

ST LAWRENCE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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First Sunday of Advent – Year C

30th November – 1st December 2024

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat 30	11am 5pm	Lourdinho Soares RIP (Anniversary) Mayola Gomes (Intention)
Sun 1 Dec	8am 9.30am 11am 7pm	Johnny & Priscilla Vaz in Thanksgiving Lawrence Murray RIP (Anniversary) Timothy Cahalane RIP (Anniversary) Simey Doherty RIP
Mon 2	9.30am	Joanita Fernandes in Thanksgiving
Tues 3	9.30am 12.00pm	Barbara-Ann Adams – Birthday Intention People of the Parish
Wed 4	9.30am	Wilson Family in Thanksgiving
Thur 5	9.30am	Eneresi Risi Garadi RIP (Anniversary)
Fri 6	9.30am	Bridget Ward RIP (Anniversary)
Sat 7	11am 5pm	Keith & Rose-Marie Calmiano 50 th Wedding Anniversary Grace Dias – Birthday Thanksgiving
Sun 8	8am 9.30am 11am 7pm	Oceana Pires in Thanksgiving Valerio Immanuel Gomes – Birthday Thanksgiving Philip & Anne Sheridan RIP Dominic Dieseru - Special Intention

Sanctuary Lamp is lit in Thanksgiving for the Fernandes Family

OTHER REGULAR MASSES, LITURGY

Confessions and Adoration: Saturdays 9.30am to 10.45am

Morning Prayer: Monday to Friday 9.15am

Rosary: Monday & Friday 10am

St Anthony Devotion: Tuesday 10am

Novena to Mother of Perpetual Help: Wednesday 10am

Polish Mass: Sundays 1.00pm

Ukrainian Mass: 2nd Sunday 2.30pm & 4th Saturday 7.00pm

Malayalam Mass: 3rd Sunday 2.30pm

Filipino Mass: 4th Saturday 3pm

Nigerian Mass: 4th Sunday 2.30pm

PARISH OFFICE OPENING TIMES

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday: 8.30am – 4pm

Wednesday & Friday: 8.30am – 1pm

A NEW SEASON IS HERE.

Dearest in Christ, it might not be a mistake, and with the Spirit of faith to wish a happy new year to ourselves as the children of God under one faith of the Catholic Church. This is because, today, the holy mother Church marks a new beginning of her new liturgical year, and the last Cycle of the three Cycles in liturgical life of the Church, as well as the first Sunday of Advent. On a more important note, it happens by coincidence that today as well, our diocese, Westminster, and other dioceses in England and Wales launched the use of our new liturgical Lectionary. Obviously, the introduction of the new Lectionary from this season of this Advent, significantly makes this new Cycle (Cycle/Year C) very remarkable. However, any business man or woman who has no time to evaluate his/her business by taking stocks momentarily, will find it difficult to know whether he/she has made any profit or not. Likewise, as the Church enters into her new year (Cycle C), which normally begins with Advent, she is inviting us to have time for a personal evaluation. This examination of our conscience will help us to understand how positively or negatively we have spent the past Cycle (Year B). A proper evaluation of our lives gives us the room to evaluate our strengths and weaknesses of the past, and make amendments where necessary. This is the surer way we can prepare ourselves and our souls worthily for the celebration of the birthday of our new born King, Our Lord Jesus Christ. As the Church welcomes us into this her new Liturgical Year, and the season of the Advent, she encourages us to remain focused and faithful in holiness and love for one another.

Happy season of advent, and the new Liturgical Cycle, Year C.

God bless you.

Father Peter

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently, and for those who anniversaries occur at this time, may they rest in peace. Amen.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint Francis Xavier - Priest (1506-1552)

Memorial, 3rd December

"In Thee, O Lord, have I put my hope. Let me never be confounded"

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

Today, Year C Vol 1, p.82

1st Reading Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25;

2nd Reading 1 Thessalonians 3:12, 4:2;

Gospel Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Second Sunday of Advent (C), p.84

1st Reading Baruch 5:1-9; Psalm 126;

2nd Reading Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11;

Gospel Luke 3:1-6

ADVENT There will be Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every weekday morning from 8.30am-9.15am in Advent.

NEW LITURGICAL BOOKS AND PARISH MASS BOOKS We will be using our new Liturgical books and the New Parish Mass Book for Year C, Volume 1 from today, the First Sunday of Advent. Thank you to all who donated towards these books.

PARISH MEETING Fr Mike would like to have a whole Parish Meeting on Sunday 15th December from 12.30pm-1.30pm (after the 11.00am Mass) in the Parish Centre. The aim of the meeting is to receive your feedback about our parish now and to know your thoughts and hopes for the future.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION Please keep our first group of children in your prayers as they prepare for the First Reconciliation on Saturday 7th December at 1.30pm.

