

**WEEKDAY AND SUNDAY MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS**

SUNDAY	9.30am	MASS - Pauline Kiely RIP
9 December	11.30am	MASS - Lawrence McGreal RIP
2 <sup>ND</sup> Sunday of Advent [C]	6.30pm	MASS - Edward & Sarah Benson RIP
BIBLE SUNDAY		

MONDAY	8.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
10 December	8.45am	Angelus & Morning Prayer
	9.00am	MASS - Alan Hill RIP

TUESDAY	8.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
11 December	8.45am	Angelus & Morning Prayer
	9.00am	MASS - John Duncan Francis Leyland RIP

WEDNESDAY	8.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
12 December	8.45am	Angelus & Morning Prayer
	9.00am	MASS - Lawrence McGreal RIP

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THURSDAY	8.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
13 December	8.45am	Angelus & Morning Prayer
	9.00am	Service of the Word with Holy Communion

ST JOHN OF THE CROSS		
FRIDAY	8.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
14 December	8.45am	Angelus & Morning Prayer
	9.00am	MASS - Maggie Davis RIP
	9.45am-3pm & 7-9pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

SATURDAY	8.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
15 December	8.45am	Angelus & Morning Prayer
	9.00am	People of the Parish
	6.30pm	MASS - Frank Whalley RIP

SUNDAY	9.30am	MASS - Davis/Docherty Families RIP
16 December	11.30am	MASS - Hannah & Joseph McDermott RIP
3 <sup>RD</sup> Sunday of Advent [C]	6.30pm	MASS - Kathleen Regan RIP
'GAUDETE' SUNDAY		

**OUR LADY OF LOURDES  
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR (C)  
8/9 DECEMBER 2018**



*'A voice cries in the wilderness;  
Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight.'*

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Carmel Docherty, Clare Losty.  
Chair of Parish Council Fiona Christison  
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Pastoral Centre Caretaker Camille Mouquet

## THE WEEK AHEAD

<u>Sunday 9 Dec</u>	Teas in the Hall after 9.30am Mass
<u>Monday 10 Dec</u>	3.45pm – 9.15pm Maths Tuition [Matthew Room] 7pm Junior Choir 8pm RCIA Pastoral Centre
<u>Tuesday 11 Dec</u>	1pm Toddlers [Hall] Term Time only 1pm Booker Room [Meeting] 3.30pm – 6pm Perform [Hall] 3.45pm-9.15pm Maths Tuition [Matthew Room] 7.30pm Divine Mercy [Booker Room]
<u>Wednesday 12 Dec</u>	Teas after morning Mass [Hall] 10.30am Reconciliation Service [Schools] 1.30pm Sheila Lovell Club [Hall] 4pm-8pm Maths Tuition [Matthew Room] 6-7pm English Tuition [Booker Room] 7.15 & 8.15pm Pilates [Hall] 8pm Meditation Group [Mark Room]
<u>Thursday 13 Dec</u>	3.30pm-7pm Perform [Hall] 8pm Senior Choir 3.45-7.45pm Maths Tuition [Matthew Room]
<u>Friday 14 Dec</u>	9.45am-3pm & 7-9pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10am Pilates [Hall] 1.30pm Redbridge Memory Service [Booker Room] 3.30pm – 6pm Perform [Hall] 6.15pm Altar Servers Train & Treat 7.45pm Life in the Spirit [Hall]
<u>Sunday 16 Dec</u>	7.30pm Annual Parish Carol Service [Church]

### READERS ROTA 15-16 DECEMBER 2018

TIME	1 <sup>ST</sup> READING	2 <sup>ND</sup> READING	BIDDING PRAYERS
6.30pm	J Bermudez	S Nolan	M Ryan
9.30am	J McElwaine	J Whitton	R Sharman
11.30am	A Castelino	S Lavinieri	J Nkafu
6.30pm	A Burke	C Losty	T McMillan

### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION 15-16 DECEMBER 2018

Saturday	Sunday	Sunday	Sunday
6.30pm	9.30am	11.30am	6.30pm
Macart I	Howarth F	Ryan C	Fernett K
Marshall G	Joseph P	Serafini L	O'Connor R
Monahan J	King G	Simmonds J	Piotrowska M
Monahan M	Kubiakowska E	Smith J	Socrates B
Nicholson S	Kubiakowski M	Smith J	Suant S
Plane P	Masayi J	Smolowik R	Suant C

### WELCOME GROUP - 15-16 DECEMBER 2018

Saturday	Sunday	Sunday	Sunday
6.30pm	9.30am	11.30am	6.30pm
Nicholson Family	Bove Family	-	-

**CLEANERS** - 10 December – Team 1 AM.

**COUNTERS** - 16 December – C Docherty and J Scanlon.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** – Leader M Hartt, Helpers: K Rowe, S Crowley, K O'Brien, J Whitton, J Whitton.

