

CATHOLIC CHURCH OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

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The
Immaculate
Conception



December

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

As soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.

A moving but fairly ordinary happening: an encounter between two mothers-to-be. But when one thinks of the role of each in God's plan, this meeting becomes a deep and fruitful mystery. In Mary's visitation to Elizabeth, 'Life' overtakes human hope. Mary's son, he whose 'origin goes back to the distant past, to the days of old' (Mic 5:2), will incarnate the invisible godhead within human existence. Elizabeth's child will lead Israel's yearnings to their highest degree of expectancy. The Life of God, the hope of men, meet. Small wonder that such glorious things should be said and done! "Blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled!" Elizabeth's cry refers to the annunciation, when Mary, overshadowed by the Holy Spirit, becomes the Mother of God. The visitation completes and confirms the angel's message, it bears witness to the dynamic power of the Spirit which increasingly dominates the infancy narratives. Mary eagerly embarks upon the first apostolic journey to share her joy with her cousin; Elizabeth yields the first place and proclaims Mary blessed amongst all women. John leaps with joy and so begins the mission of precursor. So many simple signs which nonetheless show that the water of life has begun to flow over the earth.

Weekend Mass Intentions

Sat: - 7.00am – Church opens for Quiet Prayer

8.30am – Morning Prayer & Rosary

9.30am – Intentions of Faustina Smiley

Followed by Confessions until 11.00am

5.00pm - Gloria & Amanda - Recovery

Sun – The church opens at 7.00pm

8.00am – For the Intentions of Parishioners

9.30am – Leslie Lukheza – 14th Anniversary

11.00am – Alice Audu – Anniversary

Novena (7) & Evening Prayer

5.00pm – Declan Culbert - Recovery

Mon – 8.15am - Church opens for Quiet Prayer

8.30am – Morning Prayer & Rosary

9.30am – John William & Alice Shewring

Novena to prepare for Birth of Jesus Christ (8)

Tues – 8.15am – Church opens for Quiet Prayer

8.30am – Morning Prayer & Rosary

9.30am – Matovu Family Intentions

Novena to prepare for Birth of Jesus Christ (9)

Christmas Eve

5.00pm – Christmas Family Mass

9.00pm – Office of Readings

10.30pm – Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Christmas Day

8.00am – For the Intentions of Parishioners

9.30am – Cheryl Bentley – RIP

11.00am – Intentions of Okechukwu Family

Thu – **St Stephen's Day**

9.00am – Church opens for Quiet Prayer

9.30am – Morning Prayer & Rosary

11.00am – Intentions of Altar Servers

Fri – **St John – Apostle & Evangelist**

9.00am – Church opens for Quiet Prayer

9.30am – Morning Prayer & Rosary

10.00am – Peggy Power - RIP

Sat – **The Holy Innocents - Martyrs**

7.00am – Church opens for Quiet Prayer

8.15am – Morning Prayer & Rosary

9.30am – Anna & Gerry Spagniolli – 60th Wed

Followed by Confessions until 11.00am

5.00pm – Intentions of Sr Bridie Dowd

Sun – Church opens at 7.00am

8.00am – For Intentions of parishioners

9.30am – RIP Member & Friends of Amato Family

11.00am – Intentions of Arianne Phagoo

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION CONFESSION

Friday 20th December from

5.30pm to 7.15pm

Saturday 21st December from

after Mass until 11.00am

Please do take advantage of these times. Always a very special time of the year and so good for us to put things right with God and with ourselves. Face to face or private confessions in the sacristy.

SEASON OF ADVENT

The 4th Sunday in Advent focuses our attention on Joy

For Christians around the world, Advent refers to the four weeks leading up to Christmas, where communities remember and celebrate the arrival of Jesus and join together in the hope of his ultimate return
Four Themes of Advent:

Hope: The first theme of Advent is hope.

Peace: The second theme is on peace.

Love: Week three celebrates love

Joy: The last week focuses on joy

how fitting is that!

Advent, like Lent, is a Penitential Season, and a time when we think about changing our lives for the better so that our hearts are open to welcome Jesus at Christmas.



