

ENTRANCE	865 I the Lord of sea and sky
KYRIE, GLORIA, SANCTUS & AGNUS DEI	Mass of Creation
GOSPEL ACCL.	534 (Verse said)
OFFERTORY	874 Take my life
MEMORIAL ACCL.	Missa Simplex
OUR FATHER	Said
COMMUNION	899 Lord make me a means of your peace
RECESSIONAL	861 Forth in thy name

CAKE SALE

Our delicious cake sale starts back up this weekend! Please give generously.

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE

Our next course will be on Saturday 13th January. To book your place and find out more, please contact Chelsea.

FIRE WARDEN TRAINING

On Thursday 18th January at 7pm, St Mary Magdalen's Church, Willesden Green, will be holding a Deanery Fire Warden Training session. We need as many fire wardens as possible for the Church, in the hope that we always have one or two present at any Mass. Should you wish to volunteer for this role, please speak to Fr Allan or Chelsea.

NEW PARISHIONER?

Please take a registration form from the porch & return to the Presbytery.

6th January 2024 - 13th January 2024

Date	Time	Intention
Sat 6th	5pm	Thomas McCutcheon (Anniversary)
Sun 7th	8am	People of the Parish
	10am	Jane Joseph & Phillip Walter Joseph (A)
	11:30am	Italian Mass
Mon 8th	10am	Christina Nolan & Family
Tues 9th	10am	Egidio (12th Anniversary)
Wed 10th	10am	Joan Carter RIP (2nd Anniversary)
Thur 11th	10am	Constanca Soares
Fri 12th	10am	Rebelo, Antunes & Rodrigues Family
Sat 13th	5pm	Michael O'Sullivan RIP

Main Altar Sanctuary Lamp	People of the Parish
Sacred Heart	Joan Carter (2nd Anniversary)
Our Lady	Mr & Mrs Veiras (60th Wedding A)

PREPARING THE CHURCH

On Saturday 13th January at 10am we need as much help as we can get to take down the Christmas Trees and decorations! We only have 2 hours to take everything down before a Baptism so please come in your masses!



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THE EPHIPHANY OF THE LORD

7th January 2024

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Some of you may remember that I received an interesting motto in one of the Christmas Crackers I pulled this year. It wasn't a joke - it said it was a conversation starter and it went like this: 'What habit would you most like to give up in the coming year?'. If you ask my friends, I think they would say my habit of humming, singing or whistling to myself all the time. My life seems to need a musical soundtrack to it, provided either by the wireless or by me. I think my friends would say that a good New Year's resolution for me would be to give up singing!

New Year is a chance for new beginnings, and maybe you are making New Year resolutions. They might be around sweets and iPhones for some of you, and they might be around alcohol and tobacco or vaping for some of the adults (or dare I say teenagers) among us. It is so good that the New Year in the life of the Church begins with the Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God, and she can inspire us in making our New Year resolutions. Here are four suggestions for what you might like to do.

Try to be positive about your life. Look for what will work, and what good you can do, rather than dwell on what you can't do or how you fall into sin. Think of Mary's positive response to the Angel Gabriel when she was told she was going to be the Mother of God. She said, very clearly, let it be done to me according to you will. She said yes, and so Love was born into the world. Resolve to say Yes to God. The gospel tells us that Mary pondered all that had happened to her in her heart. One thing you could do is to set time aside for prayer, contemplation and self-discovery. Maybe just five minutes a day, with a helpful app, with the scripture, with the rosary or with religious music. You could do this on your own, or perhaps as a family, maybe before you eat. Resolve to spend time with God in prayer.

You will all face challenges this year. It might be the challenge of illness, or of bereavement. It might be the challenge of a new job or a new place to live. If you are a student or at school, it will be the challenges of study and exams, and also the challenge of friendships good and bad. Mary faced the enormous challenge of falling pregnant before she was officially married to Joseph. She needed his support and care. Resolve to seek help and talk problems through rather than bottling them up.

We can all do so much to help those around us, to contribute to the wellbeing of others, whether it's in the family, among our friends or helping with things like foodbanks and charities. Reflect how Mary went to visit her cousin Elizabeth and gave her time and love. Resolve to build a community of support and care.

Pray for us in 2024 O Holy Mother of God, that we may be worthy of the promises of Christ.

Monsignor Roger

PARISH TEAM

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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
£550.77

DECEMBER'S STANDING ORDERS
£3,198.50

CONTACTLESS INCOME DECEMBER
£485.13

Thank you for your contribution to the Parish!

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SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



15th January at 5:30pm
Parent & Candidate Meeting at St Mary Magdalen's Church, Peter Avenue, NW10 2DD



CONFIRMATION

15th January at 6pm
1. Getting Started here in the Newman Room

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