

Music at 11.30 am Solemn Mass

Today: Cererols, J – Missa 4or vocum 2us tonus. Motet: Guerrero – Canite tuba.

Next Sunday: Viadana, L – Mass in F. Motet: MacMillan - O radiant dawn

Music at Family Mass: There is now a button on the parish website, which allows parishioners to listen to and practice the Sunday hymns ahead of time.

Christmas Service and Confession Times leaflet available at back of the church.

Thank you to Mary Crowley, former Catechetical Adviser in our diocese, for leading yesterday's Advent retreat morning at Nazareth House for our readers, ministers, etc,

Thank you for your generous gifts to the Catholic Children's Society for needy children

Prayer Workshop: on Thursday 9th January 25 at 2pm at Nazareth House. All welcome.

The Monthly Hour of Devotion dedicated to The Holy Name of Jesus, will be held on Saturday 4th of January 2025 at 2Pm. It will be followed by 30 minutes Silent Adoration and Benediction. All are welcome.

Preparation for the Sacrament of Baptism: If you have a child for **Baptism** under 5 years old please email us for an application form. A copy of one of the Catholic parents' baptism certificate will be required. Baptisms can only take place on Saturdays at 11am.

Flowers are not used in church during Advent. We are very grateful for those who generously give flowers for the shrines in church each week, but apart from the dates above, please wait until Christmas to bring these again. Thank you!

Christmas Flowers: Donations towards the cost of these will be gratefully received.

New CTS Sunday Missals (in red covers this year) are now in the porch stands ready for use by parishioners at Sunday Mass. They include the new Bible translation. If you would like to purchase a copy at £10, please enquire in the Parish Office.

Thank you for donations for a parish affected by the floods in Spain. The total collected is €900 and will be used to rebuild the ruined church in Cataroja (one of the most affected towns of the area).

Please pray for the sick especially: Ann Breslin, Fr David Barnes, Martin and Shirley Foster, Breda Cleary, Mary Lavery and Francis Brady. **We commend to God those who died recently:** Raymond Gibbs **and those with anniversaries around this time:** Noel and Josephine Gibbons, Raymond Kearney, Mary and Con O'Sullivan and Joaquim Domingos Gomes.

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3rd Sunday of Advent 15th December 2024

Today's Readings p. 182-185
Zeph 3:14-18a; Paul 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18



Office Hours: Mon-Fri 10am-1pm and 2pm-4pm

Please note the change in our phone number: 020 7603 0814

Times of Mass and Devotions for the week beginning Sunday 15th December

Saturday

St John of the Cross

9.30am Mass

6.00pm Mass followed by Confessions

Sunday 15th December <i>Gaudete Sunday</i>	8.30am Mass 10.00am Family Mass 11.30am Solemn Mass followed by Confessions 6.30pm Mass
Monday <i>Advent feria</i>	<u>9.00am</u> Mass 7.00pm Parish Christmas Carol Concert
Tuesday <i>Advent feria: O Sapientia</i>	6.00 pm Mass followed by Rosary
Wednesday <i>Advent feria</i>	6.00pm Mass
Thursday <i>Advent feria</i>	9.00 am Mass followed by Rosary
Friday <i>Advent feria</i>	9.00 am Mass followed by Divine Mercy Prayers
Saturday <i>Advent feria</i>	9.30am Mass 6.00pm Mass followed by Confessions
Sunday 22nd December <i>4th Sunday of Advent</i>	8.30am Mass 10.00am Family Mass 11.30am Solemn Mass followed by Confessions 6.30pm Mass

Today is Gaudete Sunday – the Sunday of rejoicing that the birth of Christ is drawing near! The purple of Advent gives way to rose colour, reflected in the vestments and today's candle on the Advent wreath.

Mass on Monday 16th December will be at 9.00 am instead of 6.00 pm, because of our Carol Concert.

Today's Bible Readings -

The Old Testament reading: The Prophet Zephaniah invites the daughter of Jerusalem to rejoice because the Lord has taken away her enemies, and is indeed himself in her midst, as the mighty one who will save.

The second reading: St Paul tells his Philippian converts to rejoice in the Lord always, because he is at hand. The peace of God will guard their hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

In the Gospel John the Baptist is proclaiming a gospel of repentance for he forgiveness of sins. When the crowds asked what they must do to show their repentance, John gives practical examples: share food and clothing with those who have less than you. Tax collectors must not extract more than they should; soldiers must be content with their pay. John says he is not worthy to undo the sandal strap of the one who is coming, who will baptise with the Holy Spirit and fire.

Today: Blessing of Bambinelli at 10.00 am Family Mass. We have invited children and families to bring the figures of the Baby Jesus for their Christmas Cribs at home, so that they can be blessed before use.

Collection of Non-Perishable Foodstuffs for Hammersmith & Fulham Foodbank – take place **today!** Thank you to those who have brought items for this. Further gifts may be received in the church porch up until 6.30 pm today. The foodbank will collect everything from us early Monday morning! Specially needed are festive items such as chocolates, biscuits, jam, cranberry sauce, pickles, gravy granules.

Holy Trinity Carol Concert, given by our Family Mass Choir, directed by Laurence Carroll, is on **Monday 16th December at 7.00 pm**. Admission free – Retiring Collection for Glass Door, with whom we run our Parish winter weekly night shelter for homeless women.



Mulled wine and mince pies in the Parish Centre.

The second part of Advent begins on Tuesday, which day is known as 'O Sapientia', 'O Wisdom.' In the Gospel Acclamation at Mass, repeated as the Magnificat antiphon at Vespers, Christ is addressed by a series of Messianic texts from the Old Testament which express our longing for him to come as our Redeemer. Please see a display of these on the porch noticeboard from Tuesday onwards.

Leaflets and Booklets to assist our parish Readers with reading from the new translation may be taken from the outer sacristy.

The Christmas Eve & Day Volunteer Reader Rota is in the outer sacristy, ready for Parish Readers to sign up.

Thank you to those who supported the recent appeal on behalf of the Missionary Society of St Columban. An amazing £1101 was raised, for which Fr Pat O'Beirne expresses warm thanks.

Christmas Offertory Envelopes may be taken from the back of the church from now on and returned at any time convenient to you, especially if you will be away before or at Christmas. This collection goes towards the support of the priests of the parish.