Prepare yourself well – be faithful to your prayers and regular attendance at Mass and make an effort to get to the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions

December 2024 – For Pilgrims of Hope

Let us pray that this Jubilee strengthen us in our faith, helping us to recognise the Risen Christ in the midst of our lives, transforming us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

ST STEPHEN'S DAY

26th December



On Thursday 26th our altar servers will gather for Mass at 11.00am. They will renew their promises and 5 older servers will receive their silver medals for long service. Come and join them

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO OUR LADY OF MEDJUGORJE 2025

with trips to Mostar & Surmanci

29th April to 7th May 2025

9 days/8 nights – half-board

Price – Approx £850

Departing from Luton airport. Twin room sharing. Check in luggage 23kg + hand carry. Included are flights, transfer, entrance fees as per itinerary. Single room supplement £225. Not included – travel insurance, lunches; tips & gratuities will be added to invoice. **Prices will increase at the end of December so book early!**

Always a wonderful spiritual experience Do join us for a very special time. Our first pilgrimage together for some time.



**A NOVENA TO PREPARE FOR THE
BIRTH OF JESUS CHRIST
OUR SAVIOUR**

Sunday 22nd – at 4.00pm with
Evening Prayer

Monday 23rd – after 9.30am Mass

Tuesday 24th – after 9.30am Mass

There will be Novena booklets available in the church – please join us as we say the prayers together – if you would like to follow the Novena privately please take a copy home with you. **Lets prepare well**

NEW YEAR'S DAY – 1st January 2025

Is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God the parish Patronal Feast. Mass will be at 12noon followed by a buffet lunch in the parish hall for all parishioners.

MARY'S MEALS

An appeal

Mary's Meals can make money for their work by collecting any unwanted mobiles/ipads/jewellery/watches/cameras. If you have any of these and would be willing to donate them, pop them in a bag. Mark the bag Mary's Meals and hand it in next time you are at Mass. David Chapman will pick them up and deliver them to the Mary's Meals office. Thank you for your support.

FRIDAY LUNCH

Our Friday Lunch Club is very popular but we are in desperate need of help for a short time to move heavy tables and to help unload food off the van when it is delivered – for about an hour and half from about 9.00am.

MAGNIFICAT

Because of the change of translation the cost of Magnificat has increased for this month only from £4.99 to £6.50. Sorry!

YOUNG ADULTS DEANERY MEETINGS

Ages 18 – 35

The idea is for young adults (ages 18-35) to meet up once a month at one of the parishes in the Enfield deanery on a weekday evening for a time of prayer, worship (with a talk) and a social. This will allow young adults to grow and develop in their faith with mutual support and friendship. The next meeting will be on Friday 13th December (7-9pm) at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, New Southgate. For further details please contact: annamcmullan@rcdow.org.uk

THE PRICE OF VOTIVE CANDLES

For quite some time we have been subsidising the price of votive candles in our church. The cost of these candles has increased and so we going to have to raise the price of the candles. We cannot afford to lose income any more so the cost of these candles will increase to £1 each.

**LEGION OF MARY
Our Lady Seat of Wisdom**

**Meeting on Thursday 9th January 2025
at 7.00pm in parish hall**

An opportunity to meet together and say our Legion prayers and to give our reports on the work we have achieved over the past few weeks or so.

CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

The CCS are a charity providing young people and children with counselling and therapy, emergency grants for families and carers and adoption and aftercare. There will be a collection box in the church Crib for any offerings you might like to make

Parish Shop – Cribbs, Christmas Cards, Cane Calendars, Statues, Rosaries and gifts.

CHRISTMAS QUIET TIMES

Advent is a serious time of preparation and so we really need times of peacefulness and quiet to come before God in prayer. These are times when the church is open for quiet prayer before the Blessed Sacrament:

Mon 23rd: 5.00pm – 7.00pm – night prayer

Mon 30th: 5.00pm – 7.00pm – night prayer

In addition to those mentioned below.

