

ST LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH FELTHAM

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First Sunday of Advent



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2nd/3rd December 2023

Year B, Volume 1 (Page 82): Isaiah 63:17-17, 64:1,3-8; Psalm 79; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:33-37

Sunday 10 December: Second Sunday of Advent (Page 85): Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11; Psalm 84; 2 Peter 3:8-14; Mark 1:1-8



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Protecting your Privacy:

In compliance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) which became effective in May 2018, the Parish requires your permission to hold your data for Parish/Diocesan use. You can read our full privacy policy on

www.rcdow.org.uk/diocese/privacy-policy

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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.

This Parish is part of Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust (WRCDT) Registered Charity No: 233699

ADVENT – A SEASON TO HOPE AGAIN

The beginning of the Christian liturgical year begins with a season of hope. Advent means “presence”, “coming” and “arrival”. In the first part of Advent our thoughts are drawn to his Second Coming. We are invited to top up our hearts with hope, to become a person who is always, deep down, hope-filled. How? By recalling the good things God has done for us, how he has been present in our lives, making himself known to us, resolving difficulties or calming our fears; present in the love of others, helping us to accept others and put all things in his hands. This is the work of his Spirit in our lives.

As Christmas draws near the season changes with the great Advent O antiphons (from 17th December) which are said at Evening Prayer. Our thoughts then turn to his first coming among us which we commemorate in the feast of Christmas. Filled with hope, we prepare for the Christ Mass and confess all that deprives us of hope, the sins that cling to us and the habits we need to lay aside because they prevent the Lord coming to us, to renew us in hope.

And let us not forget that every day is a day of his coming. The Lord is always with us, present to us until the end of time in the Sacrament of the Altar and in all the sacraments. He reaches out to us to forgive, to heal and to save us. Our God has not stayed hidden from our human needs but makes himself known in the human face of Jesus, Immanuel. God with us. So how do you experience God with you in your life? Can you be still in his presence and then recall his goodness to you and thank him? Then with the eyes of faith we can look on others with his eyes, eyes of hope, and set out with him to bring his mercy and peace to others.

CHRISTMAS CHARITIES

The Crib offering will be as usual for the Catholic Children’s Society. The Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem has appealed for funds for the relief of all suffering in the Holy Land and Cardinal Vincent has asked parishes to have a collection on Holy Family Sunday (31 Dec) to Epiphany (7 Jan).

LOCAL FOODBANK

Please take a Caritas Advent Calendar in the porch to let you know what items to collect for the School Foodbank to help families in difficulty at this time. These items can be left in the box in church or delivered to the presbytery.

Maranatha! Come Lord Jesus!

FR. DAVID

SACRAMENTS

WALK WITH JESUS (SUNDAY SCHOOL)

The next session will be on **Sunday 3rd December** at 10.30am. You can still register if you attend a non-Catholic School and are in Year 2 or above. Please email Cathy Early, details overleaf.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The First Confessions take place on **16th December** at 9.30am and 12noon. Please keep the children in your prayers.

CONFIRMATION

Group 1 will meet on **Thursday 7th December** at 6.30pm

EXPLORING THE CATHOLIC FAITH (RCIA)

Would you like to find out more about the Catholic Faith? Have you been searching for a deeper meaning for your life? Please contact Fr John Byrne on 0787 905 8732.

BAPTISMS AND MARRIAGE

It is very important to contact Fr John on 0787 905 8732 as soon as possible if you are planning on getting married in the UK or abroad. For Baptisms please contact Fr John.

ADVENT IN ST LAWRENCE'S

Please note **no** Flowers in Church during Advent.

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from 6pm to 6.45pm on Tuesday evenings (Fr David's schedule permitting).

There will be no Mass on Tuesday 5th and 19th December at 7pm and no 8.15am Mass on 18th December.

CARITAS ADVENT CALENDAR:

Caritas Westminster has prepared a different Advent Calendar that should help us think of those who are less fortunate or may be struggling at this moment. The calendar gives a suggestion for items to be donated to foodbanks for each day leading to Christmas. See noticeboard or porch glass for details. You can find it at

<https://www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/food-security-918.php#AGC>.

Please put your donations in the white box. Donations will be given to the St Lawrence Foodbank hub and to Riverside Vineyard Storehouse. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE

PROCEEDS TOWARDS PURCHASE OF DEFIBRILLATORS FOR THE CHURCH AND PARISH CENTRE

Tickets on sale after all weekend Masses for a beautiful Christmas hamper filled with lots of exciting goodies. The draw will take place on **Sunday 17th December** after the 11am Mass.

