

WEEKDAY AND SUNDAY MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 11 December 3rd Sunday of Advent [B]	9.30am MASS - Fogarty/Harding Families RIP 11.30am MASS - Ints Mr & Mrs W Barnes Golden Wedding Anniversary 6.30pm MASS -Thomas Gleeson RIP 'GAUDETE' SUNDAY
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OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE	
MONDAY 12 December	8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 8.55am Angelus & Morning Prayer 9.15am MASS - Eamonn Conlon RIP

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TUESDAY 13 December	8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 8.55am Angelus & Morning Prayer 9.15am MASS -Ita Lynch RIP

ST JOHN OF THE CROSS	
WEDNESDAY 14 December	8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 8.55am Angelus & Morning Prayer 9.15am MASS - Ints Terry Leavens 2.30pm FUNERAL MASS - Raymond O'Riordan RIP 8.00pm MASS- Ints Sheila Nadworny & Greg Bufwell

THURSDAY 15 December	8.00am MASS -Michael & Mary O'Dwyer RIP NOTE CHANGE OF TIME OF MORNING MASS
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FRIDAY 16 December	8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 8.55am Angelus & Morning Prayer 9.15am MASS -Martin Quigley RIP
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SATURDAY 17 December	8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 8.55am Angelus & Morning Prayer 9.15am Service of the Word with Holy Communion 6.30pm MASS - Pat O'Connell RIP
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SUNDAY 18 December 4 TH Sunday of Advent [B]	9.30am MASS - Noel Joyce RIP 11.30am MASS - Hannah & Joseph McDermott RIP 6.30pm MASS - Rose Rothstein RIP EXPECTANT MOTHERS
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**OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH, WANSTEAD
THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 10-11 DECEMBER 2011**



"I am, as Isaiah prophesied: a voice that cries in the wilderness: Make a straight way for the Lord".

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THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday 11 Dec Teas after 9.30am Mass [Hall]
5pm Youth Meeting Rio de Janeiro [Church]

Monday 12 Dec 2-4pm Whipps Cross Cancer Group
5-7pm Weight-Watchers (Hall) 7.15pm Junior Choir

Tuesday 13 Dec 1.30-2.45pm Toddlers Group (Hall) Term Time only
7.30pm Divine Mercy [Booker Room]
8pm RCIA [St Mark Room]
8pm Life in the Spirit Seminar [Hall]

Wednesday 14 Dec Refreshments after 9.15am Mass in the Hall
10.30am Our Lady of Lourdes School Reconciliation
1.30pm Sheila Lovell Club [Hall]
6.30-8.30pm Pilates [Hall]
6.45 Choir Group Meeting [Luke Room]
7.30-9pm Italian Lessons [Matthew Room]
8pm Meditation Group (Mark Room)

Thursday 15 Dec 3.30-6pm Perform [Hall]
8pm Parish Penitential Service

Friday 16 Dec **9.45am-3pm** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
9-11am Weight-Watchers [Hall] 3.30-6pm Perform [Hall]
7.30pm Youth Club Night [Christmas Party]

Saturday 17 Dec 10.15am First Holy Communion [Hall]

Sunday 18 Dec 4pm Youth Mass Rehearsal
7.30pm Annual Carol Service

READERS ROTA 17 – 18 DECEMBER 2011

TIME	1 ST READING	2 ND READING	BIDDING PRAYERS
6.30pm	Frances Geoghegan	Evelyn Lamb	Jo Sheehy
9.30am	Rodney James	Lisa McCaughley	Maria Tallon
11.30am	Ann Cummins	Jan Hicks	Marie Francis
6.30pm	Amanda Fitzgerald	James Fitzgerald	S J Arekion

EXTRAORDINARY MINIISTERS OF COMMUNION ROTA 17 - 18 DECEMBER

Saturday	Sunday	Sunday	Sunday
6.30pm	9.30am	11.30am	6.30pm
M Davighi	G Heeney	A Burns	A Dorigo
J Davighi	A Heeney	J Cain-Burns	J Dorigo
J Donovan	H Jayaram	K Donovan	M Fox
J Donovan	P Joseph	P French	B Fox
S Flynn	F Joseph	L Sarisska	J Halsey
P Flynn	C Kumarasooriyar	J Simmonds	C Luckie

WELCOMING GROUP 17 - 18 DECEMBER 2011

Saturday	Sunday	Sunday	Sunday
6.30pm	9.30am	11.30am	6.30pm
Colclough Family	Wilson Family Pat Pugh	McLean Family	Ario Dorigo Jo Dorigo

COUNTERS: Sunday 18 December – C Docherty, A Duggan and K Shine.

CLEANING – Monday 12 December [Team 1] a.m.

