

This week at St Lawrence's



3rd/4th December 2011 Second Sunday of Advent (Year B)

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Eucharistic Prayer III (Page 28)

Readings: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11; Psalm 84:9-14; 2 Peter 3:8-14; Mark 1:1-8

3rd Sunday of Advent: Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11; Psalm Luke 1:46-50, 53-54; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24;
John 1:6-8, 19-28 (Missal Page 87)

Dear Friends

We light the second candle on our Advent Wreath this weekend for St John the Baptist. He was possibly the most joyful man that ever lived. Remember he was the one who leapt for joy in his mother's womb when Mary burst forth into the house, hot-foot from the Annunciation at Nazareth. And he never lost that joyfulness, even as he preached repentance, preparing the way for the one "who is more powerful than I am".

Repentance helps to prepare His way into the world and into my heart and life. If Advent is indeed an opportunity to prepare for Christ then repentance is at the heart of it, and there is no better way for Catholics to prepare than by celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation, going to sacramental confession.

On two Saturdays of Advent, 10th and 17th, there will be a visiting priest to hear confessions from 10.30am until 12.00 noon, as well as our usual Saturday Confession time, 5.00-5.45pm.

I invite you to consider this opportunity as an important part of your personal preparation. And I must remember to go myself!

God Bless you this Advent.

Fr Chris

Sunday Mass Times

Saturday 6 pm (Vigil Mass), Sunday 9 am, 11 am & 6 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) - Saturday 11am & 5pm

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SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS

We extend a warm welcome to Zoe Olivia Rose Grimes and Janelle Gordon as they are baptised this weekend and offer our congratulations to their families.

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

We offer our congratulations and best wishes for a long and happy together to Carly Corcoran and Steven Byrne who celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage this weekend.

PARISH

BOOKLETS FOR ADVENT 2011

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 the readings for Mass.

These are available at the back of Church (Price £1.00 each).

PARISH MASS BOOKS AND WESTMINSTER YEAR BOOKS 2012

The new Parish Mass Books for Year B priced at £2.50 are available from the repository as are the Westminster Year Books priced at £4.50 or £5.00 for a ring bound copy.

ADVENT WORKSHOP FOR CHILDREN

On Sunday 11th December from 2-4.30pm in the Parish Centre for children aged 2-11 years. The workshop will finish with a small service in Church. The workshop is to enable 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. Cost per child is £1.00.

OVER 50'S CLUB

The Over 50's Club will close on Wednesday 7th December at 3pm and re-open on Wednesday 4th January 2012.

SENIOR CITIZENS PARTY

The parish's annual Senior Citizens "Christmas" Party will take place on Sunday 8th January 2012 from 12 noon to 4 pm. Please put your name down on the lists in the porch if you would like to come or if you can help. Details from Philomena Franklin.

SCHOOL NEWS

ST LAWRENCE'S SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE

Parishioners are warmly invited to the Junior Christmas Performance which will take place in the church on Tuesday 6th December at 2.15pm and on Wednesday 7th December at 7pm.

RECEPTION SIGNING

Fr Chris will be available on the following days to sign Reception Entry forms. Please come with your child and wait in the Church.

THURSDAYS 3.45-4.45 pm: December 8th, 15th
January 12th

SATURDAYS 9.30-10.30 am: December 10th, 17th
January 7th, 14th

A prayer for Bible Sunday

O Lord, you have given us your word for a light to shine upon our path; grant us so to meditate on that word, and to follow its teaching, that we may find in it the light that shines more and more until the perfect day; through Christ our Lord.

St Jerome

PARISH SUPPORT

CAFOD WORLD GIFTS

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

LIFE

The LIFE Pregnancy Care Centre in Hounslow is in need of baby clothes (birth to 3 years) and baby equipment in good condition. If you can donate any item and baby clothes this will be much appreciated. Please telephone the centre on 020 8570 7717 and leave a message or phone Ann Burke. Many thanks.

LIFE COFFEE MORNING AND CHRISTMAS MINI FAIR

This will be held in the Parish Centre on Sunday 11th December after the morning Masses. Mince pies, cakes, pressies, bric-a-brac will be for sale. Refreshments will also be served. If you can provide home made mince pies or cakes or can help in any way please ring Ann Burke. All proceeds to the LIFE Pregnancy Care Centre.

OTHER

CAROLS OF REMEMBRANCE

Lodge Brothers Funeral Directors are organising a Carol Service of Remembrance here this Sunday at 7.15pm, followed by refreshments. All welcome.

FELTHAM COMMUNITY CHAPLAINCY TRUST – helping a young ex-offender lead a life without crime.

A couple of weeks ago during **National Prisons Week**, my team and I braved the fog to complete a 5 mile run/walk to raise awareness and money to keep this challenging work going. We have £80,000 left to raise for next year, please donate if you feel able. Otherwise we are always in need of **prayer and of volunteers**. Find out more at <http://www.felthamcommunitychaplaincy.org/>. Call us on 020 844 5585 or donate online: <http://www.everyclick.com/felthamcommunitychaplaincytrust/info>. Thank

you. Lucia Do Rosario.

THE NEW EVANGELISATION – A CALL TO SERVE

The Knights of St Columba offer 'The Opportunity to Serve'. Therefore we invite more Catholic Men, aged 16 or over to become more involved in the Lay Apostolate. If interested. Please contact: Peter Oliver, Provincial Press & Publicity Officer. Province 30. Email: ksc.prov30press@yahoo.co.uk or Telephone: 07905 657 285.

VACANCIES

St. Joseph's Pastoral Centre has responsibility for the support of people with learning disabilities. We work with families in the parishes of the Diocese and at a Centre mainly for adults in Hendon. We seek people to join the Management Committee, 'critical friend' to St. Joseph's, in a voluntary role. If you are interested please contact Sue on 020 8202 3999 or at sue@stjoseph.org.uk or consult our website www.stjoseph.org.uk

Mass intentions and other services this week:

Saturday 3rd St Francis Xavier	11.00 11.00 11.45 12.00 13.30 17.00 18.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Benediction Mildred Greatorex RIP Wedding of Carly Corcoran and Steven Byrne Sacrament of Reconciliation Deceased Members of the O'Hanlon Family RIP
+ Sunday 4th 2nd Sunday of Advent	09.00 11.00 12.45 18.00 19.15	Braganza Family INT People of the Parish Baptism of Zoe Olivia Rose Grimes and Janelle Gordon Barbara-Ann Adams INT Carol Service of Remembrance
Monday 5th Advent Feria	09.15 09.30	Morning Prayer Charlotte Jackson McCowan INT
Tuesday 6th Advent Feria	09.15 09.30 10.00	Morning Prayer Rosario Dieran and Benjamin Masulit RIP(A) Novena to Our Lady
Wednesday 7th St Ambrose	09.15 09.30	Morning Prayer Thomas McGill RIP (A)
Thursday 8th Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	09.15 09.30	Morning Prayer Noel Walsh RIP
Friday 9th Advent Feria	09.15 09.30	Morning Prayer Ivy Adams INT
Saturday 10th Advent Feria	10.30 10.30 11.45 12.00 17.00 18.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Benediction Bridie Kearns INT Sacrament of Reconciliation Annie and John O'Grady RIP (A)
+ Sunday 11th 3rd Sunday of Advent	09.00 11.00 12.45 16.30 18.00	Michael and Nora Ussher RIP Moira Hayes RIP (A) Baptism of Philip Jonathan Missen and Daniel Alfred Missen Christingle Service People of the Parish

Sanctuary Lamp: Beryl Clarke INT

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