

HYMNS FOR Sunday 10am MASS

ENTRANCE	99 O Comfort my People
KYRIE, SANCTUS & AGNUS DEI	German Mass
GOSPEL ACCL.	70 (verse said)
OFFERTORY	92 Hark a herald voice is calling
MEMORIAL ACCL.	Missa Simplex
OUR FATHER	Said
COMMUNION	111 My soul in stillness waits
RECESSIONAL	117 O Come Divine Messia

CAFOD's annual Advent Service will be held at 7pm on Wednesday, 11 December, at Farm Street Church, Mayfair, W1J 5RL.


The service will feature performances by St Anne's Gospel Choir (BBC Songs of Praise finalists), Adeniké Adewale (The Voice semi-finalist and Whitney: Queen of the Night star), and former X-Factor finalist Talia Dean. Special guest readers include BAFTA-nominated actor Alex Macqueen and news anchor Julie Etchingham. All are welcome.

A DATE TO REMEMBER!...

A reminder that we are looking forward to celebrating our Senior Citizens Christmas lunch on 8th December at 2pm. Please make sure you have returned your invite for our fun filled afternoon!

ADVENT PRAYER GROUP

Our small Advent Prayer Group will be meeting every Thursday after 10am mass starting this Thursday 5th December, All welcome.




Young Adults ADVENT RETREAT DAY with the Assumption Sisters on Saturday 7th December 2024 10am – 6pm. Venue: Milneret House, 20 Kensington Square, London, W8 5HH (closest tube station: High Street Kensington).

Programme: including talks • prayer, adoration and confessions • faith sharing • mass and social time. Donations only. Register by emailing to: rebecca@assumpta-eu.org

Cake Stall News!!!!

Sunday 8 December will be the last cake stall of the year. We will re-start on 12th January 2025. Thank you to everyone who has so generously supported the project in Burkina Faso over the past year. We have just counted the last 3 months' donations, and these totalled £511.39



KENSAL PINES

10% off voucher for the parishioners of Kensal Rise

Cut out this coupon and give to KENSAL PINES when placing your order for 2024



Special Date! Please come along on Saturday 14th at 12.30pm to help decorate our Christmas Tree Mince pies and fun for All!

MASS INTENTIONS 7th December – 14th December

Date	Time	Intention
Sat 7th	5pm	Digna Bristan Morales (5th Anniversary)
Sun 8th	8am	People of the Parish
	10am	Mabel Lawrence (8th Anniversary)
Mon 9th	10am	Anne and Eugene O'Sullivan RIP
Tues 10th	10am	Domingos Rebelo (Anniversary)
Wed 11th	10am	Anthony and Sylvia Roberts RIP
Thur 12th	10am	Deceased family and friends of Catherine Long
	12pm	Carmen Delaney (Funeral)
Fri 13th	10am	Anna Kiely (Birthday Intentions)
Sat 14th	5pm	Olivier Taika (23rd Anniversary)

Main Altar Sanctuary Lamp	Jeanette Jackson RIP
Sacred Heart	Mable Lawrence (8th Anniversary)
Our Lady	Pastoral Care of the Sick

CHRISTMAS SERVICE TIMES

Tue 24th	10am	Tuesday Mass of Advent
	5pm	Family Mass with Children's Tableau
	7.30pm	Sri Lankan Chaplaincy Mass
	11.30pm	Carols and Readings
	12am	Midnight Mass
Wed 25th	10am	The Nativity of the Lord – Christmas Day
	11.30am	Italian Mass

Confession will be available after every morning mass (Monday to Friday) from Monday 16th December until Christmas Eve.

Scam Emails Impersonating /Parish Priests

There has been a rise in scam emails targeting our parishioners. These emails impersonate the parish priest, often using a similar email name and masking the real email address. They typically ask the recipient to purchase Amazon or other gift cards as gifts for the priest. Sadly, we have received reports of parishioners falling victim to these scams, with some losing up to £600 to the fraudsters. We would ask you to please


- Never purchase gift cards as gifts for the parish priest, based on an email request, unless they verify the request directly in person or through a trusted means.
- Double-check any suspicious email by directly contacting the parish office.
- Avoid sharing personal or financial information in response to unsolicited emails.

If anyone encounter these emails, please report them as spam and inform the parish office immediately.