**GRACE HARDING [PARISH SECRETARY]** – As already announced Grace our Parish Secretary will retire on Thursday 20 December. To say 'thank you' to her for her many years of loyal service to the parish there will be a reception in the Pastoral Centre at 12.30pm on 20 December. All who are able to come along are most welcome. If you intend to be present please put your name on the list in the church foyer – we need to know numbers for catering purposes.

**VACANCY – PARISH SECRETARY [PART-TIME]** – Due to the retirement of Grace our Parish Secretary, a vacancy for this post will arise in January 2019. It is part-time. Hours to be agreed. The person appointed should ideally be a Shorthand typist, be totally au fait with computers, Excel, record keeping, desk publishing, etc. The post will involve letter writing, producing the weekly parish Newsletter, dealing with telephone calls, calls at the door, funerals, baptism bookings, wedding arrangements, general office duties, hall bookings, etc. Applications to Father Pat by 31 December.

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES** – The Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, led by our Bishop Alan, will take place from 21-26 July, by air from Stanstead. Details from Tangney Tours 01732 886666 or email [Cathy@BrentwoodLourdes.org](mailto:Cathy@BrentwoodLourdes.org).

**CARE ASSISTANT NEEDED** – Homesdale Home for the Elderly requires a Care Assistant, experience preferred, two references required. For more information please contact Lisa Richardson on 020 8989 0847 [Option 1].

**CARER NEEDED** – Are you caring and reliable? A Carer needed in the Wanstead area for an elderly lady for a few hours per week. £10 per hour. Two references required. For more information please contact Sheila Murphy 07701 317578.

**CELTIC CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME** - Caitlin Downie is performing again this year on the 20 December at the Tracks Bar Forest Gate E7 and Theatre of Wine in Leytonstone on Saturday 15 December both 7.30pm. A selection of Celtic Christmas tunes beautifully performed with classical and folk musicians, creating a unique show. Tickets are £10 in advance (online) or £13 on the door. For more details please contact Caitlin [cmlownie@gmail.com](mailto:cmlownie@gmail.com) or tickets via [www.caitlindownie.com](http://www.caitlindownie.com)

**SACRAMENTAL, CATECHETICAL, LITURGICAL, SPIRITUAL, PARISH**

**TEAS AFTER 9.30AM MASS** – Sunday 9 December in the Hall.

**RCIA MEETING** – Monday 10 December 8pm in the Pastoral Centre.

**DIVINE MERCY** – Tuesday 11 December 7.30pm in the Booker Room.

**SHEILA LOVELL CLUB** – Wednesday 12 December 1.30pm in the Hall.

**PILATES** – Wednesday 12 December 7.15 & 8.15pm and Friday 14 December 10am in the Hall. Contact Number for Peta- 07950 326244.

**MEDITATION** – Wednesday 12 December 8pm in the Mark Room.

**REDBRIDGE MEMORY SERVICE** – Friday 14 December 1.30pm Booker Room.

**ALTAR SERVERS 'TRAIN & TREAT'** – Friday 14 December 6.15pm [Hall]

**LIFE IN THE SPIRIT** – Friday 14 December 7.45pm in the Hall.

**ANNUAL PARISH CAROL SERVICE** – Sunday 16 December 7.30pm Church.

**PARISH CAROL SERVICE** – Sunday 16 December 7.30pm in the Church. All welcome – wine and mince pies afterwards.

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MASS** – The Christmas Mass for children and parents is at 4pm on Christmas Eve. Children are invited to come dressed as a Christmas figure e.g. Our Lady, Shepherd, Joseph, Angel, Ox, Donkey, Sheep. . At the end of Mass Santa may phone in to check on the children and a sleepy biscuit will be given to each child. We look forward to a beautiful celebration with This Mass is not suitable for adults with the exception of parents of children.

**BIG CHRISTMAS CLEAN-UP OF OUR CHURCH** – Help is needed on Monday 17 December after the 9am Mass to give the Church a big clean for Christmas. We also need new members for the team. If you can help please contact Joan Farrelly on 8530 6793. Many thanks.

**POSTER FOR CHRISTMAS** – Please take a poster from the Church foyer and place on your window. It is a great witness for passersby to see this, and helps to keep Christ in Christmas.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION [CONFESSIONS]** – We are constantly reminded that Advent is a time of spiritual preparation for Christmas – so it is. The best way to prepare for the Feast of the Incarnation is to be reconciled to God and each other. Catholic people do this in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. You can celebrate this Sacrament with your brothers and sisters in the Parish on Monday 17 December at 8pm. It is a beautiful simple service, reflection on God's words, examination of conscience, sacramental absolution. Come with family, friends or on your own – **Come Home to God for Christmas.** Experience the peace and joy of being forgiven. Note the date now.

