

HYMNS FOR Sunday 10am MASS

ENTRANCE	106 The King shall come
KYRIE, SANCTUS & AGNUS DEI	Mass of Creation
GOSPEL ACCL.	70 (verse said)
OFFERTORY	113 The Angel Gabriel
MEMORIAL ACCL.	Missa Simplex
OUR FATHER	Said
COMMUNION	126 A noble flower of Juda
RECESSIONAL	112 O come, O come Emmanuel

MASS INTENTIONS 21st December – 28th December


Date	Time	Intention
Sat 21st	5pm	Sergio Oliveira (Anniversary)
Sun 22nd	8am	People of the Parish
	10am	Denis, Peggy and Patrick Murphy RIP
	11am	Italian Mass
Mon 23rd	10am	Thomas and Francis Compton RIP
Tues 24th		All masses for the Priests Intentions
Wed 25th		
Thur 26th	10am	Elisa Oliveira (Anniversary)
Fri 27th	10am	Ogundimu Family (Intentions)
Sat 28th	5pm	Rekindling of Love Between an Estranged Couple
Main Altar Sanctuary Lamp		Luz Raes (Special Birthday Intentions)
Sacred Heart		Fr Natalino's Birthday Intentions
Our Lady		Monsignor Roger and Fr Matteo's Ints

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.

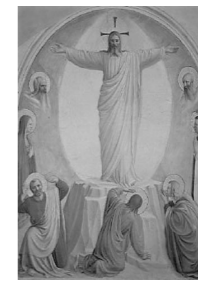
PARISH OFFICE CHRISTMAS TIMES
The Parish office will be closed from Monday 23rd to Wednesday 1st January, re-opening Thursday 2nd January 2025. We will however, have access to emails on Monday 30th December.

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...



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Third Sunday of Advent, Year C

22nd December 2024



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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
£444.55

NOVEMBER STANDING ORDERS
£3590.50

CONTACTLESS INCOME NOVEMBER
£472.00

Thank you for your contribution to the Parish!

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So many people travel over the Christmas season – you may be travelling to see family, or they be coming to you. Whether it's crossing continents or just navigating through crowded train stations, countless people are making their way to visit loved ones. And, of course, we like to complain about it—about delays, high fares, or over crowded trains. These are very 21st Century complaints. For most of human history, travel was not only slow and uncomfortable, but also dangerous. Think of highwaymen on dark roads or pirates on the high seas!

The journey we hear about in today's Gospel—the young, pregnant Mary travelling from Nazareth to the hill country of Judea—was no exception. Today, that journey might take four or five hours by car. But for Mary, walking or riding a donkey, it would have been a gruelling five-day trek over rough and hilly terrain.

And yet, she went. She wasn't forced to; she chose to. Why did she undertake this journey? She had great news to share – she was to give birth to the Saviour. She also wanted to support her cousin Elizabeth who herself was miraculously pregnant, even in her old age. Mary wanted to bring Jesus Christ—even in His hidden, tiny form—to someone who needed Him.

This encounter between Mary and Elizabeth is one of the most beautiful moments in Scripture. Imagine the scene: two women meeting, both carrying miraculous children. Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, recognizes the profound truth of Mary's visit: "Who am I, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?" And in that moment, John, still in Elizabeth's womb, leaps for joy. This journey, this encounter is a reminder to us that, like Mary, we are called to bring Jesus to others. This can mean simply reaching out to someone who's lonely, offering forgiveness, or just being present to someone who needs love and encouragement. Like Mary, we don't wait until everything is easy or convenient—we go because we are called to share Christ with the world.

In biblical times, of course, short of writing a letter which was really the preserve of the educated and the wealthy, the only way to bring news to another person was to go and see them. Mary's journey wasn't about grand gestures or elaborate plans. It was about being there, in person, for her cousin Elizabeth. Even though travelling is so much easier these days, I think that we may have forgotten the importance of being there physically with someone. We think that a text, a whatsapp, a video will be just as good. But, to sound a little sentimental, nothing can replace a hug.

I hope that your travelling will go well over Christmas. Of course it is possible to use all sorts of technology to communicate – but give thanks to God for those who come to see you, or for those whom you go to see. Mary brought great blessings to her cousin Elizabeth, may she pray for us as we meet family and friends over the coming season.

Monsignor Roger.



Wishing you all a Very Happy and Holy Christmas. Monsignor Roger, Fr Matteo, Fr Natalino and Fr Kamal.



CHRISTMAS OFFERING ENVELOPES

Should you wish to make a Christmas Offering to the church this year, the envelopes are ready to be taken away from the Porch. Your offering helps to cover the cost of our Priests stipends, we thank you generously for supporting them. Should you wish to give one of our Priests a gift you must do that separately through a card with their name on it, or some other means through the letter box.

CHRISTMAS TREATS!

We will be giving out mince pies and mulled wine instead of our usual cake stall. You are of course still able to make a contribution to our worthy cause. Thank you to all who have enjoyed and contributed towards our Burkina Faso Justice and Peace Project.



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. We will be collecting after masses in the Porch, thank you for your support to this very special charity.

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.

Please call the office at Kensal Rise for further details and to enrol.

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 role.

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