OPERATION CLEAN-UP MONDAY 19 DECEMBER

A reminder to all groups. In preparation for Christmas there will be a big clean-up of the Church after the 9.15am Mass on Monday 19 December. It is hoped that cleaners and others who would like to help will come along. Thank you.

POLITE REQUEST - Any Eucharistic Ministers who have in their possession a pyx belonging to the Church **PLEASE PLEASE** return it. It is not acceptable that on Sundays we have run out of pyxes, the reason being that ministers take them home and forget to return them. Your courtesy, good manners and co-operation is appealed for. Please return the pyx to the Church once you have taken Holy Communion to a sick person – do not take it home with you because when that happens, in most cases, we never see the pyx again. The pyxes are costly and the parish has invested a lot of money in providing them. Thank you for your co-operation.

CHRISTMAS READERS – Will those who wish to proclaim the Word of God at Christmas Masses please telephone the presbytery and give your name to the parish secretary. We cannot guarantee everyone who volunteers will be chosen but we will do our best to ensure that you are. There will be a meeting for Christmas readers with Father Sammon on Monday 19 December at 8pm. By that time you will know whether or not you are on the rota and, if you are, please attend the meeting. Thank you.

THE NATIVITY – There will be a showing in the Pastoral Centre on Tuesday 20 December at 8pm prompt of the acclaimed 2010 BBC production The Nativity. This is an opportunity in our busy preparations to ponder afresh on the marvels of the Incarnation. I look forward to seeing you there.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE - Please note that we will be selling 'Squares' for the Christmas raffle at £1 each after Mass for the next 2 weekends. A number of fantastic prizes to be won, including, £50 Marks & Spencer gift card, £50 voucher for Belgique, 2 lovely Christmas Hampers (which include bottles of wine), a Compact Grill, a selection of spirits (Port, Whiskey, Brandy), Chocolates and more! The draw will be made after the Carol service on Sunday 18 December.

PASTORAL CENTRE – Will all prayer groups, etc. who use the Pastoral Centre please inform the parish office of your closing and re-opening dates. Thank you.

CHILDMINDERS

If you are looking for an Ofsted Registered Childminder in Wanstead call Grace on 079417 54058/020 8989 2531.
Childminder available in the IG8 area, fully Ofsted Registered.
Contact Jill on 07790 551 435.

PARISH PENITENTIAL SERVICE - Our Parish Penitential Service in preparation for Christmas will be on Thursday 15 December at 8pm. Parishioners are encouraged to come to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. There will be priests from outside the parish available.

PARISH CAROL SERVICE –Parishioners are warmly invited to attend our Parish Carol Service next Sunday 18 December at 7.30pm and afterwards in the Pastoral Centre for wine and mince pies. Children from Our Lady of Lourdes and St Joseph's Schools will be singing during the service as well as our two Choirs. A warm welcome to one and all.

EXPECTANT MOTHERS – Next Sunday is a day of prayer for Expectant Mothers [and Fathers]. Any expectant mother who would like to receive a blessing may do so after the 9.30am Mass on Sunday. If you require a blessing just stay behind and Father Sammon will come to the front of the church after greeting the people.

DIVINE MERCY – Tuesday 13 December 7.30pm in the Booker Room.

RCIA – Tuesday 13 December 8pm in St Mark's Room.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR – Tuesday 13 December at 8pm [Hall].

SHEILA LOVELL CLUB – Wednesday 14 December 1.30pm in the Hall.

RE CLASSES FOR CHILDREN AT NON-CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Wednesday 14 December 5-6pm in the Hall. This is the last class this year. Classes will resume on 11 January 2012.

PILATES – Wednesday 14 December 6.30-8.30pm in the Hall.

CHOIR GROUP MEETING – Wednesday 14 December 6.45pm [Luke Room]

ITALIAN LESSONS –Wednesday 14 December 7.30-9pm [Matthew Room].

MEDITATION PRAYER GROUP – Wednesday 14 December 8pm. [Mark Room]. This is the last meeting until January.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION – Saturday 17 December 10.15am Caring/Making Peace session. [Pastoral Centre].

WELCOME – We welcome into the family of God Charlie Brooks, Jamie Greenwood, Lola Bullman-Borg, Grace Gruppetta and Anna Jones who were baptized here at the weekend.

THANK YOU – A word of great appreciation to Father Pat and the whole parish for the memorable celebration laid on for my Silver Jubilee as a Bishop last Thursday night. So much planning and hard work went into its arrangement and accomplishment, both in regard to the Mass itself and the social gathering thereafter in the Pastoral Centre. I am indeed most grateful to everyone for what was an evening of deep joy and thanksgiving, and for all the cards so kindly given. Bishop John

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Parish Penitential Service Thursday 15 December 8pm
Carol Service Sunday 18 December 7.30pm followed by wine and mince pies in the Pastoral Centre

Monday 19 – Saturday 24 December inclusive morning Mass 9.15am.

