: Envelopes £1,042.56 Loose £733.41

Standing Orders: £785.80 **Total: £2,601.21**

Sick and Retired Priests Fund: £916.10

PARISH CENTRE UPDATE:

Money banked as at 22/11/2016 – £92,553.91

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 26 th	11.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation
	12.00	Allen McNeill RIP
	12.45	Baptisms of Amari-Jade Claris Teresa Harris-Baptiste, Calista Asante, Leo Jaycob Balitaan, Mason Mayuran Thevalingam and Chloe Given Sy
	14.00	Mass in Tagalog for the Filipino Community
	16.00	Wedding of Katarzyna Zimna and Edgar Umryan
Sun 27 th	18.00	NO CONFESSION Manuel Abalada RIP
	09.00	Baby Adam Jacob Tojo RIP (Third Anniversary)
	11.00	Michael Omoniyodo (Birthday Thanksgiving)
	13.00	Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)
	14.30	Mass led by the African Community
Mon 28 th	16.30	Christingle Service
	18.00	People of the Parish
Tues 29 th	09.30	Kathleen Hourihan RIP
Wed 30 th	09.30	Margaret Vera and William George Chappells RIP (Anniversary)
	09.30	Celebrants Intention
Thurs 1 st	09.30	Frank O'Connor RIP
Fri 2 nd	09.30	Sabina Alvares RIP
Sat 3 rd	09.30	NO EXPOSITION
	11.45	First Confessions for our First Holy Communion Children
	12.00	Deceased members of the O'Hanlon Family RIP
	17.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	18.00	In Thanksgiving Laura Onyike and Family
Sun 4 th	09.00	Carmina Costa (Birthday Thanksgiving)
	11.00	Timothy Cahalane RIP (First Anniversary)
	13.00	Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)
	18.00	People of the Parish
Sanctuary Lamp: Michael Omoniyodo (Intention)		