**EXPOSITION OF THE
BLESSED SACRAMENT**



Friday Evenings

from 5.00 – 7.15pm

Saturday Mornings

from 7.00 – 8.30am

As we approach the Jubilee

*Year do try and give a
little more time to Our Lord*

MASS INTENTIONS

Wanting a Mass said for a person or occasion is good but a reminder that if you wish a special date then you must hand in your request well in advance if you do not want to be disappointed. Thanks

Introductory Sessions for Parishioners

Anna Dupelycz from the Agency will be visiting the parish talking on 3 subjects

5th Dec – A look at Liturgy

Understanding the Liturgical year

16th Jan – Reflecting on the Eucharist

Understanding the Sacrament of the Eucharist

13th Feb – Reflecting on Reconciliation

Understanding the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Evenings will run from 7.00pm to 9.00pm

Prayers please:

Sick: Mehill Ftoni, Agnes Robinson, Peter Thorpe, Joe Harper, Mary Conway. Suzi Modi, Agnes Guveya, Liz Freeman, Adreina Sifari, Margaret Felgate, Mark Keighrey, Marilyn Theodore. Sara Malaki, John Keighrey, Dan Heath, Geoffry Nwachukwu. Maureen Walker, Eamon Fitzpatrick. Eileen Lacey,

Recently Dead: Agatha Durowaa, Angelo D'Vito, Daphne Sullivan. Thomas Lawlor. Brid McGonagle, Kathleen Fitzsimmons, Phyllis Robinson, Jennifer Browne, Liam Sullivan, Fr David Williamson. Rose Tonkin, Frank Sebyggala, Rosemarie Warnesuriya, Elvera Nardone, Victor Saldhana, Fr Damien Crimes, Patrick Mukasa. Philomena Gomes, Peter Thorpe, Fernando Iannelli, John Charlery.

Anniversaries: Dennis Swanton, Solomis & Eleni Djerkallis, Surujnath Ragbir, Sheila Saldhana, Theresa Ragbir, Marie Mendy, Vermeil Joson, Anscarina Dinha, Margaret Paul, Diane Bunker. Peggy Power.

Morning Prayer & Rosary – is said before all weekday Masses. Monday to Thursday and Saturday mornings at 8.30am and Friday evening at 6.30pm before Mass.

Legion of Mary – the next meeting of the Legion of Mary is on Sunday 12th January at 2.45pm in the hall.

Friday Lunch – is served every Friday in the hall from 11.30am onwards – open to all comers – no cost!

Contactless Offerings to the Parish – you can find the Dona Contactless Terminal in the porch of the church for any donations you may wish to make to the parish and for payment for any purchases from the parish Repository. Not for special collections

Junior Carol Concert

The Junior Classes from St Mary's School will be presenting their Carol Concert in the church on Tuesday 10th December at 5.00pm. You are very welcome to come along.

Please remember: Please take advantage of the times of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in our church. So important as a help to building a relationship with Jesus.

Nightingale Hospice & School of Joy: These are two charities that we support every year at this time – the NH a local charity, and the S of J a school for children with learning difficulties in Bethlehem – a special collection this Sunday at all Masses.

SUNDAY PLUS

Hold on to hope

“Hope loves what will be”

By Paul Higginson

Pope Francis is fond of quoting the poem by French writer Charles Peguy who describes Faith, Hope and Charity as three sisters who walk together. Although Hope is the little sister, she leads the others and makes them all walk together: “Because Faith only sees what exists. And Charity only loves what exists. But Hope loves what will be.”

In today's Gospel Elizabeth's baby leaps with joy in her womb when Mary arrives at her home. The future John the Baptist is filled with the joyful hope of what will be. Take time today to contemplate the hope that we all place in that tiny baby, born into poverty, far from home, sharing a stable with farmyard animals.

God enters our world, not as a distant heavenly ruler but as a weak and vulnerable infant. He embraces the messy reality of our world – a declaration of hope as well as love.



As Mary gazed at her new baby, her heart filled with Faith and Charity, she must also have recognised the little sister Hope “who loves what will be”. Jesus was to become the hope of the world, the Saviour, our Emmanuel. Nothing will ever be the same again. From now on we will glimpse Christ in everyone and everything if we have eyes to see and ears to hear. Spend time with Mary at the crib this Christmas as we prepare for the Jubilee Year of Hope and let the child Jesus stir your soul with the promise of new life with him.

Paul Higginson is a retired teacher and author of Doing Christianity: How religion is about what you do, not what you believe.

We're so close...

