

ENTRANCE	117 Come O Divine Messiah
KYRIE, SANCTUS & AGNUS DEI	Mass of Creation
GOSPEL ACCL.	70 Verse said
OFFERTORY	744 Christ is the world's light
MEMORIAL ACCL.	Missa Simplex
OUR FATHER	Said
COMMUNION	858 God has chosen me
RECESSIONAL	880 Tell out my soul

16th December 2023 – 23rd December 2023

Date	Time	Intention
Sat 16th	5pm	People of the Parish
Sun 17th	8am	Teresa Kiely (Birthday Intentions)
	10am	Olivier Taika (Anniversary)
	11:30am	Italian Mass
Mon 18th	10am	Teresa Barun RIP
	6pm	Reception of Desmond O'Callaghan into Church
Tues 19th	10am	Noreen Fahey Collins RIP
	12noon	Funeral of the late Mr Desmond O'Callaghan
Wed 20th	10am	Tommy Carter (2nd Anniversary)
Thur 21st	10am	Sergio Oliveira (Anniversary)
Fri 22nd	10am	Alice Sheehan RIP
Sat 23rd	5pm	Denis, Peggy & Patrick Murphy RIP

Main Altar Sanctuary Lamp	Shahreen Patterson-Charles (Healing)
Sacred Heart	Tommy Carter (2nd Anniversary)
Our Lady	Alice Sheehan RIP

DOES YOUR CHILD WISH TO ALTAR SERVE?

If your child has made their First Holy Communion, they are now able to altar serve. If you would like to find out more about this or if you wish to sign up, Please do complete a "New Altar Server Application Form", which can be found in the Church porch, and return to the Parish office. We are hoping to arrange an altar servers practice before Christmas, we will be in contact before hand to answer any questions you may have.

DESMOND O'CALLAGHAN RIP

The funeral for the late Mr Desmond O'Callaghan will take place here on Tuesday 19th December at 12noon. Desmond's body will be received into the Church on Monday 18th December at 6pm. Please keep Desmond and his family in your prayers during this difficult time.

CARPOOL REQUEST

We have a new Parishioner who lives on Milman Road, who is unable to attend Mass as they do not drive and they cannot walk the distance. If there is anyone who lives close by, who wouldn't mind collecting the Parishioner for the Mass that you already attend, please do speak to Chelsea.

ADVENT SMALL PRAYER GROUP

Our Small Prayer Group will meet every Thursday after 10am Mass in the Newman Room. Please do come along and join when you can!

FR TERRY MURRAY RIP

We send our condolences to The parish of Quex Road and to the Oblates on the sudden death of Fr Terry. May he rest in peace.

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

17th December 2023

There stands among you the one coming after me (Jn 1:6-8. 19-28)

PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest

Monsignor Roger Reader
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Fr Natalino Mignolli

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Parish office open: Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays 9:30am - 2:00pm

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

£471.43

NOVEMBER'S STANDING ORDERS

£3,222.63

CONTACTLESS INCOME NOVEMBER

£494.70

Thank you for your contribution to the Parish!

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Meditation: Do you know the favour of the Lord? Every 50 years the people of Israel were commanded to celebrate a Year of Jubilee - a year of favour by the Lord (Lv 25:10-12). God did not want his people to forget all the blessings and favours he had shown them over the years. Isaiah prophesied in a year of Jubilee that God would send his anointed one to bring his people back from their time of exile (Is 61). The anointed one would bring good news (the same word as "gospel") - news of freedom for those who were oppressed by sin, darkness, despair, and brokenness (Is 61:1-2).

John humbly recognised that his calling came from God and not from man

When John the Baptist announced the imminent coming of God's Anointed One, the Messiah, the religious leaders questioned his authority to speak so boldly in God's name. They asked him bluntly, "Who are you?" and "What do you say about yourself?" They wanted to know if he was really sent by God. Did he claim to be the Messiah or one of the great prophets who was expected to return and announce the Messiah's arrival (see Mt 4:5, Dt 18:15)? John had no doubt and no mistaken identity about his call and mission. In all humility and sincerity, he said he was only a voice bidding people to get ready for the arrival of the greatest Ruler of all, God's anointed King and Messiah.

John's identity and our identity is derived from God's Son - Jesus Christ

John the Baptist bridges the Old and New Testaments. He is the last of the Old Testament prophets who points the way to the Messiah. He is the first of the New Testament witnesses and martyrs. He is the herald who prepares the way for Jesus and who announces his mission to the people: Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world! (Jn 1:29). John saw from a distance what the Messiah would come to accomplish - our redemption from slavery to sin and our adoption as sons and daughters of God, our heavenly Father. Do you recognize who you are in Christ? The Lord Jesus has come to restore us to friendship with God and he has made us citizens of heaven - his everlasting kingdom of peace and justice.

Do you point others to Jesus Christ - the one true Lord and Saviour of the world?

John was the greatest of the prophets, yet he lived as a humble and faithful servant of God. He pointed others to Jesus, the true Messiah and Saviour of the world. The Christian church from the earliest of times has given John many titles which signify his mission: Witness of the Lord, Trumpet of Heaven, Herald of Christ, Voice of the Word, Precursor of Truth, Friend of the Bridegroom, Crown of the Prophets, Forerunner of the Redeemer, Preparer of Salvation, Light of the Martyrs, and Servant of the Word. Do you point others to Jesus Christ by the example and witness of your life?



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

Fr Allan