

# ST LAWRENCE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Fourth Sunday of Advent – Year C

21<sup>st</sup>- 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2024

## MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

<b>Sat 21</b>	11am 5pm	Josie O’Keeffe RIP, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Jonah & Asima in Thanksgiving, Wedding Ann
<b>Sun 22</b>	8am 9.30am 11am 7pm	Dec’sd members of the McGillicuddy Family Eamon O’Brien RIP Katherine Soares RIP, Anniversary Paul Shatwell RIP
<b>Mon 23</b>	9.30am	Mary Preciosia D’Souza RIP (Anniversary)
<b>Tues 24</b>	9.30am 5.00pm 7.00om 9.15pm 11.30pm 12.00am	Alfie Richard Watts RIP Family Mass Vigil Mass Mass in Ukrainian Carol Service Mass during the Night
<b>Wed 25</b>	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 1.00pm	People of the Parish People of the Parish People of the Parish Mass in Polish
<b>Thur 26</b>	12noon 2.00pm	Brian Calmiano & Family in Thanksgiving Mass in Polish
<b>Fri 27</b>	9.30am	Rocha Fernandes in Thanksgiving
<b>Sat 28</b>	11am 5pm	Maureen Lynch RIP Francisco, Jane, Yancy, Yanick & Yaniz Monteiro – Good Health
<b>Sun 29</b>	8am 9.30am 11am 7pm	Cedric Harris RIP (Anniversary) Beauty and Family in Thanksgiving Derrick Juriansz RIP In Thanksgiving Nisha & Antonio Faria

Sanctuary Lamp is lit in Thanksgiving for Emmanuella Danladi

### 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

One of the things I look forward to each year is an Advent Carol Service. It is such a perfectly timed gift, during which I forget about the hustle and bustle of the festive preparations, and allow the music and reflective readings to refocus my mind and take me once more on the journey to Bethlehem. There was a point during the Cathedral Advent Carol Service a few years ago, when my heart was more attuned to the place where our Infant King was born and lived, to the little town of Bethlehem and Jerusalem. I was thinking about the heightened tensions and civil unrest, praying for peace, when suddenly the 5th reading began. It was a reading taken from a Midnight Mass homily in 2001, given by our late Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O’Connor. In the reading, Cardinal Cormac reflected on his experience of celebrating Mass in the Church of the Nativity, which, as tradition holds, locates the church above the spot where Jesus was born in Bethlehem. In the homily, Cardinal Cormac not only commented on the violence that was taking place outside the church that very night, as he celebrated Mass, but he reflected that Jesus was also born into a world which was full of fear, violence and war. Cardinal Cormac’s words turned our attention to the crib at Bethlehem and the world’s cry for peace; a cry very much echoing throughout our world today. We’re reminded that where God is born, hope and peace are also born, and, ‘the light which came into being at Bethlehem that night is a light for all of us to live by, and a seed of hope that one day all races and cultures will be one loving community in which justice and peace will reign’. Each of us has a part to play in bringing the light of Christ to all corners of the world, praying earnestly that hearts will be transformed in Christ, reflecting His peace, mercy and love.

If, you are travelling this Christmas, travel safely, have a restful time away, and we look forward to seeing you on your return.

To all of our parishioners and visitors, may I take this opportunity, on behalf of Father Peter, the parish Team and myself, to wish you all a joyful, holy and blessed Christmas, and may the Joy of the World, Christ Our Lord, implant into your hearts the peace, hope and love from his Bethlehem manger, forever.

A Happy Christmas to you all  
Fr Mike

### PARISH OFFICE OPENING TIMES

**Monday, Tuesday & Thursday:** 8.30am – 4pm

**Wednesday & Friday:** 8.30am – 1pm

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## SCRIPTURE READINGS

Today, Year C Vol 1, p.90

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

**Christmas Eve: Vigil Mass Page 94;  
Midnight Mass: Page 97**

**Christmas Day: Dawn Mass, Page 100,  
Mass during the Day, Page 102**

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph (C), p.105**

1st Reading Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Psalm 128;  
2nd Reading Colossians 3:12-21; Gospel Luke 2: 41-52

**Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God, p.109**

**Epiphany of the Lord p. 115**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72;  
Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

## 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/>

**EARLY RISERS AND TEDDS CLUB** will be opening again on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January**. Please contact Kate for Early Risers on 07938 103854 or Sarah for Tedds Club on 07971 994669.

## REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the soul of John Christopher Stoker RIP whose funeral will take place here on **Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> January** at 9.30am, this will also be the parish Mass. We also pray for the souls of those who have died recently, and for those who anniversaries occur at this time, may they rest in peace. Amen.

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

**23<sup>rd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> November**

Loose £1,349.08 Envelopes £175.75 **Total £1,524.83**

**30<sup>th</sup> November – 1 December**

Loose £1,538.17 Envelopes £378.16 **Total £1,916.33**

**7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> December**

Loose £1,617.95 Envelopes £260.00 **Total £1,877.95**

**14<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> December**

Loose £1,548.90 Envelopes £167.10 **Total £1,716.00**

**Sick & Retired Priests: £1,367.25 CAFOD: £3,414.88  
(for the year), Home Mission Sunday: 169.63,  
Missio Wall Box: £103.64, A.C.N Wall Box: £374.30**

**HSBC BANK ACCOUNT NAME: WRCDT Feltham**

**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.*

## CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR SCHEDULE

### Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> December -Christmas Day

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

### Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> December, St Stephen

Mass – 12 noon, Polish Mass 2.00pm

### Friday 27<sup>th</sup> – Monday 30<sup>th</sup> December

Mass as usual

### Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> December – New Year's Eve

Morning Mass – 9.30am  
Parish Midnight Mass – 12.00am

### Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025 – Solemnity of the Mother of God

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

### Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> January

Mass as usual

### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> 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

**CONFESSIONS** Fr Mike and Fr Peter will be available to hear Confessions before Christmas on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 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.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS** Thank you for your generosity a grand sum of £511.33 was collected towards flowers.

**SCHOOL VACANCIES** Please see notice board for vacancies at St Paul Catholic College and St Richard Reynolds Catholic College.

**WESTMINSTER YEAR BOOKS** are on sale in the Repository. £6.50 for a ringbound or £5.00 for a bound copy

## SAINT OF THE WEEK

**St Stephen**

Deacon and Martyr (c. AD5 – c. AD34)

**Feast, 26<sup>th</sup> December**

*“Lord do not hold this sin against them”*