

# This week at St Lawrence's



14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> January 2012

Second Sunday of the Year  
(Missal Page 127)

Eucharistic Prayer III (Page 28)

*1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19; Psalm 39; 1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20; John 1:35-42  
Third Sunday of the Year (Missal Page 129) Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Psalm 24; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31;  
Mark 1:14-20:*

Dear Friends

At the end of Mass last weekend we distributed our Diary of Events for 2012 (there are plenty more in the porch if you missed your copy) and in it you will see what a bumper year of celebration this promises to be.

We are marking two significant moments in the history and life our parish: first, the celebration of the first Mass in the first St Lawrence's Church on the site of our present parish centre on 18<sup>th</sup> February 1912, 100 years ago. This was our Church for twenty years, and has since been a classroom for the school, a social club (with a well stocked bar!), and is now a busy meeting space. Our special celebration on **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February at 12 noon** with a Mass and parish party will launch our Anniversary Year in style: Secondly, to conclude the year, the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the celebration of the first Mass in our beautiful Church on 8<sup>th</sup> December 1932. Archbishop Vincent Nichols will be joining us for a special Mass at **12 noon on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December** and many former priests and parishioners are being invited for what promises to be a great reunion. We have been here for 100 years and there is much to celebrate. But at the heart of our year – and at the centre of our existence as a parish – is our Mission. Please take home the Mission prayer card you will be given today and pray the prayer often, that this year and every day we will be witnesses to God's welcoming love to each other and to all those we meet.

May God bless you, your homes and families in a special way this year.

Fr Chris

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## SACRAMENTS

### BAPTISM

We extend a warm welcome to Shereese Mercedes Opkua Djan, Arianna Mary Akoshia Abbey Ampah and Amelia Nyang as they are baptised this weekend and offer our congratulations to their families.

### WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

We offer our congratulations and best wishes to Manoj and Mariela Bhatnagar who celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage this weekend.

### 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 six week preparation course will start on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February at 7.30pm.

### MARRIAGE THANKSGIVING

In the lead up to St Valentine's Day we invite all married couples to come and renew their marriage vows at a very special Mass at 12 noon on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February.

## PARISH SUPPORT

### COULD YOU HELP BRING SOMEONE TO MASS?

The Knights of St Columba are planning to co-ordinate a rota of drivers to bring some of our housebound or less able parishioners to Mass on Saturday evening or Sunday morning on a regular or occasional basis, starting in a few weeks. Volunteers will be doing this service on behalf of the Church and they will need to complete a simple CRB form via our Parish Safeguarding Officer. If you would be willing and able to volunteer please give your details in at the parish office including your name, contact details and your preferred Mass.

## THANK YOU

### SENIOR CITIZEN'S DINNER

Thanks to all who helped organise the Dinner on Sunday, those who volunteered their help with cooking, clearing, collecting people and many other tasks and for all your hard work. It was a very enjoyable event.

## REST IN PEACE

### MARGARET GREEN RIP

We pray for the soul of Margaret Green RIP who died recently. Her funeral will take place on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January at 11am. Please keep in your prayers her husband Eric and all the family and friends who mourn her.

## PARISH NEWS

### ST LAWRENCE'S PRAYER GROUP

The Prayer Group meet on Thursdays in the Presbytery at 7.30pm

### SOCIAL COMMITTEE MEETING

There will be a meeting on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm in the presbytery. We are urgently in need of more volunteers to join and help.

### MISSION MEETING – HOSPITALITY

There will be a meeting on Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre to discuss Hospitality for the Mission. Any queries or suggestions to Mary Crawley.

### 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.

### CONFIRMATION CATECHISTS MEETING

There will be a meeting with Fr Chris on Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February at 7.30pm in the Presbytery to discuss the Confirmation programme.

### YOUNG ADULTS IN THE WEST

Bishop Alan Hopes invites all young adults ages 16-35 to join him here on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February for Mass at 6pm followed by food, faith sharing and a chance to put him in the hot-seat. This will be a great opportunity to look back on World Youth Day in Madrid last summer and look forward to Brazil 2013. For more information or to offer help contact Fr Chris or the parish office.

### ALTAR SERVERS ALBS

We are urgently seeking volunteers to help on a regular basis with cleaning of Altar Servers Albs, which are in a sorry state at the moment. Please contact the Parish Office if you can help.

### FINANCE COMMITTEE

It is proposed to have a briefing meeting on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January at 6.30pm in the presbytery to discuss the Planned Giving Follow Up Campaign.

### RACE NIGHT

The Social Club will be holding a Race Night on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm in the School Hall. It will be a Family event with a Ploughman's Supper. Tickets on sale after all Masses at the weekend.

### APF/MISSIO RED BOXES

If your boxes have not been collected please could you hand them in to the Parish Office as soon as possible.

### OTHER

#### PEACE SUNDAY

This weekend we celebrate Peace Sunday and there will be a retiring collection for Pax Christi after all Masses. There are envelopes at the back of Church for your offering.

#### EDUCATION SUNDAY

On 5<sup>th</sup> February at the 11am Mass we will be highlighting/celebrating the role of education in schools and invite all children and young people to come to that Mass in their school uniform.

#### CHURCHES TOGETHER

The Churches Together Unity Service and Annual Meeting will take place in the Parish Centre on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January at 7.30pm.

### Mass intentions and other services this week:

<b>Saturday 14<sup>th</sup></b> Feria	11.00 11.00 11.45 <b>12.00</b> 13.30 17.00 <b>18.00</b>	Sacrament of Reconciliation Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Benediction <b>Denis Whooley RIP(A)</b> Marriage of Manoj and Mariela Bhatnagar Sacrament of Reconciliation <b>Jossie Notter RIP</b>
<b>+ Sunday 15<sup>th</sup></b> 2nd Sunday of the Year	<b>09.00</b> <b>11.00</b> 12.45  <b>18.00</b>	<b>Constancio De Souza (in Thanksgiving)</b> <b>Mary Boyle RIP</b> Baptisms of Shereese Mercedes Opkua Djan, Arianna Mary Akoshia Abbey Ampah and Amelia Nyang <b>People of the Parish</b>
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup></b> Feria	09.15 <b>09.30</b>	Morning Prayer <b>Manuel Gonçalves RIP</b>
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup></b> St Anthony Abbot	09.15 <b>09.30</b> 10.00	Morning Prayer <b>Eileen Galligan RIP</b> Novena to Our Lady
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup></b> Feria	09.15 <b>09.30</b>	Morning Prayer <b>For World Peace</b>
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup></b> Feria	09.15 <b>09.30</b>	Morning Prayer <b>William Flanagan RIP</b>
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup></b> Feria	09.15 <b>09.30</b>	Morning Prayer <b>Margaret Khan RIP (A)</b>
<b>Saturday 21<sup>st</sup></b> St Agnes	11.00 11.00 11.45 <b>12.00</b> 17.00 <b>18.00</b>	Sacrament of Reconciliation Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Benediction <b>George McGuinness RIP</b> Sacrament of Reconciliation <b>Ray Palmer RIP</b>
<b>+ Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup></b> 3rd Sunday of the Year	<b>09.00</b> <b>11.00</b> 12.45  <b>18.00</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b> <b>Anna Rygula RIP</b> Baptisms of Oscar Nikolli, Hannah Russell and Erin Mary Campbell <b>Thanksgiving to Infant Jesus</b>

**Sanctuary Lamp:** Galligan Family INT

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