

Music at 11.30 am Solemn Mass

Today: D'ambleville – Messe des Jesuites. Motet: Rheinberger – Rorate caeli desuper.
Next Sunday: Cererols, J – Missa 4or vocum 2us tonus. Motet: Guerrero – Canite tuba.

Music at 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.

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 Friday 13th December**.



Christmas Service and Confession Times leaflet available at back of the church.

Collection of Non-Perishable Foodstuffs for Hammersmith & Fulham Foodbank - please bring these with you to Mass and leave in church porch next weekend of 15th /16th December. Specially needed are festive items such as chocolates, biscuits, jam, cranberry sauce, pickles, and gravy granules.

Prayer Workshop: on Thursday 9th January 25 at 2pm at Nazareth House. All welcome.

St Mary's Catholic Primary School in our Parish is looking to recruit two Foundation Governors and would be pleased to hear from those who may be able to serve the cause of Catholic education in our Parish in this way.

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 next baptism preparation course is on 12th December.**

Flowers are not used in church during Advent, apart from the Immaculate Conception on 9th December, and Gaudete Sunday on 14/15th December. We are very grateful for those who generously give flowers for the shrines in church each week, but apart from the dates above, please wait until Christmas to bring these again. Thank you!

Christmas Flowers: Donations towards the cost of these will be gratefully received.

Please pray for the sick especially: Ann Breslin, Fr David Barnes, Martin and Shirley Foster, Breda Cleary, Mary Lavery and Francis Brady. **We commend to God those who died recently:** Ana Luisa Velazques, Enedina Canizales, Juan Antonio Zapata, Libardo Calle, Deacon James Sheahan **and those with anniversaries around this time:** Rose Foley, Fred and Clarissa Monico.

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2nd Sunday of Advent 8th December 2024

Today's Readings p. 171-175
Bar 5:1-9; Paul 1:3-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6



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

Please note the change in our phone number: 020 7603 0814

Times of Mass and Devotions for the week beginning Sunday 8th December

Saturday	9.30am Mass
<i>St Ambrose</i>	2.00pm Monthly Hour of Devotion
	3.00-3.30pm Adoration and Benediction
	6.00pm Mass followed by Confessions
Sunday 8th December	8.30am Mass
2 nd Sunday of Advent	10.00am Family Mass
	11.30am Solemn Mass followed by Confessions
	6.30pm Mass

Monday <i>Immaculate Conception BV Mary</i>	6.00pm Mass (<u>no</u> Adoration and Benediction this week)
Tuesday <i>Our Lady of Loreto</i>	6.00 pm Mass followed by Rosary
Wednesday <i>St Damasus</i>	9.00am Mass
Thursday <i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>	9.00 am Mass followed by Rosary
Friday <i>St Lucy</i>	9.00 am Mass followed by Divine Mercy Prayers
Saturday <i>St John of the Cross</i>	9.30am Mass 6.00pm Mass followed by Confessions
Sunday 15th December 3 rd Sunday of Advent	8.30am Mass 10.00am Family Mass 11.30am Solemn Mass followed by Confessions 6.30pm Mass

Mass on Wednesday 11th December will be at 9.00 am only. There will be no evening Mass, owing to a charity carol concert being held in the church.

Leaflets and Booklets to assist our parish Readers with reading from the new translation may be taken from the outer sacristy.

The Christmas Eve & Day Volunteer Reader Rota is in the outer sacristy, ready for Parish Readers to sign up.

New CTS Sunday Missals (in red covers this year) are now in the porch stands ready for use by parishioners at Sunday Mass. They include the new Bible translation. If you would like to purchase a copy at £10, please enquire in the Parish Office.

Today's Bible Readings –

The Old Testament reading The Lord announces through the prophet Baruch that Jerusalem is to take off its garment of sorrow and affliction and put on the robe of righteousness from God. The exiles will return, carried in glory, and God will lead Israel in the light of his mercy and righteousness.

The second reading St Paul thanks his Philippian converts for their partnership in the Gospel and prays that God who has begun a good work in them will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. He yearns for them to become pure and blameless for that day.

In the Gospel the importance of John the Baptist is emphasised by St Luke carefully describing his exact historical setting. He then tells us John proclaimed a gospel of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. The mountains will be laid low so that all flesh might see the salvation of God.

Thank you to those who supported last weekend's appeal on behalf of the Missionary Society of St Columban, which has been the official mission appeal of the Westminster Diocese for 2024. It's still not too late to receive any further donations.

Walk with Me – A Journey of Prayer for Advent 2024: this popular booklet with a Bible reading, prayer and reflection for every day, is now on sale at £1.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Our Lady is this year kept on Monday 9th December, (as its usual date of 8th is a Sunday.) Because this feast day Mass is longer than a normal weekday Mass, there will not be time for it to be followed by Adoration and Benediction this week.

Lourdes Parish Candle A special candle will be lit near the grotto for the intentions of our parish on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Many thanks to the donor! It is a very special feast for Lourdes pilgrims, as the climax of the apparitions to Bernadette in 1858 was when Our Lady at last revealed her identity, with the words, 'I am the Immaculate Conception.'

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Advent Retreat Morning, next Saturday 14th December. This is designed for all those who have a ministry in leading our worship – Eucharistic Ministers, Readers, Adult Choir Members and Servers, Stewards and Catechists. If you are one of these and have not received an invitation, please let us know. Speaker – Mary Crowley.

Blessing of Bambinelli at 10.00 am Family Mass next Sunday 15th December, Gaudete Sunday: We invite children to bring the figures of the Baby Jesus for their Christmas Cribs at home, so that they can be blessed before use.

Christmas Offertory Envelopes may be taken from the back of the church from now on and returned at any time convenient to you, especially if you will be away before or at Christmas. This collection goes towards the support of the priests of the parish.

Holy Trinity Carol Concert, given by our Family Mass Choir, directed by Laurence Carroll, is on **Monday 16th December at 7.00 pm.** Admission free – Retiring Collection for Glass Door, with whom we run our Parish winter weekly night shelter for homeless women.

Mulled wine and mince pies in the Parish Centre.