By Natasha Pritchard

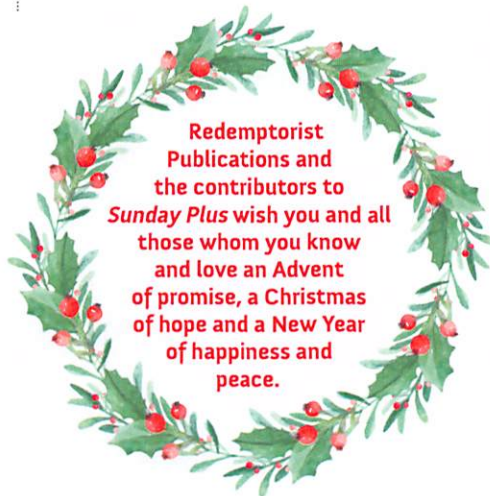
Hidden away in darkness, the baby in Elizabeth's womb recognises the light outside. He leaps in joyful acknowledgement of the Lord, completely alert to his presence. This is how close we are to encountering Jesus and yet we are still hidden away, awaiting the light of Christmas Day. We are not yet experiencing the joy of the baby in the womb, but rather the anticipation of Mary and Elizabeth.

Would we leap for joy if we met Christ today? In the midst of our worries about shopping to be done, presents to be wrapped and meals to be prepared, we might not notice him. It's not too late to experience the reverence and awe of the Advent season, as we prepare for the joy of Christmas. Let us acknowledge with joy the tiny bundle of light which will soon enter the darkness of our world.

Natasha Pritchard has worked in Catholic hospital chaplaincy, youth ministry and is now Area Support Chaplain at Methodist Homes.

Don't let anyone rob you of hope.

Pope Francis



Loving Lord, may this Christmas be a time of hope for everyone I know and love, and also for people whom I may never meet but are equally precious to you. ☩ Amen.

Jubilee 2025

24 December: Opening of the Holy Door of Saint Peter's Basilica

All the four papal basilicas in Rome have a Holy Door which is bricked up from the inside and only opened during Jubilee years. On the first day of the Holy Year, the Pope strikes the brick wall with a hammer and then opens the door to allow pilgrims to enter. He will also close the door at the end of the Jubilee Year. The tradition of the opening and closing of the Holy Door, which represents Jesus, the Good Shepherd and gate of the sheepfold, can be traced back as far as the fifteenth century.

In 2015, Pope Francis allowed for a Holy Door in every diocese and prison globally, thus allowing access to people who couldn't travel to Rome.

The Jubilee of Hope will begin in December 2024 when Pope Francis opens the Holy Door in St Peter's Basilica, closing the doors and the Jubilee on the feast of the Epiphany in 2026.

Pope Francis



Today: Micah 5:1-4 Hebrews 10:5-10 Luke 1:39-45	Monday: Malachi 3: 1-4, 23-24 Luke 1: 57-66	Tuesday: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16 Luke 1:67-79	Wednesday: Vigil Mass: Isaiah 62:1-5 Acts 13:16-17, 22-25 Matthew 1:1-25	Mass During the Night: Isaiah 9:1-7 Titus 2:11-14 Luke 2:1-14	Dawn Mass: Isaiah 62:11-12 Titus 3:4-7 Luke 2:15-20	Thursday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54 - 8:1 Matthew 10:17-22	Friday: 1 John 1:1-4 John 20:1,2-8	Saturday: 1 John 1:5 - 2:2 Matthew 2:13-18	Next Sunday: 1 Samuel 1: 20-22, 24-28 1 John 3: 1-2, 21-24 Gospel: Luke 2:41-52
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Encountering Christ

The Wednesday Prayer Custom for Homes, Schools & Parishes

Prayerfully preparing for Sunday Mass with special prayers for our school families



Set aside 10-15 minutes and create a suitable environment by removing any distractions. Make sure that you are comfortable. Perhaps light a candle. Make the sign of the cross and remain still for a minute of settling silence.



Remember that through this scripture our Lord is truly present. Read the Gospel, aloud and slowly, and pay attention to any words that stand out. If any do, meditate on them for a few minutes and be invited into a dialogue with God.

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Read

The Gospel for Sunday 22nd December 2024

THE VISITATION

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, "Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled."

Taken from Luke 1:39-44 The Fourth Sunday of Advent, Year C

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Reflect

After reading the Gospel, did any words stand out? If they did, ponder or discuss them before proceeding with the reflection.