Tickets: £1 per strip or 6 strips for £5.00.

(There will be Defibrillator and First Aid Training in the new year)

Many thanks in advance for your generous support
We have raised **£674.17** so far

SENIOR MEMBERS OF THE PARISH

There will be a special Mass for all senior members in the parish including those who cannot always get to Church in the Parish Centre on this **Sunday 3rd December at 2.30pm**. This will be followed by tea and a social gathering.

CONTACTLESS MACHINES – GIFT AID

If you use the contactless machine in church for your offertory contribution, please consider registering for gift aid by entering your email address into the machine and a few details. You only need to do so once unless you use different debit/credit cards then you would need to register for gift aid for each card used. Registering for gift aid ensures that the government pays the parish 25p for every £1 you donate through the machine.

PARISH CENTRE USERS

The toys in the Parish Centre belong to Bright Sparks. They are **NOT** for use by anyone using the Centre. This also applies to items in the kitchen belonging to the different groups. Please respect each others belongings.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

A collection will be taken on **9th/10th December** at the end of all Masses.

MASS INTENTIONS

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| Sat 2 | 11.00am 5.00pm | Deceased members of the O'Hanlon Family RIP Deceased members of the Fernandes & Rodrigues Family RIP |
| ☒ Sun 3 | 8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 1.00pm 2.30pm | Praisel Goes – 1 st Birthday Thanksgiving Lawrence Murray RIP (Anniversary) Timothy Cahalane RIP (Anniversary) Mass in Polish (Msza sw) Mass for Senior Parishioners in the Parish Centre |
| Mon 4 | 8.15am 9.30am | Sr Monica Killeen (Intentions) Lawrence Murray RIP (Anniversary) |
| Tues 5 | 9.30am | Barbara-Ann Adams in Thanksgiving No Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament or Evening Mass today |
| Wed 6 | 9.30am | Eneresi Risi Garadi RIP (Anniversary) |
| Thurs 7 | 9.30am | Grace Dias in Thanksgiving |
| Fri 8 | 9.30am | Valerio Gomes – Birthday Thanksgiving |
| Sat 9 | 11.00am 5.00pm | Sr Mary O'Malley RIP Ivy Adams – Birthday Thanksgiving |
| ☒ Sun 10 | 8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 1.00pm 2.30pm | Leslie Hemenstall RIP Alex Fernandes RIP People of the Parish Mass in Polish (Msza sw) Mass in Ukrainian |
| Sanctuary Lamp: Deceased members of the Pham Family | | |

MASS INTENTIONS 2024

Bookings will start on **Tuesday 5th December** from 10am-11am in the church porch. Please use the Mass Intention Request slips available (Green colour) at the back of Church. **It is important for you to give your name and number in case we have to move your Mass intention. INITIALLY ONLY 3 MASSES PER FAMILY WILL BE PERMITTED.** Masses are £10 per intention.

CCTV CAMERAS

You may have noticed we have installed CCTV cameras around the premises. Signage will be put up when received. Hopefully, this will help keep the church premises a little more secure and safe.

CAFOD WORLD GIFTS:

Give a gift of hope this Christmas, please take a booklet as you leave church.

UCM

The next meeting of the UCM, will be on **Monday 11th December** at 12.30 in the Parish Centre.

NEW WEBSITE

We will shortly be transferring to the Diocesan based website. Our Webmaster is in the process of building our new website. The new website address will be parish.rcdow.org.uk/feltham/

REPOSITORY

We have Advent Calendars, Christmas Cards, 2024 religious calendars, gift wallets and a few gifts available in the Repository.

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.**

APPEAL FOR THE HOLY LAND

The Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, Cardinal Pizzaballa, is deeply concerned about the impact on the Palestinian population in the West Bank, for many of whom sources of earning have effectively ended and is appealing for help. The Cardinal has asked for a special collection immediately after Christmas, on the Feast of the Holy Family up to Epiphany for relief for those suffering from the conflict in the Holy Land.

The Crib offerings this year will be applied, as is our custom, to the Catholic Children's Society for the relief of poverty at home.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

25-26 Nov: Loose: £1141.03 Envelopes: £211.00 **Total: £1,352.03**

Sick & Retired Priests Collection: £10

Standing orders and Online for October: £4,740.60

Contactless Offertory for October: £1,961.00

Coffee morning: £313.86, Cake Sale: £40.00

<https://portal.mydona.com/assets/webPay/index.php?cid=262>

HSBC Bank: WRCDT Feltham Sort code: 40-05-20 – Acc. No: 71095528