

# This week at St Lawrence's



10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> December 2011 Third Sunday of Advent (Year B)

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Readings: Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11; Psalm Luke 1:46-50, 53-54; 1Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14-16; Psalm 88:2-5, 27, 29; Romans 16:25-27;  
Luke 1:26-38 (Missal Page 90)

Dear Friends

This weekend our Advent journey presents us with both an invitation and a challenge: *"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed the Lord is near"* (Philippians 4:4-5). It is an invitation because it calls us to look joyfully towards Christ's coming at Christmas, and to this Second Coming at the end of time. But the challenge is being - and staying - joyful. There are so many things that can cloud our joy - family tension, bereavement and loss, unemployment, ill-health, the worries and cares of life. They can overwhelm us if we're not careful. Advent asks us to look more deeply and see more clearly those places in our lives that hinder us from welcoming Christ with joy, and to invite Him in there. I remember our pilgrimage to Bethlehem last year, and there, kneeling at the place of Christ's birth, whispering all my worries to him, and sensing a great peace in return. My prayer for all of you this Christmas is that you will sense Christ, the Prince of Peace, doing something beautiful for you, and giving you a deep-down peace that will see you through.

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 Philip Jonathan Missen and Daniel Alfred Missen as they are baptised this weekend and offer our congratulations to their families.

### CONFIRMATION FOR ADULTS

If you missed out on the Sacrament of Confirmation when you were younger and would like to explore the possibility of getting Confirmed now, please have a word with Bridget Brinkley either after Mass, by phone to the parish office or by email [bridgetbrinkley@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:bridgetbrinkley@rcdow.org.uk).

A short preparation course of about 6 weeks will be starting in the New Year.

## PARISH

### ADVENT WORKSHOP FOR CHILDREN

This Sunday 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. Cost per child is £1.00.

### SENIOR CITIZENS PARTY

The parish's annual Senior Citizens "Christmas" Party will take place on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

### CATECHISTS' MEETING - DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

As part of our on-going training and support for our catechists', we will be holding a meeting on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> January at 4pm in the Parish Centre. All catechists and anyone interested in exploring this important ministry are invited to attend.

### UCM

The annual Christmas party for UCM members will be on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm. Please bring membership fees if not already paid.

## OTHER

### OUR LADY QUEEN OF APOSTLES, HESTON - CHRISTMAS DINNER FOR THE HOUSEBOUND AND LONELY

Our Annual dinner will take place after the 11.30 Mass on Christmas Day at 1pm, and will be held in the Small Downstairs Hall of the Pope John Centre. Do you live alone, or are you a couple who will have difficulty cooking, or are you single with no adult company on Christmas Day, or do you know someone like this? If so or if you or someone you know would normally be housebound at Christmas and would like to join us for this wonderful occasion then please contact us by telephone on 020 8570 1818 or email [heston@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:heston@rcdow.org.uk) with your details. Free transport can be provided. This is a lovely event with good food, friendly company and happy cheer.

### MASS FOR THE AFRICAN COMMUNITY

Fr Richard Offong, for the Nigerian Chaplaincy for London, will be celebrating a Special Mass here with song, dance, healing, praise and worship for the African community on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> December at 10pm.

### CHURCHES TOGETHER CAROL SINGING

Churches Together will be Carol Singing at Asda on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December from 7pm to 8.00pm. Come and join in.

## CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR MASSES

Masses at St Lawrence's over Christmas will be as follows:

*Normal Weekday schedule Monday 19<sup>th</sup> - Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December (morning)*

**Christmas Eve Saturday 24 December:** 6pm (Children's Mass) & 11pm

**Christmas Day Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December:** 9 am & 11am (No Evening Mass)

*Normal Weekday schedule Monday 26<sup>th</sup> - Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> December (morning)*

**New Year's Eve Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> December:** 6pm, 10pm (African Community)

**New Year's Day Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2012:** 9am, 11am & 6pm

### Christmas Eve Family Mass

For the 6pm Family Mass on Christmas Eve all children are invited to come dressed as a character from the Nativity – angel, shepherd, wise man, even an ox, ass or sheep!