WALK WITH JESUS The children meet after the 9.30am Mass today and again on Sunday 8th December.

CONFIRMATION, YOUNG ADULTS The next meeting for Group 1 is on Thursday 5th December and Group 2 on Thursday 12th December at 6.30pm in the Parish Centre.

A CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION IN WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL Tickets are now on sale for the annual Christmas concerts which celebrate the mystery of Christ's Incarnation in carols and readings performed by the world-famous Westminster Cathedral Choir, orchestra, and celebrity readers, on 18 and 19 December at 7.30pm. We encourage you to purchase tickets quickly before these popular events are sold out. Tickets can be purchased from the Cathedral Gift Shop or directly from Ticketmaster; go to www.ticketmaster.co.uk and type in Westminster Cathedral when prompted.

JUSTICE AND PEACE / CARITAS REPRESENTATIVE The West London Justice and Peace network meet 3 times a year online and one face to face. They discuss all issues relating to CAFOD (overseas), Caritas (local social action) and Justice and Peace. Issues range from Food Banks, winter night shelters, creation and climate change, the Church's call for nuclear disarmament, Fairtrade etc. If you are interested in becoming a representative, working alongside Miriam, our current parish rep, please leave your contact details in the parish office, marked *Justice and Peace / Caritas Rep*, and Miriam will be in touch with you.

CARITAS ADVENT CALENDAR Caritas Westminster has prepared a different Advent Calendar that should help us think of those who are less fortunate or may be struggling at this moment. The calendar gives a suggestion of items to be donated to foodbanks for each day leading to Christmas. See noticeboard or porch glass for details. You can also find it at www.caritaswestminster.org.uk. Please put your donations in the white box in Church. Donations will be given to the St Lawrence Foodbank hub and to Riverside Vineyard Storehouse. Thank you.

CAROL SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE This service organised by Lodge Brothers Funeral Directors will be held here at St Lawrence's on Monday 9th December at 6.30pm. All are invited to attend and remember our departed loved ones at this special time of year and to light a candle in prayer for them.

ST LAWRENCE PRAYER GROUP - The Prayer Group will meet for Praise and Worship in the Parish Centre on Saturday 21st December after the 5pm Mass, please come along and join us.

MASS INTENTION BOOKINGS FOR 2025 Florie will be available in the porch on Monday 16th December from 10am-11am to take Mass Intention bookings for 2025. PLEASE NOTE WE CANNOT ACCEPT MORE THAN THREE (3) MASS INTENTIONS PER FAMILY. This will allow everyone in Church to have a Mass said for their intention. Any extra masses will be sent to retired priests, the seminary or missions. Please consider grouping your intentions *e.g. in Thanksgiving Fernandes family or Deceased Souls of the Fernandes & Vaz families or for the intentions of the Smith Family*. Forms will be available to write your intentions (one per family), please complete both sides of the form. Please do not post your intentions through the door or hand them to any clergy or Pastoral Team as they will not be given any priority. The Diocese of Westminster suggest a Mass offering of £10.00 per Mass and £5.00 for a Sanctuary Lamp, which can be paid in cash or using the Contactless machine at the time of booking, choosing the option *Mass Intention*.

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS after morning Mass on Friday 6th December with Devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary and concluding at 3pm with Divine Mercy chaplet.

BAPTISM PREPARATION The next course for parents and godparents preparing for their infant's baptism will be on Thursday 12th December, 6.30pm, in church. To register please contact the parish office.

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR SCHEDULE

Tuesday 24th December – Christmas Eve

Family Mass – 5.00pm

Vigil Mass – 7.00pm

Mass in Ukrainian – 9.15pm

Carol Service – 11.30pm

Midnight Mass – 12.00am

Wednesday 25th December -Christmas Day

Mass – 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am, Polish Mass – 1.00pm

No Evening Mass

Thursday 26th December, St Stephen

Mass – 12 noon, Polish Mass 2.00pm

Friday 27th – Monday 30th December

Mass as usual

Tuesday 31st December – New Year's Eve

Morning Mass – 9.30am

Parish Midnight Mass – 12.00am

Wednesday 1st January 2025 – Solemnity of the Mother of God

Mass – 9.30am, 11.30am, Polish Mass – 8.00pm

No English Evening Mass

Thursday 2nd – Saturday 4th January

Mass as usual

Sunday 5th January - The Epiphany of the Lord

Vigil Mass 5pm (Saturday)

Mass 8am, 9.30am, 11am, 7.00pm

Polish Mass 1.00pm, Ukrainian Mass 2.30pm

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Figures not available this week

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