

**HYMNS FOR Sunday 10am MASS**

ENTRANCE	130 Angels we have heard
KYRIE, SANCTUS & AGNUS DEI	German Mass
GOSPEL ACCL.	539 (verse said)
OFFERTORY	142 Jesus, Saviour, holy child
MEMORIAL ACCL.	Missa Simplex – if no sheet, no. 3
OUR FATHER	Said
COMMUNION	144 In the bleak midwinter
RECESSIONAL	152 Unto us is born a son

**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.



**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 important role.

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.

**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 28th December – 5th January**

Date	Time	Intention
Sat 28th	5pm	Rekindling of love between an estranged couple
Sun 29th	8am	Verina Nicholas (Birthday A)
	10am	Luz Raez (Special Birthday Ints)
	11.30am	Italian Mass
Mon 30th	10am	Fortunado Family (Ints)
Tues 31st	10am	O'Dea Family (Birthday Ints)
Wed 1st	10am	Ida Catini RIP
Thur 2nd	10am	Jeanne Joseph (Anniversary) and Walter Phillip Joseph RIP
Fri 3rd	10am	Isobel Obaidly (Intentions)
Sat 4th	5pm	Antonio and Josefa Moraes RIP
Sun 5th	8am	Kathleen Hand (Intentions)
	10am	Antonio Sanchez Garboa (1st Anniversary)
	11.30am	Italian Mass

<b>Main Altar Sanctuary Lamp</b>	Verina Nicholas (Birthday Anniversary)
<b>Sacred Heart</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Our Lady</b>	Pastoral care of the sick

**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.

**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.



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**Feast of the Holy Family, Year C**

**29th 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  
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**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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Today we honour family life in general by pausing to ponder the particular and beautiful hidden life within the home of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. In many ways, their daily life together would have been very similar to other families at that time. But in other ways, their life together is entirely unique and provides us with a perfect model for all families.

By God's providence and design, the family life of Jesus, Mary and Joseph was spoken of in the Scripture very little. We read of the birth of Jesus, the presentation in the Temple, the flight into Egypt and the finding of Jesus in the Temple at age twelve. But other than these stories of their life together, we know very little.

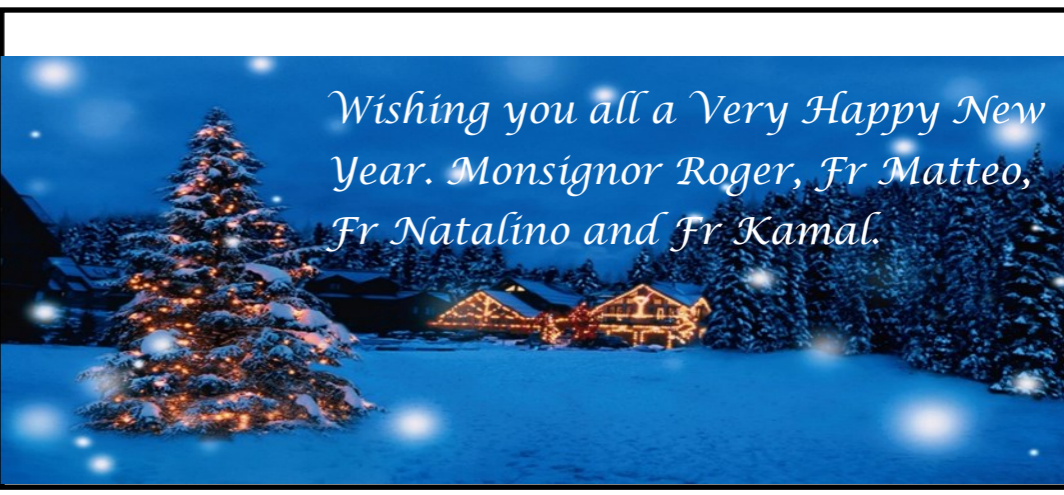
Today's Gospel, however, give us some insight worth pondering. First, we see that this family "fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord..." Though this is in reference to Jesus being presented in the Temple, it should also be understood to apply to all aspects of their life together. Family life, just like our individual lives, must be ordered by the laws of our Lord.

The primary law of the Lord regarding family life is that it must share in the very unity and "communion of love" found in the life of the Most Holy Trinity. Each person of the Holy Trinity has perfect respect for the other, gives selflessly to each other without reserve, and receives each person in their totality. It is their love that makes them one and enables them to act together in perfect harmony as a communion of divine Persons. Though Saint Joseph was not immaculate in his nature, the perfection of love did live in his divine Son and in his immaculate wife. This overwhelming gift of their perfect love would have daily drawn him into the perfection of their lives.



Ponder your own closest relationships today. If you are blessed with a close family, ponder them. If not, ponder the persons put into your life who you are called to love with familial love. Who are you to be there for in good times and in bad? Who are you to sacrifice your life for without reserve? Who are you to offer respect, compassion, time, energy, mercy, generosity and every other virtue? And how well do you fulfil this witness of love?

Reflect, today, upon the fact that God wants you to share in a communion of life, not only with the Most Holy Trinity but also with those around you, especially your family. Try to ponder the hidden life of Jesus, Mary and Joseph and seek to make their family relationship the model for how you love others. May their perfect communion of love be a model for us all.



*Wishing you all a Very Happy New Year. Monsignor Roger, Fr Matteo, Fr Natalino and Fr Kamal.*