

# This week at St Lawrence's



7th/8th January 2012

The Epiphany of the Lord

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Eucharistic Prayer III (Page 28)

Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 71; Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

Second Sunday of the Year (Missal Page 127): 1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19; Psalm 39; 1 Corinthians 6:13-15,

17-20; John 1:35-42

Dear Friends

Today, the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord, we remember a journey. The three travellers, the wisest men that ever lived, had been searching all their lives. It was a search for truth and beauty, for meaning and purpose, for love and ultimate fulfilment.

In Bethlehem they found Him, the one who made their lives complete. But their journey did not end there. The Bible doesn't tell us this but we can guess that the whole of the rest of their lives was spent telling the story of everything they had heard and seen. They were truly witnesses to the epiphany – the revealing – of the glory of the Lord.

As we enter a new year, with all its promise and potential, with all its challenge and opportunity, the Wise Men invite us to join them in witnessing to the power and presence and promises of the Lord, to his glory in the world and his love in our lives. This year, 2012, is a very special year for us in our parish, a year of celebration and mission, of growing in faith and reaching out in service. May it be for each of us too a time to experience afresh the beauty of the Lord, and to do something beautiful for Him.

A very happy and blessed New Year to you all.

Fr Chris

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## THANKS FROM THE PASTORAL TEAM

Fr Chris, Fr Gerry, Sr Mary, Sr Katherine, Sr Monica, Bridget and Florie wish to thank you all for your Christmas greetings and most generous gifts.

May God bless you all in a special way in the year 2012.

## PARISH

### UCM

The UCM will meet on Monday 9th January to welcome in the New Year. Bring your Christmas and New Year stories.

### ST LAWRENCE'S PRAYER GROUP

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

### PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting will be on Thursday, 12th January at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. If you have any items for the Council please write a note to the Chair, Graham Baker and post into the presbytery by 12noon on the day.

### CHILDREN'S MASS

The next Children's Mass is at 9am on Sunday 15th January. Any child wishing to participate in this Mass please be in church by 8.45am on the 15th.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School commences again this weekend. Those who attend the classes on Monday, these resume on Monday 9th January.

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy resumes again this weekend. Leaders please pick up your rota from the porch or see Bridget.

### MISSION MEETING – HOSPITALITY

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

## SACRAMENTS

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

There will be a Parents Meeting on Tuesday, 10th January 2.30pm and 7.30pm.

The Children's sessions are on Wednesday 11th January and Thursday 12th January at 3.30pm.

### 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 21st February at 7.30pm.

## COMING UP .....

### 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.

## 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.

THURSDAY 3.45-4.45 pm: January 12<sup>th</sup>  
SATURDAYS 9.30-10.30 am: January 14<sup>th</sup>

## 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.

## OTHER

### SPECIAL NEEDS MASS

St Joseph's Pastoral Centre are having a Mass with special welcome for families and friends with learning difficulties at St Michael and St Martin Church, 94 Bath Road, Hounslow TW3 3EH on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> January starting with activities at 1.30pm, Mass at 3.00pm will be followed by 'bring and share' refreshments. For more information please contact Gail Williams on 07815 763330.

### PEACE SUNDAY

January 15<sup>th</sup> is Peace Sunday and there will be a retiring collection after all Masses that weekend. There are envelopes at the back of Church for your offering.

## Mass intentions and other services this week:

<b>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup></b> Christmas Feria  + First Mass of Sunday	11.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	11.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	11.45	Benediction
	12.00	<b>Deceased members of the O'Hanlon Family</b>
	17.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	18.00	<b>Joseph Keaveney RIP</b>
<b>+ Sunday 8<sup>th</sup></b> The Epiphany of the Lord	09.00	<b>Blanche Rocha RIP</b>
	11.00	<b>People of the Parish</b>
	18.00	<b>Mary Boyle RIP</b>
<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup></b> Baptism of the Lord	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	<b>Mary Carruth RIP</b>
<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup></b> Feria	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	<b>Maximano, Brigida &amp; Benedicta De Souza RIP</b>
	10.00	Novena to Our Lady
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup></b> Feria	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	<b>Liam O'Keeffe RIP</b>
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup></b> St Aelred	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	<b>Bruno D'Mello RIP</b>
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup></b> Feria		No Morning Prayer
	09.30	<b>Barry O'Connell RIP</b> School Mass
<b>Saturday 14<sup>th</sup></b> Feria  + First Mass of Sunday	11.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	11.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	11.45	Benediction
	12.00	<b>Denis Whooley RIP(A)</b>
	17.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	18.00	<b>Jossie Notter RIP</b>
<b>+ Sunday 15<sup>th</sup></b> 2nd Sunday of the Year	09.00	<b>Constancio De Souza (in Thanksgiving)</b>
	11.00	<b>Mary Boyle RIP</b>
	12.45	Baptisms of Shereese Mercedes Opkua Djan, Arianna Mary Akoshia Abbey Ampah, Turlough Todd and Amelia Nyang
	18.00	<b>People of the Parish</b>

**Sanctuary Lamp:** Joe Do Rosario RIP

### Sunday Mass Times

**Saturday 6 pm (Vigil Mass), Sunday 9 am, 11 am & 6 pm**  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) - Saturday 11am & 5pm**

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

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