After spending a few minutes considering this Gospel, continue by reading Fr Henry Wansbrough's reflection.

Luke's account of the birth and infancy of Jesus is built on the comparison and contrast between the two stories of John the Baptist and Jesus: the annunciation to the parents, the birth of each child, the joy on earth and in heaven, the circumcision, the growth of the child. In each incident John is shown to be great, but Jesus greater still. Only in the incident narrated in today's gospel do the two families meet, the two stories cross. We see the two mothers together, marvelling at the destiny of their children. The journey from Nazareth to even the nearest of the towns in the hill country of Judah (traditionally Elizabeth's home is located at Ain Karim, now on the outskirts of Jerusalem) would have been arduous, a week's walk for a fit young woman. This special exertion and generosity shows Mary's love and care for her elderly relative, as well as the natural excitement of the two in sharing their motherhood. Luke has already told us that Mary was filled with the Holy Spirit. Now Elizabeth too is filled with the Holy Spirit as they participate in and exchange the praise of God for the gift of their children.

Is there anyone I know to whom a visit would bring special joy during Christmastide?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

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Respond & Request

Now slowly and prayerfully read the Gospel once again but this time in silence. Consider how this Gospel could apply to your life in general. Thank God for any insight you may have received.

Then ask God to bless you with a spiritual gift to help you act on any resolution you have made. Perhaps: love, hope, understanding, wisdom, faithfulness, peace, patience, humility, joy, forgiveness, self-control, courage, generosity, faith or something else.

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Pray for Families

This Wednesday's word for our school families is VISITORS !

After praying for your loved ones, please remember to pray for our present and future Church, particularly for the families connected to our schools. You may want to conclude this special weekly time with a simple prayer such as:

St Joseph, Patron Saint of Families and Protector of the Church, pray for us. Mary, Star of Evangelisation, pray for us. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

WEDNESDAY WORD PLUS +

Fr Henry's reflections on the first and second readings of **Sunday 22nd December 2024**



1st Reading: Micah 5:1-4

The Ruler from Bethlehem

The Lord says this: You, Bethlehem Ephrathah, the least of the clans of Judah, out of you will be born for me the one who is to rule over Israel; his origin goes back to the distant past, to the days of old. The Lord is therefore going to abandon them till the time when she who is to give birth gives birth. Then the remnant of his brothers will come back to the sons of Israel. He will stand and feed his flock with the power of the Lord, with the majesty of the name of his God. They will live secure, for from then on he will extend his power to the ends of the land. He himself will be peace.

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On this final Sunday of Advent all the focus is on Mary as she prepares to give birth to her Son. The prophecy of Micah reminds us that God's standards are utterly different from human standards. Bethlehem was an insignificant little hilltop town, the home of the smallest clan of Judah, in an insignificant and oppressed country. Yet it had two moments of greatness, one when David was anointed king there, the other when Jesus was born. David was the youngest of his father's sons, left to look after the sheep when all the others were summoned to meet the great prophet Samuel. He stands in the long tradition in the Bible that God chooses the younger or less distinguished: Abel instead of Cain, Jacob instead of Esau, Joseph from among Jacob's sons rather than his elder brothers and Mary had no roof over her head for the birth of her child. We cannot dare to estimate any person's value in God's eyes, but amid all our striving, all the pushing and shoving for priority, we do have a lurking suspicion that those nearest to God, most marked by the image of God, are the humblest and least distinguished of people. Mary was among them. **What qualities distinguish those who have value in God's eyes?**

The ultimate expression of loving obedience is the Cross.



2nd Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10

I am coming to do your will

This is what Christ said, on coming into the world: You who wanted no sacrifice or oblation, prepared a body for me. You took no pleasure in holocausts or sacrifices for sin; then I said, just as I was commanded in the scroll of the book, "God, here I am! I am coming to obey your will." Notice that he says first: You did not want what the Law lays down as the things to be offered, that is: the sacrifices, the oblations, the holocausts and the sacrifices for sin, and you took no pleasure in them; and then he says: Here I am! I am coming to obey your will. He is abolishing the first sort to replace it with the second. And this will was for us to be made holy by the offering of his body made once and for all by Jesus Christ.