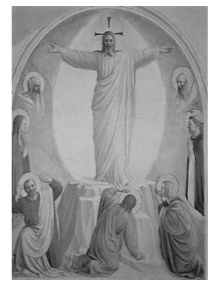
The Baptism Course dates for 2025
Jan 25th, April 26th, June 7th, Sept 6th, Nov 8th
All sessions take place on Saturdays at 11am in St Mary Magdalen's Church.

A Christmas Celebration in Westminster Cathedral

Tickets are now on sale for the annual Christmas concerts which celebrate the mystery of Christ's Incarnation in carols and readings performed by the world-famous Westminster Cathedral Choir, orchestra, and celebrity readers, on 18 and 19 December at 7.30pm. We encourage everybody to purchase tickets quickly before these popular events are sold out. Tickets can be purchased from the Cathedral Gift Shop or directly from Ticketmaster; go to www.ticketmaster.co.uk and type in Westminster Cathedral when prompted.

 The Funeral for the late Carmen Delaney will take place here on Thursday 12th December at 12pm. Please keep Carmen and her family in your prayers during this difficult time.

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Second Sunday of Advent, Year C

8th December 2024

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Sunday Masses: 8am & 10am
Italian Mass: Sun 11:30am
Weekday Masses: Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs 10am, Fri 10am & 7pm, Sat 10am & 5pm
Confession: Sat 4pm before Mass or by appointment
Exposition: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday before Mass

LAST WEEKS OFFERING
£375.63

SEPTEMBER STANDING ORDERS
£3413.45

CONTACTLESS INCOME SEPTEMBER
£648.00

Thank you for your contribution to the Parish!

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I wonder whether you have ever driven past a church and saw a poster outside it with word Repent! in huge letters? I think some churches use this word almost as a warning, maybe hoping to provoke a sense fear in passers-by about the consequences of sin and instilling a fear of hell. Even within our own Catholic faith there has been at times a tendency to emphasise repentance through the lens of fear rather than through the love for God which the life and words of Jesus Christ should inspire in us.

So, let's look at this idea of repentance. Is it about fear or about love? I think the readings for this Sunday show us repentance as a path to freedom, joy and peace. St Luke gives us so plainly the historical context in which John the Baptist was proclaiming repentance. This was a deeply troubled world for the people of Israel. The nation was under the thrall of the Roman emperor – Tiberius Caesar. Pontius Pilate was ruling harshly. The king Herod was a violent and cruel despot. There had been hard times before – when the prophet Baruch was writing the people of Israel were cut off from their homeland in exile.

The repentance John proclaims is about a change of heart or mind. It is turning away from sin and distraction and a turning toward God. It is not about the fear of punishment, but about hope for transformation. Baruch captures this beautifully as he writes: "Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction and put on for ever the beauty of the glory of God." When we repent it is like shedding a heavy, dirty coat and being clothed in the light of God's mercy.

We all know areas of our lives which need repentance. Are we so focussed on ourselves and our own problems that we fail to see Christ in others? Are we always fair to family and work colleagues? Do we try and ignore the call to holiness simply because it seems too hard?

Yes, we need to repent. But not out of fear, but out of the love we have for God and the love he has for us. It is an invitation to remove whatever separates us from God so we can experience his joy. In this Advent season may we hear once more John the Baptist's call to repentance – and to hope!

The Good Shepherd Company will be visiting our Parish on the weekend 7/8th December. Based in Nottingham, they support and help Christian families in the Holy Land by selling the olive wood products (crosses, rosaries, cribs, etc) crafted by them. 90% of Christians in the Holy Land (out of a total of just 41,000) rely on this trade: by selling these products on their behalf, we help these Christians remain in the Holy Land, instead of leaving their country in search of better work opportunities. Come along next week and do some ethical Christmas shopping!

Thank you very much for all your help and support during this tough times.

Safeguarding Representative

We are looking for a new Safeguarding Representative who can provide assistance and support to our parish in Safeguarding matters. Please call the office if you think you could help us in this important role.

The Divine Mercy Apostolate, All Saints Church 531 Kenton Road HA3 0UL (corner of Claremont Avenue; 600 yards west of Kingsbury Circus/Kingsbury TfL Station, Bus 183) on Saturday 14 December 2024 from 1 pm to 4:30 pm. The Retreat will include teachings on the Message of Divine Mercy, Holy Mass, Holy Rosary, Hour of Mercy with Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. For more info call Millie on 07957594646. No need to register.