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Fourth Sunday of Advent

23rd/24th December 2017

Readings: Parish Mass Book Year B, Volume 1: Page 90: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14-16; Psalm 88; Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38

Christmas Vigil – Page 94; **Midnight Mass -** Page 97, **Mass at Dawn -** Page 100, **Mass during the Day -** Page 102

Next Week: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph: Page: 105: Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6, 12-14; Psalm 127; Colossians 3:12-21; Luke 2:22-40



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT/CHRISTMAS DAY

Soon we will be celebrating the birth of Jesus. It is Mary's 'yes' that brings light into our world. Mary may have had plans for her life before the Angel Gabriel appeared to her, but God had other plans for her. God is so full of surprises.

God knows our hearts and when we pray we simply talk to him. So you can light the Christmas candle and pray:

*Lord Jesus, I want to know you personally.
I open the door of my life to you, and ask you
to come in as my Saviour and Lord.
Take control of my life.
Thank you for forgiving me and
giving me eternal life.
Bring peace to my world this Christmas
and make me the kind of person
you want me to be. Amen*

Our Father....., Hail Mary....., Glory Be

Fr. John and the Parish Team wish you and your family Love, Peace and Joy and the gift of Jesus this Christmas.

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

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR SERVICES

Services at St Lawrence's over Christmas will be as follows:

Sunday 24th December: (Saturday 23rd 6pm Vigil Mass), Mass at 9am, 11am, 1pm in Polish, 14.30 Mass led by the African Community.

Christmas Eve: 6pm Family Mass; 8.30pm Vigil Mass; 10.30 Carols followed by Mass at 11pm.

Monday 25th December - Christmas Day: Mass at 9am, 11am and 1pm (in Polish) No Evening Mass

Tuesday 26th December - Feast of St Stephen: 9.15 Morning Prayer, 9.30am Mass, 1pm Mass in Polish.

Normal schedule 27th December to 30th December

Sunday 31st December: (Saturday 30th 6pm Vigil Mass), Mass at 9am, 11am, 1pm in Polish, 6pm. **New Year's Eve:** Prayers and Mass from 10.30pm led by the African Community)

Monday 1st January - New Year's Day: Mass at 9.30am, 1pm (in Polish)

CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY MASS

For the 6pm Mass on Christmas Eve all children are invited to come dressed as a character from the Nativity – angel, shepherd, wise man, even an ox, ass 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 EVE VIGIL MASS

If you are planning on attending the vigil Mass and are an Altar Server, Reader or Eucharistic Minister please put your name on the list in the sacristy. We also need Welcomers and Stewards for the Mass, offers to Fr John please.

POLISH MASS

There will be Mass in Polish at 1pm on **Christmas Day, on 26th December and 1 January.**

FILIPINO COMMUNITY

There will be Mass on **Saturday 30th December at 3.00pm** followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre.

MASS LED BY THE AFRICAN COMMUNITY

The African Community invite you all to join in a special *Vigil Mass* to bring in the New Year on **Sunday 31st December.** The programme starts at **10.30pm** with a Rosary, Devotions to the Divine Mercy, Songs of Praise, Holy Mass and finishes with Benediction.

CHRISTMAS CRIB APPEAL

Our Christmas Crib Appeal is for the Catholic Children's Society (Westminster)

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

Please pray for Alex John Diego Slyne who was baptised this weekend and offer our warmest congratulations to his family

CONFIRMATION 2018

We have a small number of places left on our Confirmation Preparation Course. If you would like register for the course candidates should see Bridget at any of the weekend Masses on the 6th, 7th, 20th or 21st January to register.

PARISH NOTICES

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.

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

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.

OVER 50'S

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

PRAYER GROUP

The St Lawrence's Prayer Group will convene on **Thursday 11th January 2018** at 7.30pm in the Presbytery Prayer Room. New members welcome.

"HOW MISSIONARY IS OUR PARISH?"

Thank you to all those who completed and returned the questionnaire. Formal feedback will be given in the new year.

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the souls of **Tony Moore RIP, Alice Walker RIP and Vittorio Cerullo RIP** who have died recently. Their funerals will take place as follows:

- **Tony Moore RIP** – at Hanworth Crematorium on **Thursday 28th December** at 10.20am

- **Alice Walker RIP** – here at **10am on Friday 29th December.** Please note there is no 9.30am Mass today.

- The funeral of the late **Vittorio Cerullo RIP** is being arranged.

Please also keep in your prayers their families and all who mourn them.

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

16-17 December: Envelopes £871.68; Loose: £1,225.66
Standing Orders: £667.00 **Total: £2,764.34**

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 23 rd	10.00 10.00 12.00 12.45 17.00 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation Deceased members of the O'Hanlon Family Baptism of Alex John Diego Slyne Sacrament of Reconciliation Kathleen & John Hourihan RIP
Sun 24 th	09.00 11.00 13.00 14.30 18.00 20.30 22.30 23.00	Eamon O'Brien RIP John Igboanugo Jnr RIP Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Mass led by the African Community CHRISTMAS EVE Children's Christmas Mass Vigil Mass Carols Christmas Mass of the Night
Mon 25 th	9.00 11.00 13.00	Celebrant's Intention Celebrant's Intention Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) NO EVENING MASS
Tues 26 th	09.30 13.00	For the intentions of Brian Calmiano and Family and For deceased members of the Guild of St Stephen. <i>Novena to Our Lady</i> Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)
Wed 27 th	09.30	Vera Lobo RIP (Anniversary)
Thurs 28 th	09.30 13.00	Mercy & Evangelist Soares RIP (1 st Anniversary) <i>Wedding of John Jones & Sophia Ernesta</i>
Fri 29 th	10.00	FUNERAL MASS – ALICE WALKER RIP
Sat 30 th	11.00 11.00 12.00 15.00 17.00 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation In Thanksgiving Bragança Family Mass in Tagalog for the Filipino community No Sacrament of Reconciliation In thanksgiving Atumah Family
Sun 31 st	09.00 11.00 13.00 18.00 22.30	Myles Rodrigues RIP Baby Aloysius Caldeira RIP Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Carmina Do Rego & Michael D'Cunha RIP NEW YEAR'S EVE Vigil Mass led by the African Community
Sanctuary Lamp: Jacinto Do Rosario RIP		