Evening Mass 8pm on Wednesday 21 December

CONFESSIONS

Wednesday 21 December 10-10.30am, 7-7.45pm

Friday 23 December 10am. Saturday 24 December 10am

Christmas Eve Saturday 24 December

Children's Mass 5pm First Mass of Christmas 7pm

11.30pm Carols 12am Midnight Mass

Christmas Day Sunday 25 December

Masses 9.30am and 11.30am. No evening Mass on Christmas Day.

Monday 26 December Feast of St Stephen Mass 10.00am

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION CHRISTMAS DAY APPEAL

We need Ministers to take communion to the sick and housebound from the 9.30am Mass on Christmas Day. It would, indeed, be a great act of kindness to the sick if you could help on this day. I am aware that it is a busy time for everyone but the sick we have always with us and they would deem it a special privilege to receive communion in their homes on the feast of the birthday of Our Saviour. If you can help please contact the parish office or email Paul Leonard. Thank you very much for your help in this matter.

CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN'S MASS

Could all children wishing to participate in this Mass please remain in the church after the 9.30am Mass this Sunday. I would like to get an idea of numbers. Also rehearsals for the dance will take place at Our Lady of Lourdes School in the lunch times for Year 3 and up. Please check with teachers for days and times. All children 6 years and under are to dress as Angels, Shepherds, Donkeys, Camels or Sheep. Three Kings are required. A further rehearsal will take place on Sunday 18 December after the 9.30am Mass.

Any further questions please contact Alice Harwood on 020 8530 6722.

PRAY FOR THE SICK - Mrs Gleeson, Denis Raines, John McCann, Katie Cox, Maria Cutayer, Mrs Crolley, Robert Britt-Hazard, Jane Bryne, Stephen O’Riordan Mary Martin, Mrs Carldan, Rosina Forestiero, Muriel Taylor, Pat Hetherington, John Andrews, Noreen Cavanagh, Christopher Browne, Mary Popielarz, Julia Taylor, Joan Claydon, Justina Paul, Helene Brown, Lilliane Abdallah, Ann Haines, Desmond Kennedy, Nan Regnaud, Henry Owens, Anna Mozejko. Harry Lakey, Rachel Goggin, Sister Augustina, Maureen Walker, Ruby Killen, Gerald Foreman, Tony Lonergan, Mary O’Riordan, Anne Butcher, Roy Harding, Mary Sullivan, Jo Stackerd, Kath Hurl, Maura Stone, Esther Tororey, Hunter Guest, Philomena & David Archer, Trish Corrigan-Mead, Patrick Rice, Pauline McKenna, Mary Higgins, Carl Dean, Evelina Underwood, Greta Edwards Veronica Smith, Ciaran Monahan, Rosemary Burns, Lyndon Panton, Kathleen Durrell, David Fairman, Margaret Monahan, Lena and Hazel Castelino, Anthony O’Boyle, Florence Smith, Olga Nunes, Neil Toye, Fin O’Regan.

RIP Anniversaries – (Monday 12 December – Sunday 18 December)

Florence Sackett, Anne Tuddenham, Jean Duignan, Donald Lynch, Joseph Gill, May Curtis, Judah Hambury, Eileen Bond, George Hannaway, Mary O’Dwyer, Ted Peters, Anne Sheehan, John Harvey, Rosa D’Souza, Monica Halsey, William Breen, John Vint, Joseph Cefai, Emily Wong, Alan Purcell, Stephen Kelly, Michael O’Riordan, Conchita McCarthy, Bob Disney, Elsie Stormouth, Kathleen Colahan, Walter Smith, Breeda Keeling.

RIP – The sudden death took place during the week of Richard Hurley. Richard was the architect responsible for the re-ordering of our church. He visited the parish on numerous occasions in the past ten years and was inspirational in ensuring that the re-ordering was carried out to a high liturgical standard. Richard was a wonderful Catholic man imbued with the spirit of Vatican II and internationally recognized as a liturgical architect. He has been responsible for the building of many churches in Ireland, England, Scotland, Wales, Africa and Australia. In our church the baptismal font, the altar, the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, the candle sticks and Paschal Candle were designed by him. The Irish bishops awarded him through the Pontifical University of Maynooth an Honorary Doctorate in recognition of his outstanding work for the liturgy.

May his generous soul rest in peace.

The funeral Mass of Raymond O’Riordan will take place on Wednesday 14 December at 2.30pm. May he rest in peace.

WEDNESDAY TEAS – The last teas of the year will be on Wednesday 14 December with mince pies. Teas will resume on 4 January. Many thanks and seasons greetings to the tea ladies.