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2nd Sunday of Advent

9th/10th December 2017

Readings: Parish Mass Book Year B, Volume 1: Page 85: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11; Psalm 84; 2 Peter 3:8-14; Mark 1:1-8

Next Week: Third Sunday of Advent: Page: 87: Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11; Psalm: Luke 1:46-50; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28



The sense of anticipation and waiting which characterises Advent grows from week to week. The message of John The Baptist is one of hope and expectation. If we are to welcome Jesus into our lives then we must clear a space in our hearts and in our family. So in this week of Advent we light the 2nd Candle and pray:

We light this candle for all who are victims of violence in any of its forms.

May its light lead us to peace, safety, and truth.

Lord, help us and all your children to claim your help for healing of body, mind and spirit.

Help us to trust in your justice, and to be confident in the future you have planned for us, a future full of hope.

We light this candle for all those who are experiencing the pain of broken relationships.

Lord, may its light remind us of the communion you desire for your children.

Help us to forgive those who have hurt us, and to seek forgiveness for hurts we may have caused. Bring healing, Lord, to broken relationships we have with anyone who is now dead.

Our Father Hail Mary Glory Be

Sunday Mass: 6pm (Vigil Mass), Sunday 9am, 11am, 1pm (Polish) & 6pm.

Weekday Mass: Monday-Friday 9.30am; Saturday 12noon;

Morning Prayer: Monday-Friday 9.15am,

Novena to Our Lady: Tuesdays 10am,

Exposition and Benediction: Saturdays 11am,

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession):

Saturday 11am and 5pm

Message from Frank Macken & Finance Team regarding the Christmas Offering Envelopes

The Christmas offering Envelopes for the current financial year (Apr '17 – Apr '18) have been incorrectly dated April 1st 2018. They should have been dated 25th December 2017. The error was caused by our suppliers and has only recently come to light. Please be advised that it will be in order to use the envelope for your Christmas offering for this year 2017. Your co-operation and continued support is greatly appreciated.

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

Please pray for Alia Fernandes, Maria Meyliah, Zoe Caroline De Souza and Pearl Osei Tutu who were Baptised this weekend and congratulation to their families.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

There will be **no** session next Wednesday 13th December. We will meet again on Tuesday 19th Dec at 7.15pm.

PARISH NOTICES

Christmas Liturgies

There will be a meeting for all who are interested in helping prepare the Christmas liturgies on Saturday 16th December at 1.15pm in the parish Centre.

Carits-Connect@Feltham Parish

There will be a meeting on Tuesday 12th at 7pm with Gail Williams and Tiziana Mecocci from Caritas about starting a group here on Tuesdays for people with Intellectual Disabilities. If you are interested in volunteering please come along to the meeting.

LINE DANCING

Hope you enjoyed the last session. The next Line Dancing Class will be on **Monday 11th December** at 7.30pm. All welcome. Cost: £4.00 per person.

OVER 50'S

The Over 50's will be meet again on Wednesday 3rd January 2018.

CHRISTMAS CARDS AND 2018 CALENDARS

The Repository (Church Shop) has a good selection of Christmas Cards and calendars for 2018. Cards are sold by the box at £3.50 and calendars are £1.20 each. Do have a look after Mass.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

There will be a collection at the end of all Masses this weekend towards flowers for Christmas.

CAROL SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

This service organised by Lodge Brothers Funeral Service will be held in Church **on Sunday 17th December at 3.30pm**. All are invited to remember our departed loved ones at this special time of year and to light a candle for them, as well as joining in our favourite carols. Seasonal refreshments will be served afterwards.

CHURCHES TOGETHER CAROL SINGING

Churches Together will be Carol Singing at Asda on **Monday 18th December from 7pm – 8.30pm** to raise money for CRISIS. Come and join in.

ADVENT CONFESSIONS

Fr John will be available to hear Confessions before Christmas on: **Tuesday 19th December** - Exposition and Confessions 7.00pm-8.00pm; **Friday 22nd December** – Confessions 10.15am-11.15am and **Saturday 23rd December** – Confessions 10.00am-12.00noon.

CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY MASS

Children are invited to come to 6pm Mass on Christmas eve dressed as a character from the Nativity. If you would like to make a birthday card for Jesus, please bring it to this Mass. If you are in Year 3 or above and would like to read at the 6pm Mass on Christmas Eve please come to a rehearsal with Bridget on **Saturday 16th** at 4.30 pm in the Church.

FILIPINO COMMUNITY

There will be a Mass in Tagalog on **Saturday 30th December** at 3.00pm.

NEW YEAR WITH ST LAWRENCE'S AFRICAN COMMUNITY

On **Sunday 31st December** the African Community invite you all to join them for a service to bring in the New Year. The programme starts at 11.30pm with a Rosary, Devotions to the Divine Mercy, Songs of Praise, Holy Mass and finishes with Benediction.

SENIOR CITIZENS PARTY

The Parish's annual Senior Citizen's "Christmas" Party will take place on **Sunday 7th January** from 12noon to 4pm. Please put your name down on the lists in the porch if you would like to come or if you can help. Details from Philomena Franklin on 020 8751 2153 or 07963 001403.

RECEPTION CLASS ADMISSIONS 2018

The dates and times that Fr John will be available to see families are:

Saturday 16th December from 9.30am to 10.30am

Saturday 6th January from 9.30am to 10.30am

Tuesday 9th January from 3.45pm to 5.30pm

To make an appointment to see him please put your name on one of the lists on the noticeboard in the Church porch. Make sure you bring your child with you for the appointment, along with their Baptism Certificate and the Certificate of Catholic Practice.

REST IN PEACE

A Requiem Mass for Coleen Hendly will take place on Tuesday 12th December 9.30am at St. Lawrence's Church. Please note there will be no morning Prayer on Tuesday.

A Funeral Services for Marina Campbell will be at Hanworth Crematorium Wednesday 13th December 9.00am.

A Funeral Services for Sally Gomes will be at Hanworth Crematorium on Tuesday 19th December 10.20am

Thank you for your generosity in last week's collection:

2nd – 3rd December: Envelopes £896.25; Loose: £899.99
Standing Orders: £667.00 **Total: £2463.24**

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 9 th	11.00 11.00 12.00 12.45 17.00 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation Sheamus O'Reilly RIP Baptisms of Alia Fernandes, Maria Labojal Meyliah and Zoe Caroline De Souza Sacrament of Reconciliation People of the Parish
Sun 10 th	09.00 11.00 13.00 18.00	Rosario Family in Thanksgiving Felicity Petrie in Thanksgiving Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Hazel Costello RIP (4 th Anniversary)
Mon 11 th	09.30	Leonora Fernandes RIP (Month's Mind)
Tues 12 th	9.30	Baby Silas Dias RIP
Wed 13 th	09.30	Lopes and Cabral Family in Thanksgiving
Thurs 14 th	09.30	Andrew R A Omoniyodo in Birthday Thanksgiving
Fri 15 th	09.30	Beryl Clarke In Thanksgiving
Sat 16 th	11.00 11.00 12.00 12.45 17.00 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation Ray Palmer and Daisy & Bernard O'Neill RIP Baptism of Neiva Botelho Sacrament of Reconciliation In Thanksgiving Atumah Family
Sun 17 th	09.00 11.00 13.00 15.30 18.00	Mary D'souza in Thanksgiving Ofelia Petate RIP (1 st Anniversary) Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Carol Service of Remembrance (Lodge Brothers) Benedicto & Virginia Masulit in Thanksgiving – 35 th Wedding Anniversary
Sanctuary Lamp: In Thanksgiving – Fernandes Family		