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Third Sunday of Advent

10th/11th December 2022

Year A, Volume 1: (Page 88): Isaiah 35:1-6, 10; Psalm 145; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

Next Week: Fourth Sunday of Advent: (Page 90): Isaiah 7:10-14; Psalm 23; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-24



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Protecting your Privacy:

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Mass and other liturgies live streamed from Westminster Cathedral and other parishes are available at www.churchservices.tv

MASS TIMES

Sunday Mass: 8.00am, 9.30am and 11.00am

Monday to Friday Mass: 9.30am; Saturday Morning: 11.00am

Saturday Morning: Confessions: 9.30am to 10.45am with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,

Saturday Evening: 5.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday

Ethnic Chaplaincies: Polish Mass every Sunday 1.00pm, Ukrainian Mass 2nd Sunday 2.30pm & 4th Saturday 7.00pm; Malayalam Mass 3rd Sunday 2.30pm; Mass in Tagalog 4th Saturday 3pm; Mass led by Nigerian Chaplaincy 4th Sunday 2.30pm.

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God is inviting you.



The Gospel of Matthew 11:2-11 has a double focus. The first part of this Gospel concerns John the Baptist. The second part of the Gospel focuses on Jesus. John was in prison and when he heard about the works that Jesus was performing, he sent some of his disciples to go to Jesus and ask: "Are you 'He who is to come' or 'should we look for another?'"

When John's disciples approached Jesus and asked him the question John had posed, Jesus replied: "Go back and report to John what you have heard and seen. The blind see, the lame walk, lepers are healed, the dead are raised to life, and the poor have the good news preached to them".

John the Baptist was wondering about what Jesus was doing. He had been expecting a political Messiah and didn't understand the approach Jesus was taking. Jesus said to him, as he says to us, you have to have faith in me!

It seems that Jesus' programme is not quite what John had expected.

The thing about expectations is that they pull us out of the present moment into a future we do not yet have, except as it exists in our head. Pretty soon we begin to act and speak as if our expectations, either of hope or dread, are the reality of our lives. We allowed those expectations to shape our attitudes, our beliefs, and the way we relate to others. Those expectations even shape our image of who God is, where God can show up, and how God should act. If God does not meet our expectations, we are often too quick to question God rather than ourselves. We trust our expectations of what God should be doing more than we trust what God is actually doing.

Now take a moment and ask yourself: Why do I turn to Jesus? Why do I seek Him out? Do I go to him because I believe in Jesus? Do I only seek Him out when I am struggling or desperate? Do I regularly spend time with Jesus? The gift is that Jesus is always there for us, waiting for us to come to Him. We often take this for granted until life gets difficult. Today make time to spend with Jesus. Jesus is always with us; However, often we are the ones who do not present to him.

Matthew 11:3 "Are you the one who is to come or do we look for another?" Isaiah 50:2a "why did no one answer when I called?"

Have a blessed week.

Deacon Rolly

CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE

Tickets on sale after all weekend Masses for a beautiful Christmas hamper filled with lots of exciting goodies – something for everyone in the family!

The draw will take place on **Sunday 18th December** after the 11am Mass.

Tickets: £1 per strip or 6 strips for £5.00. Proceeds to the Parish Centre.





SERVICES AT ST LAWRENCE'S AT CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR



Saturday 17 December

10.00-10.45am – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,
Confessions and Benediction
11.00am – Mass
4.00-4.45pm Confessions
5.00pm – Vigil Mass for Sunday

Sunday 18 December – Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mass - 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am, 1.00pm (Polish)

Monday – Friday 19 - 23 December

Mass - 9.30am

Saturday 24 December - Christmas Eve

Saturday Morning Mass – 11.00am
Confessions 10.00am-10.30am and 11.30am-12.30pm
Mass - 6.00pm, 8.00pm and 10.00pm (Carols at 9.30pm)

Sunday 25 December - Christmas Day

Mass - 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am and 1.00pm (Polish)
No evening Mass

Monday 26 December – St Stephen

Mass - 10.00am, 1pm (Polish)

Tuesday 27 December – St John

Mass - 10.00am

Wednesday 28 – The Holy Innocents; Thursday 29th December – St Thomas Beckett; Friday 30 December – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Mass - 9.30am,

Saturday 31 December – 7th Day in the Octave of Christmas

Mass - 11.00am,
Vigil Mass for Sunday - 5.00pm
Vigil led by the Nigerian Chaplaincy - 10.30pm-Midnight

Sunday 1 January - New Year's Day

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Mass - 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am and 1.00pm (Polish)

Monday 2 January – St Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen

Mass - 10.00am, 1.00pm (Polish)

Tuesday 3 – Thursday 5 January

Mass - 9.30am

Friday 6 January – The Epiphany of the Lord

Mass - 9.30 (with school), 12.00noon, 7.00pm

CHURCH CLEANERS

The Church is cleaned on a Thursday morning after Mass. If you are able to spare half an hour or so, please come along and join the existing group of cleaners.

