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Fourth Sunday of Advent

18th/19th December 2021



Readings: Parish Mass Book Year C, Volume 1 (Page 90): Micah 5:1-4; Psalm 79; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45

Christmas Vigil Mass (94) Isaiah 62:1-5; Palm 88; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Matthew 1:1-25

Mass During the Night (Page 97) Isaiah 9: 1-7; Psalm 95; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14

Mass at Dawn (Page 100) Isaiah 62:11-12; Psalm 96; Titus 3:4-7; Luke 2:15-20

During the Day: (Page 102) Isaiah 52:7-10; Psalm 97; Hebrews 1:1-6

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



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MASS TIMES

Sunday Masses: 8.00am, 9.30am and 11.00am

Monday to Friday: 10am Mass

Saturday Morning: 11.00am Mass

Saturday Morning: Confessions: 10.00am to 10.45am with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,

Saturday Evening: 5.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday

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

MARY – AN EXAMPLE

In today's Gospel of The Visitation, we see 3 attitudes shown by Mary:

1. **Listening:** Mary knows how to listen. She is a good listener. She listens to what God is saying to her, and she ponders things in her heart and has the ability to reflect what is happening around her.

2. **Decisive:** Mary has the ability to make decisions, especially when it involves helping other people e.g. the wedding feast at Cana or helping her cousin Elizabeth

3. **Action:** Mary sets out "as quickly as she could" to visit Elizabeth. She knew that Elizabeth needed help and stayed with her for 3 months. During this coming week before Christmas wouldn't it be a good thing to spend some time in silence and prayer so that we can listen to God in this busy time and make good decisions for ourselves and our family. Like Mary may we too take action and reach out to help someone this week.

Faithful God,
You always keep your promises.
Strengthen our trust,
as we long for your kingdom
of justice and peace.
Make us a people of hope,
sharing with the world
the love and joy that we have found in you. Amen

FR. JOHN

NEW COVID GUIDANCE

With respect to the current situation with the Omicron variant it is important to ensure the following points are followed in our church:

- It is now mandatory for people to wear a face covering (both nose and mouth) during the act of worship unless you are exempt.

- When in Church please use our phone app or sign in for track and trace

- People displaying any symptoms of Covid-19 should stay at home and not travel to church or participate in person.

- Please continue to use the hand sanitiser when attending Church.

- Please adhere to government and local guidelines and maintain social distancing. Do not linger outside or mix with people outside of your group after Mass. Go straight home

- Masses continue to be available online for those who are vulnerable or shielding or self-isolating. The Sunday Obligation is still suspended.

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 AND NEW YEAR SERVICES

Saturday 18 December

10.00-10.45am - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Confessions and Benediction; **Mass 11.00am**
4.00-4.45pm Confessions; **5.00pm** - Vigil Mass for Sunday



Sunday 19 December - Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

Monday - Thursday 20-23 December

Mass - 10.00am

Friday 24 December - Christmas Eve

Mass - 10.00m; 10.30am-12noon - Confessions
 Mass - 6.00pm, 8.00pm and 10.00pm



Saturday 25 December - Christmas Day

Mass - 8.00am, 9.30am & 11.00am; No evening Mass



Sunday 26 December - Feast of the Holy Family

Mass ~ 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am, 1pm (Polish)

Monday 27 December - St John

Mass ~ 10.00.am, 1.00pm (Polish)

Tuesday 28 - Thursday 30 December

Mass ~ 10.00am,

Friday 31 December - 7th Day in the Octave of Christmas

Mass ~ 10.00am, 10.30pm-11.30pm (Vigil led by the African Community)

Saturday 1st January - New Year's Day - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Mass ~ 9.30am, 11.00am, 1.00pm (Polish); 5pm - Vigil Mass for Sunday



Sunday 2nd January - 2nd Sunday after the Nativity

Mass ~ 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am, 1.00pm (Polish)



Thursday 6th January - The Epiphany of the Lord

Mass ~ 10.00, 6.00pm, 7.30pm(Polish)

CHRISTMAS MASS

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

CHRISTMAS CRIB APPEAL

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

CHRISTMAS OFFERING ENVELOPES

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.

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the souls of **Patricia (Pat) Jayawardena RIP**, **Manuel Dionisio Gomes De Mendonca RIP**, **Alice Long RIP**, **Vivian Tankesley-Sawyer RIP**, **Bernard D'Souza RIP**, **Lawrence Murray RIP** and **Dulce Mendes RIP** who died recently. Please also keep their families and loved ones in your prayers at this time.

Bernard D'Souza RIP - His Graveside Service will take place on **20th December at 9.30am at Borough Cemetery.**

Vivian Tankesley-Sawyer RIP - Her Funeral Service will take place at Hanworth Crematorium on **Monday 20th December at 11.00am.**

Lawrence Murray RIP - His Requiem will take place here on **Wednesday 5th January at 10am.** *This will be the Parish Mass that day.*

Dulce Mendes' funeral took place privately last week.

Pat Jayawardena's funeral arrangements will be announced when we get them.

Thank you for your generous contributions during these times. The contactless machine is available in the Church or you can use the link below
<https://portal.mydona.com/assets/webPay/index.php?cid=262>

HSBC Bank: WRC DT Feltham Sort code: **40-05-20** - Account No: **71095528**

ST PAUL'S COLLEGE

The Advent celebration at school has been cancelled again this year. However, the staff and students have produced a virtual Advent Liturgy for you to enjoy. Please click on the link below to view.

<https://youtu.be/h3RWYKpDw4Q>

ST RICHARD REYNOLDS SCHOOL

Have a number of vacancies for the next academic year. For more details go to <https://www.strichardreynolds.org.uk/our-college/work-at-srr>

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 18	11am	Ray Palmer and Daisy & Bernard O'Neill RIP
	5pm	Mary Daly RIP
Sun 19	8am	Valerio Immanuel Gomes in Thanksgiving
	9.30am	Mary D'Souza's Intentions
	11am	Thomas Cleckner RIP
Mon 20	10am	Matthew Rodrigues RIP (Anniversary)
Tues 21	10am	Fulvio D'Amico RIP
Wed 22	10am	Maria Soares RIP (Anniversary)
Thurs 23	10am	Bernardine Marques RIP
Fri 24	10am	Helen Abiegebe (Special Intentions) Confessions 10.30am-12noon
	6.00pm	Children's Mass
	8.00pm	Vigil Mass
	10.00pm	Mass during the Night
Sat 25	8am	People of the Parish
	9.30am	People of the Parish
	11am	People of the Parish
		No Evening Mass
Sun 26	8am	Besmith and Dominic Fernandes RIP
	9.30am	Brian Calmiano Family intentions
	11am	Ordon Family intentions
Sanctuary Lamp: Patrick I Yakowa and Gabriel Danladi RIP		