


**HYMNS FOR Sunday 10am MASS**

ENTRANCE	94 On Jordan's Bank
KYRIE, SANCTUS & AGNUS DEI	Mass of Christ the Saviour
GOSPEL ACCL.	70 (verse said)
OFFERTORY	931 O Living Water
MEMORIAL ACCL.	Missa Simplex
OUR FATHER	Said
COMMUNION	83 The Benedictus
RECESSIONAL	108 The voice of God

A big thank you to all Parishioners who have supported the Social committee's fund raising events over the year. Last Sunday we were able to serve 44 Senior citizens with a Christmas lunch, provide entertainment and give each one a small present and a plant to brighten up their Christmas. Huge thanks also to all the volunteers, including some great teenagers, who helped make it a lovely occasion!


The SVP are distributing over 10,000 homeless packs (Vinnie Packs) during the extreme cold weather.. Please could you consider sponsoring packs at a suggested donation of £4.10 per pack? Donations can be sent to Vinnie Packs, PO Box 72264, London SW1P 9EZ with cheques made out to SVP or by bank transfer to Nat West sort code 60-60-04, account no. 4608 8237 . Thank you so much for your support."

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



**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.

**Cake Stall News!!!!**  
Sunday 8 December was 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

**PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE IN THE PARISH WHO ARE SICK AND/OR HOUSEBOUND AND ALSO FOR THOSE WHO HAVE NOBODY ELSE TO PRAY FOR THEM**

**MASS INTENTIONS 14th December – 21st December**

Date	Time	Intention
Sat 14th	5pm	Olivier Taika (23rd Anniversary)
Sun 15th	8am	People of the Parish
	10am	Lenny Slevin (9th Anniversary)
Mon 16th	10am	Tom, Eileen and Mary Prendergast RIP
Tues 17th	10am	Teresa Kiely (Birthday Intentions)
Wed 18th	10am	John Carthy (Private Intention)
Thur 19th	10am	Constance Soares (Anniversary)
Fri 20th	10am	10am Tommy Carter (3rd Anniversary)
Sat 21st	5pm	Sergio Oliveira (Anniversary)
<b>Main Altar Sanctuary Lamp</b>		Luz Raes (Special Birthday Intentions)
<b>Sacred Heart</b>		Cinzia Lucci
<b>Our Lady</b>		Mary Clare

**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

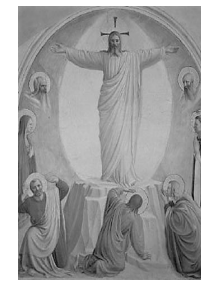
- Never purchase gift cards as gifts for the parish priest, based on an email request, unless they verify the request directly in person or through a trusted means.
- Double-check any suspicious email by directly contacting the parish office.
- Avoid sharing personal or financial information in response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

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**Third Sunday of Advent, Year C**

**15th December**

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**Fr Natalino Mignolli**

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

**LAST WEEKS OFFERING**  
£377.40  
**NOVEMBER STANDING ORDERS**  
£3590.50  
**CONTACTLESS INCOME NOVEMBER**  
£472.00

Thank you for your contribution to the Parish!

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This Parish is part of Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust (WRCDT)  
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*The crowds asked John the Baptist, "What should we do?" Luke 3:10*  
Among those within the crowds who were asking Saint John the Baptist this question were tax collectors, soldiers and ordinary people. John gave an answer to them all, first telling them to turn away from the sins that they struggled with the most. Sin takes on many forms and often is closely associated with our daily duties in life. Some sins are sins of commission, meaning sins we commit by an intentional act. Some sins are those of omission, meaning a lack of certain virtues or a failure to do what we ought to do.

After addressing the particular sins that those in the crowds were struggling with, John then turns their attention to Christ. He states to them that "one mightier than I is coming" and that "He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." In other words, John was giving the people a twofold command. First, work to overcome sin. And second, turn your eyes to Him Who is coming to you. Repenting from sin is not enough. Once we repent, we must then fill the void within our souls with the presence of Christ.


Advent, just like Lent, is an important time within our liturgical year to heed these messages. Though it's true that we must work to overcome sin and turn to Christ every day of the year, God knows we need a special time each year when we give concerted effort to these spiritual endeavours. So before Advent passes you by, heed the words of the Baptist and take some time to examine your conscience thoroughly. Perhaps use a detailed list of the Ten Commandments or the Seven Capital Sins. Once you do that, seek out an opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Doing so is essential to a fruitful Advent season.

Once you thoroughly repent of the sins you struggle with the most right now, turn to the Savior of the World with special attentiveness to the miracle of the Incarnation this Advent. Spend time adoring the God Who came to us in the form of a little child. Meditate on this Gift. Gaze at a nativity scene prayerfully. Read the Scripture passages about the birth of Christ. Close your eyes and imagine yourself there at His birth.

Reflect, today, upon this twofold exhortation from John and apply it to your Advent preparations. Cleanse your soul in a special way from all sin this Advent. Then prayerfully ponder and meditate upon the reality we are preparing to celebrate. As John says, allow the Christ Child to truly "baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire" through your deepening devotion and prayer this Advent.

**CRIB OFFERING 2024**  
This year's crib offering will go to *The Catholic Children's Society (Westminster)*. The funds raised will be used to support local children and families in need. Please remember this when making your offerings, and give generously.

**Christmas Eve Family Mass**  
We are inviting all our children to come along to our Family mass on Christmas Eve at 5pm dressed in Nativity costume for the Children's Tableau.  
Aww...



**The Good Shepherd Company** 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. Last week, sales of their products in Kensal Rise raised £1000 – thank you for your generosity.