UCM

The UCM Ladies meet on **Monday 19th December** at 12 noon and then after the holidays on Monday 9th January 2023 at 12noon

WESTMINSTER YEAR BOOK 2023

Now available in the repository. £5.00 for a bound copy or £6.00 for a ring bound copy.

PARKING AT ST LAWRENCE'S

Parking is becoming an issue again. Please note that Parking in the Church ground is **restricted for Blue Badge holders and those with mobility issues only**. Parking is also not permitted on the sides along the fencing as this is a health and safety issue. The access way is for drop off only and not parking. This is applicable on Sundays, Holy Days of Obligation, Funerals, Weddings and other such special occasions. Parking is available at Tesco, Feltham Leisure West and on Sundays limited parking in the school. The two spaces in front of the presbytery are for the Priest and Pastoral Team.

WANTED NOW!!

Play worker need for TEDDS afterschool club at St Lawrence's Parish Centre, Feltham, Monday to Friday 3-6pm when required. Training will be given. Need to like children, be enthusiastic, patient and have a good sense of humour. Ring 07971 994669 Sarah or Julie.

ADVENT GIVING CALENDAR

The Calendar gives suggestions for items which we can put in our box for Storehouse. **Last day is 18th December**. The important thing about the calendar is that it is also a way for families to find out where they can get some help if they are struggling to buy the food they need. Please see posters at back of church.

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the souls of Frances Atkins RIP, Christopher (Chris) Michael Holland RIP, Hildegard Merriquer RIP, Pauline Cynthia O'Hanlon RIP, and James (Jim) Coleman RIP, who have passed away recently.

- **Christopher (Chris) M Holland RIP** – Chris will be received into Church on **Monday 19th December** at 4pm. His Requiem Mass will take place on **Tuesday 20th December** at 11am.

- **Frances Atkins** funeral will take place at Our Lady of Lourdes & St Michael in Uxbridge.

We also keep in our prayers all the family and friends who mourn them. May they rest in eternal peace.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 10	11.00am 5.00pm	Farhat Joseph RIP Marina & Luis Bragança in Thanksgiving
* Sun 11	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 1.00pm 2.30pm	Grace Dias in Thanksgiving Carafino & Anna Bragança in Thanksgiving Cayson Cunha in Thanksgiving Mass in Polish (Msza sw) Mass in Ukrainian
Mon 12	8.15am 9.30am	Emita Pereira RIP Mary Chacko RIP
Tues 13	9.30am 7.00pm	Brillo Camelo Gomes RIP (16 th Ann.) Karol Michalak RIP
Wed 14	9.30am	Andrew Omoniyodu – Birthday Thanksgiving
Thurs 15	9.30am	Pat Jayawardena RIP (1 st Ann.)
Fri 16	9.30am	Samuel Pereira in Thanksgiving
Sat 17	11.00am 5.00pm	Palmer, O'Neill & May Families RIP Mary D'Souza RIP (Anniversary)
* Sun 18	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 1.00pm 2.30pm	Caetano Pereira RIP Mary D'Souza - 80 th Birthday Thanksgiving John Igboanugo Jnr RIP Mass in Polish (Msza sw) Mass in Malayalam
Sanctuary Lamp: Gabriel D'Souza RIP		

CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY MASS

For the 6pm Christmas Eve Mass all children are invited to come dressed as a character from the Nativity – an angel, shepherd, wise men, even an ox, donkey or sheep! Please could children also prepare a birthday card for Jesus and bring it with them to the Family Mass. They will be asked to place it by the crib during the offertory. This Mass is primarily for families and children.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Welcomers and Stewards – please put your name on the appropriate lists, available in the Sacristy for the Mass you are planning on attending, especially the Vigil Mass at 8.00pm.

CHRISTMAS CRIB APPEAL

Our Christmas Crib Appeal is for the Catholic Children's Society.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING ENVELOPES

If you do not have a Planned Giving envelope but would like to make a Christmas Offering, please take a "Christmas Offering" envelope available in the porch.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES

CONFIRMATION 2023

- If your son or daughter is in **School Year 9 or above** (this is the Diocesan guideline) and would like to join us for their faith journey to Confirmation in 2023 please email Cathy Early cathythecatechist@outlook.com.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

We require additional volunteers for Children's Liturgy at the 11am Mass. Please speak to Cathy Early or email her (address on front page) if you are able to help.

SENIOR CITIZEN'S LUNCH

The Senior Citizen's Christmas Lunch will be held on **Sunday 8th January** from 12noon. There are lists in the porch for Senior's wishing to attend to put their names and contact details and also indicate if you would like a lift. There are also lists for helpers and people willing to provide transport to and from the event. Any queries please call Philomena on 07941 168066.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS

Collection 3-4 December 2022 was:

Loose: £1,285.74 Envelopes: £202.75 Total: £1,488.49

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