

HYMNS FOR Sunday 10am MASS

ENTRANCE	87 Creator of the stars of night
KYRIE, SANCTUS & AGNUS DEI	Missa de Angelis
GOSPEL ACCL.	70 (verse said)
OFFERTORY	982 O Jesus Christ remember (2nd tune)
MEMORIAL ACCL.	Missa Simplex
OUR FATHER	Said
COMMUNION	84 Like a sea without a shore
RECESSIONAL	109 Lo he comes with clouds descending

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.

TRANSFIGURATION SHOPPING BAGS ON SALE THIS WEEKEND! ONLY £5.00!! THE PERFECT CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR THE CATHOLIC SHOPPER!

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

CHURCH CHRISTMAS TREES
We will be receiving our Church Christmas Trees from *Kensal Pines* on Saturday 14th December at 12.30pm. Please do come along for mince pies and to help decorate the trees.

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 30th November – 7th December

Date	Time	Intention
Sat 30th	5pm	Vera Dolan (3rd Anniversary)
Sun 1st	8am	People of the Parish
	10am	Patrick Murphy (Birthday Anniversary)
	11.30am	Italian Mass
Mon 2nd	10am	Vera Dolan (Anniversary)
Tues 3rd	10am	Imogen Williams (Birthday Intentions)
Wed 4th	10am	Peter Vahey (Birthday Intentions)
Thur 5th	10am	Lydia Ogundimu (Birthday Intentions)
Fri 6th	10am	Fr Sean (Birthday Intentions)
Sat 7th	5pm	Digna Bristan Morales (5th Anniversary)

Main Altar Sanctuary Lamp	Bernadette Doyle (Birthday Intentions)
Sacred Heart	Sick and Retired Priests
Our Lady	People of the Parish

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.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES
The first meeting for candidates and parents/guardians will take place on Monday 2nd December in St Mary Magdalen Church.
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025 at 5:30pm
CONFIRMATION 2025 at 7pm
Important information regarding the course will be shared at these meetings.
All those who have registered are required to attend.

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First Sunday of Advent, Year C

1st 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
£395.79

SEPTEMBER STANDING ORDERS
£3413.45

CONTACTLESS INCOME SEPTEMBER
£648.00

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Your Redemption is drawing near

"Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day catch you by surprise like a trap. For that day will assault everyone who lives on the face of the earth. Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man." Luke 21:34-36

"That day." These two words are spoken twice in the passage above. To which day is our Lord referring? Clearly, He is referring primarily to the day of our final judgment and is warning us to make sure we are prepared for it in case it were to come at an unexpected moment. So how do we prepare?

Animals have the natural gift of instinct. They know how to survive, how to reproduce, how to gather food and how to avoid danger. They know this because God has implanted this knowledge within them. By this natural gift of instinct, they know what to do and what to avoid.

We, as humans, also have basic natural instincts. But our natural instincts are only sufficient to help us accomplish that which the animals accomplish. Therefore, if we are to gain an even greater knowledge and are to know how to properly prepare ourselves spiritually for the sudden and unexpected coming of Christ, then we need more.

The way we most properly prepare is through a special grace by which God reveals Himself and His will to our human reason. When that happens, we will know the best way to be fully prepared for "that day" the moment it comes. Perhaps one of the best ways to describe this ability is by describing it as a "supernatural instinct." When our natural instincts become open to grace, and when the information on which we base our daily decisions in life comes to us by an ongoing and personal revelation from God through the infused gift of faith, then we will find that we simply know what to do and what to avoid. By analogy, just as a bird knows to fly south for the winter or a salmon knows to return to its place of birth to lay its eggs, so we will "know" within our spirit how to best serve the will of God and, thus, be most fully prepared for His imminent return. "Supernatural instinct" is nothing other than us allowing the grace of God to enter our lives so as to take control of everything we do and to lead us into the fulfilment of the perfect and glorious will of God. When that happens, we can be certain that we are perpetually prepared for all that comes and will never be caught by surprise like a trap.

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!

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!

Mary's Meals would like to thank everyone in the parish for their generosity when we visited earlier in November. Donations of **£229.22** will enable Mary's Meals to feed 11 children one good meal every school day for a whole year. Fortunately, Mary's Meals 'Double the Love' campaign has just started which matches all donations up to £900,000 - this means your support will now be doubled - feeding not 11, but 22 children one good meal every day for a whole school year. Thank you so much for your support, please continue to pray for the work of Mary's Meals. God bless you all.