

# This week at St Lawrence's



27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> December 2014

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph  
(Missal Page 105 – YEAR B Vol. 1)

Genesis 15:1-6, 21:1-3; Psalm 104; Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Luke 2: 22-40  
The Epiphany of the Lord (Missal Page 107): Genesis 15:1-6, 21:1-3; Psalm 104;  
Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Luke 2:22-40



## *A Prayer on the Feast of the Holy Family*

*Let us pray as the family of God,  
who share in his life.*

*Father in heaven, creator of all,  
you ordered the earth to bring forth life  
and crowned its goodness by creating the family.  
In history's moment when all was ready,  
you sent your Son to dwell in time,  
obedient to the laws of life in our world.*

*Teach us the sanctity of human love,  
show us the value of family life,  
and help us to live in peace with all  
that we may share in your life for ever.*

*We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen*

*With thanks from Fr Chris, Fr Fortunato, Fr Gerry,  
Bridget and the Parish Team  
for your kindness and generosity this Christmas.  
God Bless you always.*

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## NEW YEAR SERVICES

### MASS LED BY THE AFRICAN COMMUNITY

There will be a special *Vigil Mass* to bring in the New Year which will be led by the African Community on **Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> December** starting at 10.30pm.

**NEW YEAR'S DAY, Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> January:** 9.30am and 1pm (in Polish)

### CHRISTMAS CRIB APPEAL

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

## SACRAMENTS

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The first session of the new year will be on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> January 9.45am. You will be able to choose the date when your child will make their First Holy Communion at this session.

## PARISH NOTICES

### MASS LED BY THE AFRICAN COMMUNITY

All are welcome to the Mass at 2.30pm this afternoon, this will be followed by a get together in the Parish Centre.

### FIRST FRIDAY CAFOD COFFEE MORNING

On Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January the CAFOD Coffee morning will take place after the 9.30am Mass. There will not be Mass at 6.45am on Friday.

### THANKSGIVING MASS FOR THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We would like to invite all families who have had their child baptised at St Lawrence's during 2014 to a special celebration on **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> January** at 12noon. A short Mass will include a renewal of Baptismal promises and will be followed up by light refreshments.

### SENIOR CITIZENS PARTY

The Parish's annual Senior Citizen's "Christmas" Party will take place on **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> 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

### ST LAWRENCE'S PRAYER GROUP

The Prayer Group will reconvene on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm in the Prayer Room. All welcome.

**OTHER**

**MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY - WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL, SATURDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> MAY 2015 AT 3PM.**

The Archbishop will be inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their **10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> (and every year over 60)** wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2015. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give your parish office the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email).

**PILGRIMAGES 2015**

**LANCIANO, LORETO AND SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO**

A, six day, pilgrimage from the **8th to 13th September**. The cost will be £735 on a half board basis plus insurance. All 50 seats have now been reserved, but you are welcome to put your name on the waiting list. Those who have not yet taken a booking form please collect one from the Parish Office. If you have taken a booking form, please complete and return with deposit as soon as possible. There will be a meeting on **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January** at 10.30am in the Parish Centre.

**LOURDES 2015**

Once again we will be travelling by coach to join the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, **25<sup>th</sup> July to 2<sup>nd</sup> August**. On the way to Lourdes we will be visiting the shrine of St Martin of Tours and on the return journey we will be stopping in Rocamadour and St Bernadette's shrine in Nevers. Price £699 per person plus insurance. Price includes full board whilst in Lourdes and half board at stops on route. Booking forms will be available in a couple of weeks time.

**PARISH CENTRE  
BUILDING FUND UPDATE**

**Our Target    £250,000.00**

Number Pledges received as of 23 <sup>rd</sup> December	108
Total amount pledged as of 23 <sup>rd</sup> December	£45,318.39
Total amount banked as at 23 <sup>rd</sup> December	£18,042.59

**Mass intentions and other services this week:**

<b>Saturday 27<sup>th</sup></b> ST JOHN	11.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation
	11.45	Benediction
	12.00	<b>Inacio Dias RIP</b>
	15.00	<b>Mass in Tagalog for the Filipino Community</b>
	17.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
+ First Mass of Sunday	18.00	<b>Daisy &amp; Bernard O'Neill and Ray Palmer RIP</b>
<b>+ Sunday 28<sup>th</sup></b> HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH	09.00	<b>People of the Parish</b>
	11.00	<b>Anne and Philip Sheridan RIP</b>
	13.00	<b>Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)</b>
	14.30	<b>Mass led by the African Community</b>
	18.00	<b>The Canha Family in Thanksgiving</b>
<b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup></b> ST THOMAS BECKETT	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	<b>In Thanksgiving – Bragança Family</b>
<b>Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup></b> 6 <sup>th</sup> Day in the Octave of Christmas	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	<b>For the intentions of the Haldane Family</b>
	10.00	<i>Novena to Our Lady</i>
<b>Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup></b> 7 <sup>th</sup> Day in the Octave of Christmas	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	<b>Baby Myles Rodrigues RIP (First Anniversary)</b>
	22.30	<b>Vigil Mass led by the African Community</b>
<b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup></b> SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD	09.30	<b>Patricia Soares RIP (Anniversary)</b>
	13.00	<b>Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)</b>
<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup></b> Sts Basil the Great & Gregorry Nazianzen	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	<b>For the intentions of the Hussey Family</b>
<b>Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup></b> Most Holy Name of Jesus	11.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation
	11.45	Benediction
	12.00	<b>Ted Chapple RIP</b>
	17.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	+ First Mass of Sunday	18.00
<b>+ Sunday 4<sup>th</sup></b> THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	09.00	<b>Flor Prosper RIP</b>
	11.00	<b>Patrick &amp; Edith Maple in Thanksgiving – Wedding Anniversary</b>
	13.00	<b>Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)</b>
	18.00	<b>Olajide Solanke RIP</b>

**Sanctuary Lamp: Derek Juriansz RIP (Anniversary)**

**Thank you for your generosity in last week's Offertory Collection:**

20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> December: Envelopes £1126.45, Loose £809.36, Standing Orders £420.00  
Total: £2355.81

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**Sunday Mass Times: Saturday 6 pm (Vigil Mass), Sunday 9 am, 11 am, 1pm (Polish) & 6 pm  
Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) - Saturday 11am & 5pm**