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Second Sunday of Advent

3rd/4th December 2022



Year A, Volume 1: (Page 85): Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 71; Romans 15:4-9; Matthew 3:1-12

Next Week: Third Sunday of Advent: (Page 88): Isaiah 35:1-6, 10; Psalm 145; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11



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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 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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Dear Friends

The wilderness conjures up a bit of a strange image inside my mind. I guess it can mean different things to different people. To some it might be mountains and valleys, to others deserts or Frozen polar ice caps. I'm not sure there is such a thing as an urban wilderness but if there is then Feltham would certainly be a candidate. I realise that may seem a bit harsh, but if a wilderness can be defined as somewhere where you can wonder around aimlessly with no real sense of direction and no human interaction then I'm sure that not only Feltham but most towns could fit that description. If that wasn't enough then I'm sure that at times we all feel unprepared and even abandoned in our own wilderness.

Advent is of course a time of preparation, but not the sort of preparation marked by Black Friday, Cyber Monday or any other cynical marketing campaign. It is a time when we must prepare ourselves, not just for the birth of Jesus but a time when we should consider that our lives are a life of continuous renewal. I have this image in my mind of John the Baptist as this huge hairy wild man living a life eating locusts and honey but at the same time I am inspired by the humility he shows when he says "I baptise you with water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am and I am not fit to carry his sandals."

None of you will need reminding that the cost of living crisis this year has been among the most challenging in recent times, but even in less challenging times we all can get a bit dry with our prayer life, (perhaps stuck in some kind of spiritual wilderness), but because of these times could I ask that we find some extra time for prayer, and the sacrament of reconciliation. On a practical level perhaps we could ask ourselves is there anything I can do to reach out to someone who might be feeling isolated or lonely. Sometimes a friendly phone call can make a real difference to someone's day.

In our diocese the second Sunday in Advent is when our men in formation for the permanent diaconate receive Candidature, Lector or Acolyte at the minor ministries Mass and I will be attending this Mass at St Matthew's in Northwood. Please could I ask that you remember the nine men we currently have in formation as they continue to discern their vocations towards ordination as permanent deacons in the coming years.

Have a blessed week,

Deacon Colin

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.



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION FIRST RECONCILIATION

Saturday 10th December at 9.30am and 12noon. No adoration of the Blessed Sacrament this day. Please keep our children in prayer.

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.

- On **Saturday 10th December at 3pm** there will be a special Mass of Introduction for those who have enrolled for the Confirmation programme. This will be followed by a meeting for both parents and candidates, it is important that you attend this Mass and meeting.

EXPLORING THE CATHOLIC FAITH

Would you like to find out more about the Catholic faith or do you want to become a Catholic, or deepen your personal spiritual life. Please contact Fr David or Deacon Colin.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

During Advent the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed Tuesday to Friday from 8.30am-9.25am and on Monday from 8.45-9.25am.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY....

...is for children from Year 2 upwards. The children will leave at the beginning of Mass so that they have their own Liturgy of the Word in the Parish Centre. They will return at the Offertory (during the hymn after the Creed) to take part in the Liturgy of the Eucharist. We encourage parents to sit near the front of Church and to help their children to participate in Mass, by responding and saying prayers. Please do not provide games & toys (including mobile phones) or provide food or drink in Church. If your child is below Year 2 they will not be able to participate in Children's Liturgy. Please keep them in Church with you.

MASS INTENTIONS 2023

The Mass Intention booking for 2023 is now open. Please complete a yellow slip and return with your payment in an envelope. If paying via the Contactless machine, please write down the amount and date when you paid. Initially, each household is allowed **3** intentions for the year. Later in the new year you can apply for extra Masses, if available. This gives everyone in the parish a chance to have a Mass Intention. The Stipend per Mass, as recommended by the Diocese is £10.00.

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.

FIRE WARDEN RECRUITMENT - if you would like to volunteer as a Fire Warden at Mass please speak to Deacon Rolly. We need wardens at each Mass including weekdays, weekends, ethnic chaplaincies & hall users. Training will be provided.

FLOWER ARRANGING

If anyone would like to help with flower arranging, please speak to Arlene Juriansz.

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.

COFFEE MORNING

Thank you to all who helped with the Coffee morning last Sunday and for your donations of cakes/biscuits. A generous sum of £167.80 was raised for the Parish Centre.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS

Collection 19-20 November 2022 was:

Loose: £1,080.02 Envelopes: £239.00 Total: £1,319.02

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

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

Prayer to our Mother of Immaculate Conception

Mary of the Immaculate Conception,
may your purity, virtue, and obedience
be a perennial model for all the faithful
of the humble and narrow pathways which alone lead to God.
Be at our side to encourage and inspire us as we try
to be ever nearer to your Son, Jesus. Amen.



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.

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED FOR THE REPOSITORY

If anyone (couples or single people) would be interested in volunteering to run the repository after the Saturday 5pm Mass and the Sunday morning Masses, please call Fr John on 0787 905 8732 to discuss.

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.

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

ADVENT GIVING CALENDAR

The Caritas Westminster team are sharing an Advent Giving Calendar again this year. The Calendar gives suggestions for items which we can put in our box for Storehouse. 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, Peter Mbanu RIP, James (Jim) Coleman RIP, Betty Finnegan RIP and Pierre Ndongang RIP who have passed away recently.

- **James (Jim) Coleman RIP** – His Requiem Mass will take place here on **Tuesday 6th December** at 11am.
- **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.

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 3	11.00am 5.00pm	James Swinney RIP Neysa Beryl Faria – Birthday Thanksgiving
✳ Sun 4	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 1.00pm	Lawrence Murray RIP (1 st Anniversary) Cecilia Costa – Birthday Thanksgiving Timothy Cahalane RIP (Anniversary) Mass in Polish (Msza sw)
Mon 5	8.15am 9.30am	Aranfxa & Crosy Gonsalves in Thanksgiving – Wedding Anniversary Barbara Ann Adams – Birthday Thanksgiving
Tues 6	9.30am 11.00am 7.00pm	Piedade Lobo RIP (Birthday Remembrance) REQUIEM MASS – JAMES COLEMAN RIP Lawrence Murray RIP (1 st Anniversary)
Wed 7	9.30am	In Thanksgiving Pham Family
Thurs 8	9.30am	Valerio Immanuel Gomes – Birthday Thanksgiving
Fri 9	9.30am	Ivy Adams – Birthday Thanksgiving
Sat 10	11.00am 5.00pm	James Swinney 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
Sanctuary Lamp: Patrick Yahowa RIP, Gabriel Danladi RIP and Mama Felicia Forson RIP		