

# ST LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH FELTHAM

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**The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)**



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**24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

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### Protecting your Privacy:

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### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday 2.30pm & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday 7.00pm; Malayalam Mass 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday 2.30pm; Mass in Tagalog 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday 3pm; Mass led by Nigerian Chaplaincy 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday 2.30pm.

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## CHRISTMAS 2023

Recently I was invited into a local school to speak to the children about Christmas and the meaning of Christmas. I brought with me the figures of the crib and explained to them the different people involved in the Christmas story – Mary, Joseph, the innkeeper, the shepherds, the Wise Men as well as the angels and the animals in the stable.

The children were delightful and at the end they sang and mimed a Christmas song for me. 'In a stable'.

St. Francis of Assisi was the first to introduce us to the crib. He wanted to show the deep poverty that Jesus was born into and wrapped in swaddling clothes and placed in a manger.

The first people to be made aware of this wondrous new life were outsiders – the shepherds. The birth of Jesus surrounded by sheep and cattle was and continues to be such a powerful encounter. God became one of us. 'The Word became flesh and dwelt among us'.

In a time of so many threats to humanity and our wellbeing with wars, famine, poverty, migration, homelessness. Jesus is the light who shines, and the darkness has not put out that light.

A God who appears in a crib has a very powerful message for us. He is a God who identifies Himself with us and wants to live with us in all the circumstances of our lives.

The birth of Jesus is such simplicity and humility reminds us what it means to be truly human and that we are all precious in God's eyes.

As Fr. David will soon take up his new appointment as parish priest, we thank him for his work and ministry here at St. Lawrence's over the past one and a half years. May the Lord continue to bless him in his new parish. We welcome Fr. Peter Egboo who will be with us in January. I am sure you will make him welcome as he begins his ministry with us.

*Jesus, the Light of the World, as we celebrate your birth, may we begin to see the world in the light of understanding you give us.*

*As you chose the lowly, the outcasts, and the poor to receive the greatest news the world had ever known, so may we worship you in meekness of heart. May we also remember our brothers and sisters less fortunate than ourselves in this season of giving. Amen.*

FR. JOHN

*Wishing you all God's Blessings and peace for Christmas and the New Year. From The Parish Team*

## Novena for Christmas

Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which Jesus the Son of God was born of the most Blessed Virgin Mary in Bethlehem in the piercing cold. In that hour, O my God; hear my prayer  
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 and grant my desires through the merits of our Saviour Jesus Christ, and of His Blessed Mother. Amen

### SERVICES AT ST LAWRENCE'S AT CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR

#### Sunday 24 December – Christmas Eve

Mass - 6.00pm, 8.00pm and 10.00pm (Carols at 9.30pm)

#### Monday 25 December - Christmas Day

Mass - 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am, 1.00pm (Polish), 3.00pm Ukrainian  
 No evening Mass

#### Tuesday 26 December – St Stephen

Mass - 10.00am, 1pm (Polish)

#### Wednesday 27 December – St John, Thursday 28 – The Holy Innocents;

#### Friday 29<sup>th</sup> December – St Thomas Beckett;

Mass - 10.00am

#### Saturday 30 December – 6<sup>th</sup> Day in the Octave of Christmas

9.30-10.45am – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions  
 Mass – 11.00am,

Vigil Mass for Sunday - 5.00pm

#### Sunday 31 December – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

There will be a retiring collection for the Holy Land at all Masses today

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

Vigil led by the Nigerian Chaplaincy - 10.30pm-Midnight

#### Monday 1 January - New Year's Day

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

#### Tuesday 2 January – Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> January

Normal weekday timetable

#### Sunday 7 January – The Epiphany of the Lord

Mass - 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am, 1.00pm (Polish), 3.00pm Ukrainian

Mass will be livestreamed in the Parish Centre on Sundays in Advent, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day through to the Feast of the Epiphany.

## CHRISTMAS CRIB APPEAL

Our Christmas Crib Appeal is for the Catholic Children's Society – Cash only. The Contactless machine cannot be used for this payment.

