

Dear brothers and sisters,

As many of you will have noticed, Hammersmith & Fulham Council has recently implemented new parking restrictions in the streets surrounding Holy Trinity Church. These include: Controlled parking hours extended until 11 pm and a maximum parking duration of 2 hours

Previously, parking was free in the evenings and all day Sunday.

These restrictions risk significantly reducing attendance at Sunday Mass and weekly community programs, especially for members who live outside the immediate area, have children, or are disabled. There is concern that some activities and services may need to be curtailed or closed if these changes remain in place.

We have sent a formal response to the council and we are inviting your support through a petition and community statement.

In the meantime, please allow a little extra time when travelling and check all parking signs carefully.

Thank you for your patience and for supporting our parish community as we work toward a fair and practical solution.

Please sign our petition here: <https://c.org/SPVBLdmJxG>

You can also scan the bar code from the poster in the porch or sign the paper copy.

Music at 11.30 am Solemn Mass Today: Scarlatti, D - Misa a cuatro voces o Misa de Madrid. Motet: MacMillan - O Radiant Dawn

Music at 10.00 am Family Mass: There is now a button on the parish website, which allows parishioners to listen to and practice the Sunday hymns ahead of time

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.

The Catholic Children's Society welcomes (new) Christmas gifts which they distribute to disadvantaged children: including young carers, children who have recently lost a loved one, and families fleeing domestic abuse. They expect a high level of need again this Christmas and would be very grateful for any new toys, books or clothing you can donate. If you would like to support their Christmas Gift Appeal, please deliver your gifts to the parish office by 18th December at the latest.



Please pray for the sick especially: Mary O'Shea, Gesa Cosby, Christopher Freeman, Gloria Mantilla, Dermot Molloy, Kathleen O'Shea, Seamus Malone, Paul Gargan, 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:** Mary and Con O'Sullivan, Pansy Kearney, Edward Sharpe and Martin Grogan.

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Third Sunday of Advent 14th December 25

Today's Readings p. 182-185

Is 35:1-6a,10; James 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11



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

The Parish Office will close for the Christmas break on Friday 19th December at 4pm and reopen on Monday 5th January at 10am.

Times of Mass and Devotions for the Week beginning Sunday 14th December 2025

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| Saturday | 9.30 am Mass |
| <i>St Lucy</i> | 6.00 pm First Mass of Sunday followed by Confessions |
| Sunday 14th December | 8.30 am Mass |
| <i>3rd Advent, Yr A</i> | 10.00 am Family Mass |
| <i>Gaudete Sunday</i> | 11.30 am Solemn Mass followed by Confessions |
| | 6.30 pm Mass |

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| Monday <i>Advent feria</i> | 9.00am Mass 7.00pm Parish Christmas Carol Concert |
| Tuesday <i>Advent feria</i> | 6.00 pm Mass followed by Rosary |
| Wednesday <i>Advent feria</i> | 6.00pm Mass |
| Thursday <i>Advent feria</i> | 9.00 am Mass followed by Rosary |
| Friday <i>Advent feria</i> | 9.00 am Mass followed by Divine Mercy Prayers |
| Saturday <i>Advent feria</i> | 9.30 am Mass 6.00 pm First Mass of Sunday followed by Confessions |
| Sunday 21st December <i>4th Advent, Yr A</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 James urges us to be patient, as we await the Lord's coming, which is at hand, just as the farmer waits patiently for the harvest. We must be at peace with one another because the Judge is standing at the door. We must learn from the patient suffering of the prophets, who spoke in the name of the Lord.

In the Gospel John the Baptist, now in prison because he had denounced King Herod's immoral marriage, sends out a message to Jesus to ask if he is indeed the promised Christ, or whether they must wait for someone else. Jesus sends back news of the many miracles of healing he has wrought, and his proclamation of the good news to the poor, as evidence that he is indeed the Messiah. Jesus praises John the Baptist, saying that he is greater than a prophet, and indeed the greatest man yet to be born – because he is the messenger who has prepared the way for Christ.

Today is Gaudete Sunday, the mid-Advent Sunday of rejoicing because Christ's coming is now near. The third candle on the Advent wreath and the vestments of the priest are both rose-pink in colour as a sign of our joy and hope..

Today we bless Bambinelli at the start of the 10.00 am Family Mass: the figures of the Baby Jesus, the Bambino, which you will place in your Christmas cribs at home, as well as those to be placed in the Christmas cribs inside and outside the church.

Today: please take a Christmas offertory envelope, and return it any time from now on – especially if you will be away at Christmas itself.

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

Monday Mass is at 9.00am, not 6pm because of preparations for:

Monday 7.00 pm Parish Christmas Carol Concert:

Given by our Family Mass Choir, directed by Laurence Carroll.
Retiring Collection for our Glass Door Homeless Night shelter.
Followed by mulled wine and mince pies in the parish centre.
All are welcome



The second and more intense part of Advent begins on 17th December. Each day the Gospel Acclamation, (and Magnificat antiphon at Evening Prayer,) is composed of prophetic words of great beauty from the Old Testament, expressing a longing for god to send his long-awaited Messiah and Saviour. Christ is successively described as the Wisdom of God, Mighty Lord, Root of Jesse, Key of David, Day-Spring, King of the Nations, Emmanuel. These will be illustrated day by day on the porch noticeboard, to assist our personal prayers.

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Volunteer Readers' Rota

We invite our Parish Readers to offer to read for one of the vacant slots on the volunteer rota you received by email. Please either write your name on the paper copy of the rota in the outer sacristy or let Fr Richard know by email. Many thanks.

Donations are invited towards the cost of Christmas trees and Christmas Flowers in the Church (Envelopes available at back of church for this purpose.)

A Message from Fr Richard: Thank you for making my Thirtieth Anniversary of Ordination Celebration on 5th December a most joyful occasion. I am so grateful for your great generosity represented by the many cards, gifts and assurance of prayers. Many thanks to those who arranged and led the beautiful celebration of Mass, and those who organised and contributed to the reception afterwards.' Please take a prayer card from the back of church if you have not yet received one.