

**HYMNS FOR SUNDAY 10am MASS**

ENTRANCE	107 The King of Glory
KYRIE, SANCTUS & AGNUS DEI	Mass of Christ the Saviour
GOSPEL ACC	71 (verse said)
OFFERTORY	113 The Angel Gabriel
MEMORIAL ACC	Sung
OUR FATHER	Said
COMMUNION	366 Holy Virgin, by God's decree
RECESSIONAL	112 O come, O come Emmanuel

**SUNDAY 8am MASS READERS**

As many of you are aware, we are having an additional Mass on Sundays at 8am from today. If you would like to read at 8am Mass, please contact John Ireland on john@johnireland.me or give Chelsea a call.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2023 UPDATE**

An email was sent out this week to all parents and guardians of those registered for the upcoming First Holy Communion Course. Please do ensure you have received this and contact Chelsea in the office if you have not received it.

**MINCE PIES AND MULLED WINE**

On Sunday 18th December after Mass, the Cake Project will be selling mince pies and mulled wine. Please join us in getting into the festive spirit!

**CHURCH SHOP is open today after 10am Mass selling Christmas cards and gifts! It will reopen in the new year.**

**CHRISTMAS PRAYER TREE**

In the outside porch of the church this year we have our Christmas Prayer Tree. Please take a bauble home, decorate it, and on the back, write the names of loved ones, or anyone you wish to pray for this Christmas. Please bring the bauble back and place it on our tree.

**CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES**

**Christmas Eve :** 5pm Family Mass with Children's Tableau 11:30pm Carols followed by Midnight Mass

**Christmas Day - The Nativity of the Lord :** 8am Mass, 10am Mass, 11:30am Italian Mass

**Monday St Stephen's Day :** No Mass

**Tuesday 27th December - St John, Apostle:** 10am Mass

**Wednesday 28th December-The Holy Innocents:** 10am Mass

**Thursday 29th December - St Thomas Becket:** 10am Mass

**Friday 30th December - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph :** 10am Mass

**Saturday, New Years Eve:** 5pm Mass

**Sunday, New Years Day - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God :** 10am Mass

**There will be no 8am Mass on New Years Day**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

17th December – 24th December

Date	Time	Intention
Sat 17th	5pm	People of the Parish
Sun 18th	8am	Breda O'Sullivan RIP
	10am	Constaca Soares
Tues 20th	10am	Tommy Carter (1st Anniversary)
Wed 21st	10am	Digna Bristan Morales (3rd Anniversary)
Thur 22nd	10am	Filomena Tuazon RIP
Fri 23rd	10am	Louis Charles Bading RIP
Sat 24th	5pm	Denis, Peggy & Patrick Murphy RIP
	11:30pm	Carols & Midnight Mass for People of the Parish

Main Altar Sanctuary Lamp	Digna Bristan Morales (3rd Anniversary)
Sacred Heart	Tommy Carter (1st Anniversary)
Our Lady	People of the Parish

Thank you for your generous contribution during these times. We currently do not have a card machine so for bank transfers, the details are -  
**HSBC Bank: WRCDT Kensal Rise**  
 Sort code: 40-05-20 Account no: 41094882

**PARISH OFFICE UPDATE**

Where possible, the Parish Administrator will be working from home the week between Christmas and New Year, please email in any queries or call ahead to ensure someone is in the Presbytery to avoid a wasted journey. The Parish office will re-open during its usual hours on Tuesday 3rd January 2023.

**CHRISTMAS GIVING ENVELOPES**

These are now available and they are an opportunity for you to make a special Christmas gift to the church at this time. This money is no longer an offering to the clergy.

If you wish to give them a gift you must do that separately through a card or some other means through the parish letterbox.



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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

17th / 18th December 2022

How Jesus Christ came to be born (Mt 1:18-24)

**PARISH TEAM**

Parish Priest  
**Monsignor Roger Reader**  
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Assistant Priest  
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**Fr Natalino Mignolli**

Parish Secretary  
**Chelsea Bottomley**  
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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:**  
 Tues, Wed, Thurs & Fri 10am  
**Confession:** Sat 4pm before Mass or by appointment  
**Exposition:** Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday before Mass

**NOVEMBER'S STANDING ORDERS**  
 £3,115.00

**LAST WEEK'S OFFERING**  
 £418.30

Thank you for your contribution to the Parish!

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**Meditation:** Do you hold on to the promises of God at all times, especially when you are faced with uncertainty or adversity? The prophet Isaiah spoke words of hope in a hopeless situation for Israel. When Ahaz, the apostate king of Judah and heir to the throne of David (735 B.C.) was surrounded by forces that threatened to destroy him and his people, God offered him a sign to reassure him that God would not abandon the promise he made to David and his descendants. King Ahaz, however, had lost hope in God and refused to ask for a sign of favour. God, nonetheless, gave a sign to assure his people that he would indeed give them a Saviour who would rule with peace and righteousness (Is 7:11ff). Like the prophet Isaiah we are called "in hope to believe against hope" (Rm 4:18) that God can and will fulfil all his promises.

**Mary was found to be with child of the Holy Spirit**

Mary had to face an enormous challenge to her faith and trust in God and to the faith of her family and Joseph, the man she chose to marry. She was asked to assume a burden of tremendous responsibility. It had never been heard of before that a child could be born without a natural father. Mary was asked to accept this miraculous exception to the laws of nature. That required faith and trust in God and in his promises. Second, Mary was not yet married. Pregnancy outside of wedlock was not tolerated in those days. Mary was only espoused to Joseph, and such an engagement had to last for a whole year. She was asked to assume a great risk. She could have been rejected by Joseph, by her family, by all her own people. Mary knew that Joseph and her family would not understand without revelation from God. She nonetheless believed and trusted in God's promises.

**Joseph believed the angel's message "that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit"** Joseph, a just and God-fearing man, did not wish to embarrass or punish his espoused wife, Mary when he discovered that she was pregnant. To all appearances she had broken their solemn pledge to be faithful and chaste to one another. Joseph, no doubt took this troubling matter to God in prayer. He was not hasty to judge or to react with hurt and anger. God rewarded him not only with guidance and consolation, but with the divine assurance that he had indeed called Joseph to be the husband of Mary and to assume a mission that would require the utmost faith, confidence, and trust in Almighty God. Joseph believed in the divine message to take Mary as his wife and to accept the child in her womb as the promised Messiah.

**A model of faith for us**

Like Mary, Joseph is a model of faith for us. He is a faithful witness and servant of God's unfolding plan of redemption. Are you ready to believe in the promises of God, even when faced with perplexing circumstances and what seems like insurmountable problems? God has not left us alone, but has brought us his only begotten Son, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Let us celebrate Christmas, the feast of the Incarnation, with joyful hearts and let us renew our faith and hope in God and in his redeeming work.

**Prayer**

Lord Jesus, you came to save us from sin and the power of death. May I always rejoice in your salvation and trust in your divine plan for my life.

*Fr Allan*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE IN THE PARISH WHO ARE SICK AND/OR HOUSEBOUND AND ALSO THOSE WHO HAVE NOBODY ELSE TO PRAY FOR THEM**