## APPEAL FOR THE HOLY LAND

A collection will be taken on **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> December** and will remain open until 7<sup>th</sup> January, again Cash only. The Contactless machine cannot be used for this payment.

## CHRISTMAS OFFERING

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. Alternatively, the Contactless machine can also be used for your Christmas Offering.

## FAREWELL TO FR DAVID

Fr David's farewell Mass will be on **Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> January at 11am** followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre. Bring a plate to share (sweet or savoury – finger food only). There are envelopes at the back of Church for your gift to him. There is also a card in the repository for you to sign.

## THANK YOU

Thank you to all who helped clean and decorate the church, to the flower arrangers and all those who have worked quietly in the background to make the Church look splendid for Christmas.

The next Newsletter will be on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2024

## MASS INTENTIONS

✳ Sun 24	6.00pm 8.00pm 9.30pm 10.00pm	<b>Christmas Eve</b> <b>Family Mass</b> <b>Vigil Mass</b> <b>Carols</b> <b>Mass in the Night</b>
Mon 25	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 1.00pm 3.00pm	People of the Parish People of the Parish People of the Parish Mass in Polish (Msza sw) Mass in Ukrainian No evening Mass
Tues 26	10.00am	Brian Calmiano & Family in Thanksgiving
Wed 27	10.00am	Michael Hurley RIP (Anniversary)
Thurs 28	10.00am	Luis & Marinha Braganca in Thanksgiving – Wedding Anniversary
Fri 29	10.00am	Derrick Juriansz
Sat 30	11.00am 5.00pm	Myles Rodrigues RIP Bridget Morrisey RIP (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary)
✳ Sun 31	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am  1.00pm  10.30pm	Surenthiran Family in Thanksgiving Beauty Matiza in Birthday Thanksgiving Baby Myles Rodrigues RIP (10 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary) Mass in Polish (Msza sw)  <b>New Year's Eve</b> <b>Mass in the Night</b>
Sanctuary Lamp: Emmanuella Danladi in Thanksgiving		
2024 Mon Jan 1	9.30am 11.00am 1.00pm	Patricia Soares-Arakaki RIP (Anniversary) Aquino Pereira & Family in Thanksgiving Mass in Polish (Msza sw)
Tues 2	9.30am	Deceased members of the Fernandes & Dias Family RIP
Wed 3	9.30am	Maura Halpin (Intentions)
Thurs 4	9.30am	Bernadette Doyle (Intention)
Fri 5	9.30am	Derrick Juriansz RIP
Sat 6	11.00am 5.00pm	Patrick Ellis RIP (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary) Neville Gill RIP (Anniversary)
✳ Sun 7	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am  1.00pm 3.00pm	Chris Urbanek – Get well Souls of the Vaz Family RIP Francisco & Artimisia Silva in Thanksgiving – 25 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary <b>(Also Fr David's farewell Mass)</b> Mass in Polish (Msza sw) Mass in Ukrainian
Sanctuary Lamp: Mary D'Souza and family in Thanksgiving		

## SACRAMENTS

### CONFIRMATION

Group 1 meet on **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January** at 6.30pm

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Resumes on **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> January** at 3.15pm

### WALK WITH JESUS (SUNDAY SCHOOL)

The next session will be on **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January** at 10.30am.

## CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE WINNING TICKET

**Ticket with yellow border - 116 – Serial No: AH585816**

We have raised **£1052.17** towards the defibrillators. Thank you very much for your generosity.

## CAR PARKING

The Church car park is for use for those who have a disabled badge or employees or contractors. For anyone else it's a drop off point. Parking is available elsewhere – Tesco's, Feltham Leisure West or on Sundays in the School car park or side roads. **PLEASE DO NOT PARK ON CHURCH PREMISES ANY DAY OF THE WEEK UNLESS YOU HAVE A DISABLED BADGE OR ARE PART OF THE PASTORAL TEAM.**

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> December: Loose: £1,118.95 Envelopes: £303.15

**Total: £1,422.21**

Christmas Flowers: £461.79

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