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As we prepare for Christmas we are reminded that Jesus came to trump the disobedience of Adam by his own perfect obedience. It was not someone suffering which is the key to the redemption of the world, as though suffering had some value in itself, or paid some penalty. The medieval theology which suggested this tied itself in knots about the recipient of this payment: God or the devil? Neither recipient works out! In Romans Paul is quite clear that the redemptive factor was Jesus' obedience even to the point of suffering on the Cross: 'Just as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience are many to be made upright.' Adam is the image of human disobedience, the disobedience of us all. Today's reading from Hebrews tells us that Jesus was given a body to express his obedience. By his bodily obedience, the guarantee and expression of his full humanity, he brought all bodily men and women back to God. By our bodies we express our obedience, in sickness and in health. Jesus too, in his baby's body, his child's body, his youthful body, his fully mature body, expressed his obedience to his Father. In so doing he prepared for the ultimate expression of loving obedience on the Cross. **What does it mean to you to live in "loving obedience" to God?**

The Wednesday Word Connecting Home, School & Parish through the Word of God

**The Wednesday Word is under the patronage of St Joseph, Patron Saint of Families and Protector of the Church
Within the tradition of the Catholic Church, each Wednesday is dedicated to St Joseph**

Friday 27th December

9.00am
9.30am
10.00am

ST JOHN – Apostle & Evangelist

Church opens for Quiet Prayer
Morning Prayer & Rosary
Mass

Saturday 28th December

7.00am
8.30am
9.30am

THE HOLY INNOCENTS - Martyrs

Church opens for Quiet Prayer
Morning Prayer & Rosary
Mass. Confessions until 11.30am

5.00pm

Vigil Mass of the Sunday

Sunday 29th December 2024

**+THE HOLY FAMILY OF
JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH**

Masses at:

8.00am. 9.30am (Family). 11am (Sung) & 5.00pm



Monday 30th & Tuesday 31st December *Octave days of Christmas* 8.15am Church open.
8.30am Morning Prayer & Rosary. 9.30am Mass

Tuesday 31st December

10.30pm
12 midnight

10.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Service of Readings & Benediction
New Year's Eve Mass

Wednesday 1st January 2025

**+SOLEMNITY OF MARY,
THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

Mass at 12 noon – **Followed by a Buffet Lunch for everyone**



Thursday 2nd January *Saints Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen*

8.15am Church open. 8.30am Morning Prayer & Rosary. **9.30am Mass**

Friday 3rd January *Christmas Feria* 5.00pm Church open; 5.30pm Exposition & Confessions until 7.15pm; 6.30pm E. Prayer & Rosary; **7.30pm Mass**, followed by First Friday Devotions.

Saturday 4th January *Christmas Feria* 7.00am Church open; 8.15am Morning Prayer; 8.30am First Saturday Confessions until 10.00am; 9.30am Rosary and 15 minutes Rosary Prayer; 10.15am First Saturday Devotions; **10.30am Mass**

5.00pm **Vigil Mass of the Epiphany**

Sunday 5th January

Masses at:



+THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

8.00am. 9.30am (Family)
11.00am (Sung). 12.30pm (Italian) **No Evening Mass**

*I would like to wish you all a very happy and holy Christmastide
and a peaceful and blessed New Year.
My prayers always. Fr John*



Catholic Church of Mary, Mother of God

Services for Advent and Christmas 2024



Sunday 1st December

Masses at:

+FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Saturday Vigil Mass of the Sunday – 5.00pm
8.00am. 9.30am (Family)
11.00am (Sung). 12.30pm (Italian) and 5.00pm

Monday 2nd December

8.30am
9.30am

Advent Feria – 8.15am – Church opens for Quiet Prayer
Morning Prayer & Rosary
Mass – with School

Tuesday 3rd December

8.30am
9.30am

St Francis Xavier – 8.15am – Church opens for Prayer
Morning Prayer & Rosary
Mass, followed by Exposition until 11.00am

Wednesday 4th December

8.30am
9.30am

Advent Feria – 8.15am - Church opens for Quiet Prayer
Morning Prayer & Rosary
Mass, followed by Exposition until 11.00am

Thursday 5th December

8.30am
9.30am
6.00pm
6.30pm

Advent Feria - 8.15am – Church opens for Quiet Prayer
Morning Prayer
Mass
Evening Prayer
Mass of the Agony in the Garden
Followed by a Holy Hour of Reparation

