

ST LAWRENCE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Third Sunday of Advent – Year C

14th - 15th December 2024

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat 14	11am 5pm	Dec'sd members of the O'Hanlon Family RIP Rosa Da Silva Alves RIP, Birthday Rem.
Sun 15	8am 9.30am 11am 7pm	Patricia Jayawardena RIP, Anniversary Mary D'Souza, Birthday Thanksgiving Felicio Mendes RIP, 2 nd Anniversary Judith Yvonne Bolou Dandjinou RIP
Mon 16	9.30am	For the friends and relatives of Sr Nora
Tues 17	9.30am	Ofelia Petate RIP, Anniversary
Wed 18	9.30am	Aloma Solomons RIP, Birthday Remembrance
Thur 19	9.30am	Piedade D'Costa, Minguel, Antonio, Swizel & Ethne Monteiro RIP
Fri 20	9.30am	Matthew Rodrigues RIP (Anniversary)
Sat 21	11am 5pm	Josie O'Keeffe RIP, 2 nd Anniversary Jonah & Asima in Thanksgiving, Wedding Ann
Sun 22	8am 9.30am 11am 7pm	Dec'sd members of the McGillicuddy Family Eamon O'Brien RIP Katherine Soares RIP, Anniversary Paul Shatwell RIP

Sanctuary Lamp is lit for the souls of **Gabriel Danladi, Patrick Yakowa and Felicia Forson RIP**

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

Dear Friends,

Surely, a failure of humanity would be our inability to cope with the deep seated differences of opinion that somehow just seem to exist between ourselves. Very important issues get viewed in totally different ways and often this leads to hostility and sometimes even violence between ourselves. This in itself makes me wonder how many mistaken points of view there must be as when facts are examined there can only be one truth, as opposite cannot both be true. I realise that this is difficult, but opinions at this time of Advent, we as Catholic Christians should all ask ourselves in our prayer life “What shall we do?”

In today's Gospel John the Baptist is asked exactly the same question by the crowds, (and the tax collectors and soldiers too). It would certainly be true to state that one of the many gifts that Catholicism has given me is a healthy conscience, a voice somewhere inside me that leads me to the truth. This is something for which I am eternally grateful. However, it would also be true to state that this truth would be meaningless without an understanding of my own starting point.

With myself, and indeed most of you who are reading this, that point would have been our own baptisms, which of course for most of us would have been as infants, but for some, that point would have come later in life. Our current and previous RCIA parishioners have certainly had to answer the “What shall I do” question. So could I ask each of you on this joyous Gaudete Sunday to remember our current RCIA candidates and catechumens in your prayers as they examine their own conscience to discern their future as Catholic Christians.

Have a blessed week
Deacon Colin

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint Peter Canisius SJ

Priest and Doctor of the Church (1521-1597)

Memorial, 21st December

“Anyone who wishes to frolic with the devil cannot rejoice with Christ.”

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.

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

Today, Year C Vol 1, p.87

1st Reading Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Psalm 12;
2nd Reading Philippians 4:4-7; Gospel Luke 3:10-18

Fourth Sunday of Advent (C), p.90

1st Reading Micah 5:2-5a; Psalm 80;
2nd Reading Hebrews 10:5-10; Gospel Luke 1:39-45

PARISH MEETING Fr Mike invites you to a whole Parish Meeting this 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.

WALK WITH JESUS The last session for this term will be on Sunday 22nd December after the 9.30am Mass

HAVE YOU EVER CONSIDERED BECOMING A TEACHER?

We are blessed to have so many wonderful Catholic schools in the local area, with St Lawrence, our parish Primary School, forming the intellect, hearts and lives of so many parishioners over the 90 years of its existence. Our Diocesan Education Service are offering a unique opportunity to experience teaching in a Catholic School, in the hope of encouraging more Catholic students to consider teaching as a career and vocation. The experience offers an exciting three-week placement (Internship) in a Catholic school, with successful candidates receiving £300 per week to support them through this placement. For more information please contact <https://education.rcdow.org.uk/working-in-catholic-education/leadership/>

JUSTICE & PEACE REP 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), 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 Rep, and Miriam will be in touch with you.

CARITAS REP Do you have a heart for service, and living your Faith and love in action? If you would like to connect your parish with Caritas, and play your part in making a difference in the community, why not become a parish Representative for Caritas Westminster? If you are interested, or would like to know more, please get in touch with Sr Silvana on 07921471506 or via email on silvanadallanegra@rcdow.org.uk

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.

ST LAWRENCE PRAYER GROUP The Prayer Group will meet for Praise and Worship in the Parish Centre after the 5.00pm Mass on Saturday 21st December.

CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY MASS Children are invited to come to 5pm Mass on Christmas Eve dressed as a character from the Nativity (not Mary or Joseph). If you would like to make a birthday card for Jesus, please bring it to this Mass.

ST LAWRENCE JUNIOR CAROL SERVICE welcomes the parishioners of St Lawrence with an afternoon of singing, drama and readings, preparing us for the birth of Christ at Christmas. The children have been rehearsing lots and sound fantastic, so please do come along to support them and enjoy this festive carolling experience on Tuesday 17th December, 2.00pm, here in church.

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

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 – 1.30pm

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

ADVENT CONFESSIONS Fr Mike and Fr Peter will be available to hear Confessions before Christmas on Friday 20th December 7.00pm-8.00pm, and Sunday 22nd December 4.30pm – 5.30pm. The usual Saturday confessional time also applies.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING envelopes are available from the porch, should you wish to make a Christmas offering. Please return the envelopes either into the collection or into the parish office. The Christmas offering, along with Easter and other offerings, largely make up the annual stipend that the priests of the parish receive to support them in the year ahead. Thank you, as always, for your kindness and support.
CHRISTMAS FLOWERS A collection will be taken this weekend at all Masses.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Figures not available this week

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Account No: **71095528** Sort Code: **40-05-20**

Please add your Surname and First Name as a reference, to help our bookkeeper, and indicate if it is for a Donation, Baptism, etc.