

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: Viadana, L - Mass in F

Motet: McGonigal - Rorate Caeli

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: Christopher Freeman, Gloria Mantilla, Dermot Molloy, Kathleen O'Shea, Micah Britt Spears, 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:** Margaret McGlynn, Patricia Cannon, Maria Iolanda Vaglio **and those with anniversaries around this time:** Patrick, Steven and Martin O'Flaherty.

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Second Sunday of Advent 7th December 25

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Is 11:1-10; Paul 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12



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

Times of Mass and Devotions for the Week beginning Sunday 7th December 2025

Saturday

St Nicholas

9.30 am Mass

6.00 pm First Mass of Sunday followed by Confessions

Sunday 7th December

2nd Advent, Yr A

8.30 am Mass

10.00 am Family Mass

11.30 am Solemn Mass followed by Confessions

6.30 pm Mass

Monday <i>Immaculate Conception of the BV Mary</i>	6.00 pm Mass (no Adoration after Mass)
Tuesday <i>Advent feria</i>	6.00 pm Mass followed by Rosary
Wednesday <i>Our Lady of Loreto</i>	<u>9.00am Mass</u>
Thursday <i>Advent feria</i>	<u>9.30 am Mass</u> followed by Rosary
Friday <i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>	9.00 am Mass followed by Divine Mercy Prayers
Saturday <i>St Lucy</i>	9.30 am Mass 6.00 pm First Mass of Sunday followed by Confessions
Sunday 14th December <i>3rd Advent, Yr A Gaudete Sunday</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 Isaiah prophesies that the root of Jesse (King David's father) will put forth a branch which will bear fruit, in its ultimate descendant – the Messiah – on whom the Spirit of the Lord will rest. His reign will usher in the age of peace.

In the Second Reading St Paul reminds us that the scriptures were written for our instruction and encouragement, and will encourage us to live in harmony with one another, glorifying God. Christ came to fulfil God's promises to the Jewish patriarchs, and so that the Gentiles might glorify God's mercy.

In the Gospel John the Baptist living austerely in the Judean wilderness, to prepare the way of the Lord preaches repentance, and baptises those who repent of their sins. He denounces the Pharisees who come to his baptism, because they are not sincere, and do not bear fruits of repentance. The greater one who is coming, says John, will not baptise with water, but with the Holy Spirit and fire, which will burn up the chaff, while he gathers the wheat into his barn.

Monday is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Our Lady. Mass is at 6.00 pm. God preserved Mary from the stain of original sin from the first moment of her

conception in her mother's womb, so that she might become a worthy Mother of his Son.

On Wednesday, the Mass is at 9.00 am, not 6.00 pm, because in the evening we are hosting a fundraising concert for the Hammersmith Branch of Age UK.

On Thursday, the Mass is at 9.30 am, not 9.00 am, so that it can be attended by St Mary's Catholic Primary School to celebrate their Patronal Festival of the Immaculate Conception of Our Lady.

Next Sunday 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.

Next Sunday we will 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. Please be sure to bring your along – whether you are an adult or a child!

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

Last Sunday there was an Appeal made by Fr Melaku on behalf of the Comboni Missionary Fathers, which was our official diocesan mission appeal for 2025. So far at least £1175 has been raised.

This Tuesday 9th December, our School Children are hosting a tea party in Larmenier School for all our retired parishioners from 2pm to 4pm. Please do not hesitate to attend if you are free and would like to enjoy such a social event. The children wrote by hand a personal letter of invitation. Please get one from the Parish Office, from the Sacristy after Mass or from any of the members of the Parish Team.

Last Friday was the day of Fr Richard's Thirtieth Anniversary of Ordination Celebration. 'Thank you everyone for making this a joyful occasion. I am so grateful for 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.

Parish Christmas Carol Concert: Monday 15th December at 7.00 pm

Given by our Family Mass Choir.
Retiring Collection for our Glass Door Homeless Night shelter.
Followed by mulled wine and mince pies in the parish centre.

