

Tuesday 6th January is the Epiphany, a Holyday of Obligation. Mass at 9.00 am. Solemn Mass at 6.00 pm. Mass of the Vigil on Monday at 6.00 pm also fulfils the obligation.

Congratulations to the Family Mass Choir for the excellent Christmas Carol Concert last week, which raised an amazing sum of £1668 for Glass Door, the west London churches charity with whom our volunteers work to provide the weekly women's homeless night shelter during the winter months. Thanks also to those who prepared the church, and the mulled wine and mince pies reception afterwards.

Thank you to the many people who have generously donated Christmas presents for needy children, which will be distributed by the Catholic Children's Society,

Preparation for the Sacrament of Baptism: If you have a child for **Baptism**, under 5 years old please email us for an application form. A copy of one of the Catholic parents' baptism certificate will be required. Baptisms can only take place on Saturdays at 11am.

Weekend Road Closure, 10th -11th January

The large office building at our near neighbours 43 Brook Green has been undergoing redevelopment for over a year. The large crane overshadowing it is being dismantled the weekend of 10th-11th January. This means that a short stretch of the road Brook Green will be closed to traffic on those days: between Windsor Way and Hammersmith Road. The road Brook Green will still be fully accessible, but only from the Shepherds Bush Road end. A map showing the resultant traffic diversions in the area is on the church noticeboard and on Holy Trinity website.

Prayer workshop: Thursday 15th January at 2pm at Nazareth House Prayer Centre. All welcome.

Please pray for the sick especially: Mary O'Shea, Gesa Cosby, Christopher Freeman, Gloria Mantilla, Dermot Molloy, Kathleen O'Shea, Seamus Malone, Martin and Shirley Foster, Rosane da Graca Wilhelms, Michael Ruggins, Caitlin Brown, Francis Jordan, Phil Unwin and Graig Scanlan. **We commend to God those who died recently:** Georgina Cleary, Win Corrigan **and those with anniversaries around this time:** Martin and Bridget Beatty, Raymond Kearney and Mary Grogan.

The Parish Office is now closed for the Christmas break and reopens on Monday 5th January at 10am.

The next newsletter will be published on Sunday 4th January.

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Fourth Sunday of Advent 21st December 25

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Is 7:10-14; Paul 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24



Office Hours: Mon-Friday 10am-1pm and 2pm-4pm

Times of Mass and Devotions for the Week beginning Sunday 21st December 2025

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| Saturday | 9.30 am Mass |
| <i>Advent feria</i> | 6.00 pm First Mass of Sunday followed by Confessions |
| Sunday 21st December | 8.30 am Mass |
| <i>4th of Advent, Yr A</i> | 10.00 am Family Mass |
| | 11.30 am Solemn Mass followed by Confessions |
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| Monday <i>Advent feria</i> | 6.00pm_Mass followed by Adoration and Benediction |
| Tuesday <i>Advent feria</i> | 6.00 pm Mass followed by Rosary |
| Wednesday <i>Christmas Eve</i> | 6.00pm Family Vigil Mass of Christmas with Nativity 11.30pm Solemn Midnight Mass and Blessing of Crib |
| Thursday <i>Christmas Day</i> | 8.30 am Mass of the Dawn 10.00 am Family Mass of the Dawn 11.30 am Solemn Mass of the Day |
| Friday <i>St Stephen</i> | 12 noon Mass with Guild of St Stephen |
| Saturday <i>St John the Evangelist</i> | 12 noon Mass 6.00 pm First Mass of Sunday followed by Confessions |
| Sunday 28th December <i>Holy Family</i> | 8.30 am Mass 10.00 am Family Mass 11.30 am Solemn Mass followed by Confessions 6.30 pm Mass |

Today's Bible Readings

In the First Reading the prophet Isaiah tells King Ahaz the Lord gives him a sign: 'Behold the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Emmanuel.' The real fulfilment of this promise was not in the immediate political situation, but in the eventual birth of Christ, the long-awaited Messiah, from the Virgin Mary.

In the Second Reading St Paul explains that God long beforehand promised the Gospel, through his prophets in the Scriptures, and that it is about his Son, descended from King David humanly speaking, and declared to be Son of God in power through his Resurrection from the dead.

In the Gospel St Matthew tells us that before Mary came to be together with Joseph she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. An angel from God appeared to Joseph in a dream to affirm that Mary has conceived by the Holy Spirit, as prophesied by Isaiah, and therefore he need not fear to take her as his wife. He also says that the child is to be called Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins. When Joseph is awake, he is obedient to the command of the angel of the Lord.

Please take a Christmas offertory envelope, if you do not already have one, and return it any time from now on – especially if you will be away at Christmas itself. The Christmas Offertory goes towards the support of the clergy.

Donation envelopes towards the cost of Christmas Trees and Flowers are also available, and any donations very gratefully received.

The Christmas Service Times leaflet is published, also giving the special Confession times before Christmas, which are now daily.

Christmas Masses

- The Masses most suitable for families with young children are: on Christmas Eve the 6.00 pm Family Mass of the Vigil with Nativity, and on Christmas Day the 10.00 am Family Mass.
- The Gospel of the Nativity is acted out by children at the Christmas Eve 6.00 pm Family Mass of the Vigil. All young children are invited, if they wish, to come dressed as angels or shepherds, and will be invited up at the appropriate moment to join those acting out the story.
- The 11.30 pm Midnight Mass and the 11.30 am Mass of Christmas Day are more solemn celebrations.
- The 8.30 am Mass of the Dawn is a quiet Mass without music
- The Crib in the Church will be opened in time for the 6.00 pm Christmas Eve Family Mass, and solemnly blessed at the end of the 11.30 pm Solemn Midnight Mass.
- Crib offerings from Christmas until Candlemas, 2nd February, go to support the work of the Catholic Children's Society in our Diocese of Westminster.

Friday 26th December is the Feast of St Stephen, the First Martyr. He is also the patron saint of altar servers. The 12 noon Solemn Mass is attended by altar servers, and everybody is also welcome.

Next Sunday, 28th December, is the Feast of the Holy Family. There will be read at Mass a Pastoral Letter from Cardinal Vincent.

The Christmas Services leaflet gives full details of Mass times in the week beginning 28th December, On weekdays these are different times from our normal timetable.

In our Diocese, the Holy Year of Jubilee, Pilgrims of Hope, concludes on Sunday 28th December.

Thursday 1st January, a Bank Holiday, is the Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God and World Peace Day. Mass at 12 noon.

Monthly Hour of Devotion: Saturday 3rd January 2026 at 2pm dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus, followed by 30 minutes of Adoration and Benediction. All are welcome