**SVP MASS OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK SATURDAY 22**

**DECEMBER 12NOON** -The SVP invites you to a special Healing Mass for the Sick on Saturday 22 December at 12 noon followed by a Christmas Social in the Hall finishing at 3.30pm, where you can enjoy an afternoon of music, singing, some food and a glass of wine. Please complete slips inserted in last week's newsletter and return to the presbytery or ring Don O'Driscoll 07923608074.

**CHRISTMAS RAFFLE** - Raffle tickets [£1 each] on sale after all Masses weekends of 8/9 and 15/16, with the raffle taking place after the Carol Concert on 16 December. Don't forget to buy your squares for your chance to win some lovely prizes. Prizes include a Christmas Hamper, Gift voucher from Provender, Gift Voucher from Enigma and more!

**100 CLUB** – Winners for November – First Prize £100 Sheila Bates, Second Prize £50 Chris & Val Buck, Third Prize £50 Louise Russell. Congratulations!

**CAFOD NEWS** - The Parish Project Connect2 Ethiopia finishes at the end of December 2018. CAFOD's commitment to the designated area of Sebeya has led to a water supply for the community and the consequent ability to produce crops in a self-sufficient way. Our Parish has raised almost £70,000 in the 3-year commitment to the project. Please see the CAFOD noticeboard for full details of how your support has helped change lives.

**CONGRATULATIONS** – Congratulations and best wishes to Andrew Burns on his election as Provincial Grand Knight for the Knights of Columba. Well done and good luck.

**WEDNESDAY MORNING TEAS**- On 19 December there will be mince pies, Baileys and other goodies with all donations going to aid of the Homeless. At Christmas time we remember those who have no home, food or comfort. So please make every effort to come as we try to bring some comfort to others. This will be the last teas until 9 January.

**PRAY FOR THE SICK** - Denis Raines, Katie Cox, Peter Hain, Mrs Crolley, Carl Dean, Robert Britt-Hazard, Stephen O'Riordan, Mary Martin, Mrs Carldan, Des Howells, Pat Hetherington, Noreen Cavanagh, Julia Taylor, Christopher Browne, Justina Paul, Tom Kelly, Maureen Walker, Fiona Robinson, Gerald Foreman, Mary O'Riordan, Grace Smith, James McGovern, Pauline McKenna, Mary Higgins, Erasmo Valiente, Joe Cox, Ann Silcock, Katharine Bramwell, Norma Cohen-Johnson, Connor Colgan, Olive Flynn, Bridie Connolly, Simon Griffith, Mary Oldcorn, William Roche, Glafira D'Souza, Prem Kumar Menon, Riley James McShane, Sister Bernadette, Violet Ruttledge, Mary P. Sullivan, Baby Diego Ralon.

**RIP Anniversaries – (Monday 10 December – Sunday 16 December)**

Madeline Anstee, Joan Stratton, Kathleen Cudhay, Melita McSweeney, Michael Russell, Dick Stevenette, Mary Docherty, Meta O'Loughlin, Anne Morgan, Florence Sackett, Anne Tuddenham, Jean Duignan, Donald Lynch, Patrick Eves, Joseph Gill, May Curtis, Judah Hambury, Eileen Bond, George Hannaway, Maggie Davis, Mary O'Dwyer, Ted Peters, Anne Sheehan, John Harvey, Rosa D'Souza, Amalia Williams, Dominic Sharkey, Baby Holly Chimes, Monica Halsey, William Breen, John Vint, Joseph Cefai, Emily Wong, Alan Purcell, Stephen Kelly, Michael O'Riordan, Gordon [Bill] Collins.

**RIP** – Please pray for the repose of the souls of the following –

**Jacinta Joseph** – Funeral Service on Monday 10 December at 4pm at City of London Cemetery.

**Mary Bridget Fallows** – Wednesday 19 December 11am at the City of London South Chapel.

We extend our sympathy and prayers to their families. May they rest in peace.

**CHAPTER OF CANONS, MASS** – Father Pat will concelebrate the Mass with the Chapter at 12 noon in the Cathedral tomorrow, Monday 10 December. Canon Peter Connor will preside. You are welcome to attend.

**ALTAR SERVERS AND OLOL RED CORDS FOR SENIOR SERVERS**

Applications are now open for our young Altar Servers who have served regularly at Sunday Mass (usually for at least one year and on more than 25 occasions) and would like to be enrolled in the Guild of St Stephen. Application forms are available in the sacristy. Enrolment will take place at Mass on the morning of 26 December. Completed forms should be returned to the presbytery no later than 17 December. Servers who have served on more than 100 occasions or have served regularly and are now in secondary school may apply to wear a red cord by placing their names on the list in the sacristy. New servers who were trained this year will be formally enrolled as servers during the Mass. Parents may contact the MC on [mcololwanstead@yahoo.co](mailto:mcololwanstead@yahoo.co).