

# This week at St Lawrence's



28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> November 2015

First Sunday of Advent  
(Missal Page 82 – YEAR C Vol. 1)



Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 24; 1 Thessalonians 3: 12, 4:2; Luke 21:25-28; 34-36  
Next week: Second Sunday of Advent (Missal Page 84 ): Baruch 5:1-9; Psalm 125;  
Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11; Luke 3:1-6

Christmas Bazaar – Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December - 10am-3pm

Dear Friends

Advent is a time of waiting for Christ, allowing him to be reborn in our lives. It is also a time for purifying our hearts by repentance and for renewing our lives by reflecting on and experiencing the several comings (advents) of Christ into our lives. Besides his first coming at his birth, Jesus comes to our lives through the Sacraments (especially the Eucharist), through the Word of God, through the worshipping community, at the moment of our death and, finally, in his *Second Coming* to judge the world.

Amid the tragedies that sometimes occur in our daily lives and the setbacks in spiritual life, we must raise our heads in hope and anticipation, knowing that the Lord is coming again.

Fr John

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We extend a warm welcome to The Worshipful The Mayor of the London Borough of Hounslow, Councillor Nisar Malik, who will be joining us for the **9am Mass next Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> December**. After Mass he will officially open the Bazaar.

## SACRAMENTS

### BAPTISMS

We extend a warm welcome to James Francis Ngu, Jack John Clive Denton, Daisy Jane Coggins and Charlie Stephen Matthew Coggins who will be baptised this weekend and offer our congratulations to their families.

## PARISH NOTICES

### FIRST FRIDAY

Our early bird Mass will take place at 6.45am on **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December** and CAFOD's First Friday Coffee Morning will take place after the 9.30am Mass in the Church porch

### CHRISTMAS CARDS AND 2016 CALENDARS

The Repository (Church Shop) has a good selection of Christmas Cards and calendars for 2016. Cards are sold by the box at £3.50 and calendars are £1.10 each. Do have a look after Mass.

### CALLING ALL READERS

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December** is "Bible Sunday" and there will be the annual renewal of Commitment to the Ministry of Readers at all weekend Masses.

### 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.

### MASS INTENTIONS

We will be taking Mass Intentions for next year from **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

### 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 as soon as possible. Thank you.

### CHRISTMAS BAZAAR RAFFLE TICKETS

Please hand in completed raffle ticket stubs and money to the Parish Office or to Fr Chris or Bridget Brinkley as soon as possible.

### FOUND

A wallet was found near Our Lady's candle stands during the week. Please contact the Parish Office if you think it may belong to you.

## REST IN PEACE

### HARRY HALDANE RIP

We pray for the repose of the soul of Harry Haldane RIP who died earlier in the week. His funeral will take place here on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am**. Please also keep in your prayers his wife Margaret, his children Gordon, Andrew, Fiona, Graham and all the family and friends that mourn him.

## YEAR OF MERCY

The Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy begins with Pope Francis opening the Holy Door in the Vatican on 8<sup>th</sup> December. The Cardinal will open the Holy Door in Westminster Cathedral in the context of Vespers and Benediction at 3.30pm on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December. You are very welcome to attend. Those making a brief pilgrimage during the Year to the Cathedral Holy Door or the others through the Diocese may gain the Jubilee Indulgence for themselves or the Holy Souls. Our closest Holy Door is at St Michael and St Martin, Bath Road, Hounslow TW3 3EH

## 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

## ADVENT CHILDREN'S WORKSHOP

The workshop takes place this Sunday from 2.30pm-4.30pm and is aimed at Children 2-12 years.

## OTHER

### ST MARK'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

The Sunday Times recently listed St Mark's Catholic School as the 13<sup>th</sup> Best Comprehensive School in the country. This table is based on a combination of A Level and GCSE results last Summer. Thank you and well done to all those parishioners, both students and parents, who have contributed towards this achievement. Paul Enright

### WESTMINSTER YEAR BOOK

The 2016 edition is now available in the repository at £4.50 a copy.

### POSITIVE CATHOLICS

This Tuesday (1<sup>st</sup> December) is World Aids Day. In the UK there are 108,000 people living with HIV. Catholics for AIDS Prevention and Support provides pastoral ministry to those infected with HIV in the UK. For further information visit [www.caps-uk.org](http://www.caps-uk.org) and [www.positivecatholics.com](http://www.positivecatholics.com) or call 07505 608655

## IMPORTANT – CAR PARKING

### NEXT WEEKEND

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE SCHOOL CAR PARK WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR GENERAL CHURCH PARKING ON SUNDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER. THERE WILL, HOWEVER BE ACCESS VIA VICTORIA ROAD FOR PEDESTRIANS. THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO PARKING ON CHURCH PREMISES OR THE GREEN, EXCEPT FOR DISABLED DRIVERS WHO MAY PARK IN FRONT OF THE CHURCH.**



## GRAND CHRISTMAS BAZAAR - SUNDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 10.00AM-3.00PM



How you can help:

- 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Bazaar programmes (including) "Lucky Programme" for sale this weekend and next – 50p.

## Mass intentions and other services this week:

<b>Saturday 28<sup>th</sup></b> Feria	11.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation
	11.45	Benediction
	12.00	<b>Michael Omoniyodo (Birthday Thanksgiving)</b>
	12.45	Baptisms of James Francis Ngu, Jack John Clive Denton, Daisy Jane Coggins and Charlie Stephen Matthew Coggins
	15.00	<b>Mass in Tagalog for the Filipino Community</b>
	17.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	18.00	<b>Manuel Abalada RIP</b>
<b>+ Sunday 29<sup>th</sup></b> First Sunday of Advent Year C	09.00	<b>People of the Parish</b>
	11.00	<b>Deceased members of the Fernandes and Dias Families</b>
	13.00	<b>Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)</b>
	18.00	<b>William and Margaret Chappells RIP</b>
<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup></b> ST ANDREW	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	<b>John Rea RIP</b>
<b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup></b> Advent Feria	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	<b>Frank O'Connor RIP</b>
	10.00	<i>Novena to Our Lady</i>
<b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup></b> Advent Feria	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	<b>Sabina Alvarez RIP</b>
<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup></b> St Francis Xavier	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	<b>Anthony Pereira RIP</b>
<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup></b> Advent Feria	06.45	<b>Michael O'Keeffe RIP</b>
	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	<b>Carmin Costa (Birthday Intention)</b>
<b>Saturday 5<sup>th</sup></b> Advent Feria	11.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation
	11.45	Benediction
	12.00	<b>Virginia Pires and Joao Fernandes RIP</b>
	17.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	18.00	<b>Bridget Ward RIP (Anniversary)</b>
<b>+ Sunday 6<sup>th</sup></b> Second Sunday of Advent	09.00	<b>People of the Parish</b>
	11.00	<b>Hazel Costello RIP (Anniversary)</b>
	13.00	<b>Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)</b>
	18.00	<b>Eileen O'Connor RIP</b>

**Sanctuary Lamp: Gabriel Danladi and Patrick Ibrahim Yahowa RIP**

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

21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> Nov: Envelopes: £970.45 Loose: £842.56 Standing Orders: £451.00 **Total: £2,264.01**

**PARISH CENTRE UPDATE: MONEY BANKED AS AT 22/11/2015 - £43,964.51**

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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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