Please could children also prepare a birthday card for Jesus and bring it with them to the Family Mass. They will be asked to place it by the crib during the Offertory.

### Christmas Eve Midnight Mass or Christmas Day Masses

If you would like a lift to and from the Church for the Midnight Mass which will start at 11pm (Carols at 10.30pm) or the 9am or 11am on Christmas Day, please leave your name, address and phone number at the Parish Office. We also need drivers for this. If you could offer a place in your car to someone who would not otherwise be able to get to church at Christmas please let us have your name and number and an indication of how many places you can offer.

### 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 Sunday in the Parish Centre after the morning Masses. Mince pies, cakes, pressies, bric-a-brac will be for sale. Refreshments will also be served. All proceeds to the LIFE Pregnancy Care Centre.

### SCHOOL NEWS

#### 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 15<sup>th</sup>, January 12<sup>th</sup>

SATURDAYS 9.30-10.30 am: December 17<sup>th</sup>, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>

### VISIT BETHLEHEM IN 2012

There are a handful of places left for our 10 day pilgrimage to the Holy Land, led by Fr Chris, visiting Bethlehem, Jerusalem, the Sea of Galilee and much more. The dates are 14<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> May, price £1,149. Please speak to Fr Chris or ask at the parish office as soon as possible.

### Mass intentions and other services this week:

<b>Saturday 10<sup>th</sup></b> Advent Feria	10.30 10.30 11.45 <b>12.00</b> 17.00 <b>18.00</b>	Sacrament of Reconciliation Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Benediction <b>Bridie Kearns INT</b> Sacrament of Reconciliation <b>Annie and John O'Grady RIP (A)</b>
<b>+ Sunday 11<sup>th</sup></b> 3rd Sunday of Advent	<b>09.00</b> <b>11.00</b> 12.45  16.30 <b>18.00</b>	<b>Michael and Nora Ussher RIP</b> <b>Moirá Hayes RIP (A)</b> Baptisms of Philip Jonathan Missen and Daniel Alfred Missen Christingle Service <b>People of the Parish</b>
<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup></b> Our Lady of Guadalupe	09.15 <b>09.30</b>	Morning Prayer <b>Bill Dethridge RIP</b>
<b>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup></b> St Lucy	09.15 <b>09.30</b>  10.00	Morning Prayer <b>Mr &amp; Mrs Benedicto Masulit (in Thanksgiving 29<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary)</b> Novena to Our Lady
<b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup></b> St John of the Cross	09.15 <b>09.30</b>	Morning Prayer <b>Evelyn Clancy RIP (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)</b>
<b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup></b> Advent Feria	<b>09.30</b>	No Morning Prayer <b>Deceased members of the O'Hanlon Family</b> (End of Term School Mass)
<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup></b> Advent Feria	09.15 <b>09.30</b>	Morning Prayer <b>Manuel Gonçalves RIP</b>
<b>Saturday 17<sup>th</sup></b> Advent Feria	10.30 10.30 11.45 <b>12.00</b> 17.00 <b>18.00</b>	Sacrament of Reconciliation Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Benediction <b>Galligan Family INT</b> Sacrament of Reconciliation <b>Amanda Roberts INT</b>
<b>+ Sunday 18<sup>th</sup></b> 4th Sunday of Advent	<b>09.00</b> <b>11.00</b> 12.45   <b>18.00</b>	<b>Andrzej Daniluk RIP</b> <b>Isabel Figueiredo RIP</b> Baptisms of Aden Pfumbi Smart, Sonia Omone Onyebuchi Okwelegbe and Adriel Valentino Oryema Oyet <b>People of the Parish</b>

**Sanctuary Lamp:** Milagros Pavia RIP

**Thank you for your generosity in last week's Offertory Collection:**

Envelopes £1018.12, Loose £605.62, Standing Orders £265 Total: £1888.74

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