Friday 6th December
 5.30pm *Advent Feria* – 5.00pm - Church opens for Quiet Prayer
 6.30pm First Friday Confessions
 7.30pm Evening Prayer and Rosary
 Mass, followed by First Friday Devotions

Saturday 7th December – 1st Saturday *St Ambrose* 7.00am – Church opens for Quiet Prayer
 8.15am Morning Prayer
 8.30am First Saturday Confessions until 10.00am
 9.30am Rosary followed by 15 minutes quiet Rosary prayer
 10.15am First Saturday Devotions to the Immaculate Heart of Mary
 10.30am Mass
 5.00pm Vigil Mass of the Sunday

Sunday 8th December
 Masses at:
+SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT
 8.00am. 9.30am (Family)
 11.00am (Sung). 12.30pm (Italian) and 5.00pm

Monday 9th December **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**
 8.15am Church opens; 8.30am - Morning Prayer & Rosary
 9.30am Mass – with School
 6.00pm Church opens; 6.30pm – Evening Prayer & Rosary
 7.30pm Mass with singing



Tuesday 10th December
 8.30am *O.L. of Loreto* – 8.15am – Church opens for Quiet Prayer
 9.30am Morning Prayer & Rosary
 Mass, followed by Exposition until 11.00am

Wednesday 11th December
 8.30am *St Damasus 1* - 8.15am – Church opens for Quiet Prayer
 9.30am Morning Prayer & Rosary
 Mass, followed by Exposition until 11.00am

Thursday 12th December
 8.30am *O.L. of Guadalupe* - 8.15am – Church opens for Prayer
 9.30am Morning Prayer & Rosary
 Mass, followed by Exposition until 11.00am

Friday 13th December
 5.30pm *St Lucy* - 5.00pm - Church opens for Quiet Prayer
 6.30pm Exposition & Confessions until 7.15pm
 7.30pm Evening Prayer & Rosary
 Mass, followed by Devotions

Saturday 14th December
 8.30am *St John of the Cross* – 7.00am – Church opens for Prayer
 9.30am Morning Prayer & Rosary
 Mass

10.30am - 11.30am Confessions and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 5.00pm Vigil Mass of the Sunday

Sunday 15th December
 Masses at:
+THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT – Gaudete Sunday
 8.00am. 9.30am (Family)
 11.00am (Sung), 12.30pm (Italian) and 5.00pm



Monday 16th December
 8.30am *Advent Feria* - 8.15am – Church opens for Quiet Prayer
 9.30am Morning Prayer & Rosary
 Mass

Tuesday 17th December
 8.30am *Advent Feria* - 8.15am – Church opens for Quiet Prayer
 9.30am Morning Prayer & Rosary
 Mass, followed by Exposition until 11.00am

Wednesday 18th December
 8.30am *Advent Feria* - 8.15am – Church opens for Quiet Prayer
 9.30am Morning Prayer & Rosary
 Mass, followed by Exposition until 11.00am

Thursday 19th December
 8.30am *Advent Feria* - 8.15am – Church opens for Quiet Prayer
 9.30am Morning Prayer & Rosary
 Mass, followed by Exposition until 11.00am

Friday 20th December
 7.00pm **Service of Reconciliation & Forgiveness** (with visiting priests)
 8.30am *Advent Feria* - 8.15am Church opens for Quiet Prayer
 9.30am Morning Prayer & Rosary
 School End of Term Mass

5.00pm Church opens for Quiet Prayer
 5.30pm Confessions until 7.15pm
 6.30pm Evening Prayer & Rosary
 7.30pm Mass, followed by Devotions

Saturday 21st December
 8.30am *Advent Feria* - 7.00am – Church opens for Quiet Prayer
 9.30am Morning Prayer & Rosary
 Mass, followed by confessions + Exposition until 11.30am

5.00pm Vigil Mass of the Sunday

Sunday 22nd December
 Masses at:
+FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT
 8.00am. 9.30am (Family)
 11.00am (Sung). 12.30pm (Italian) and 5.00pm

Monday 23rd December
 8.30am *Advent Feria* - 8.15am – Church opens for Quiet Prayer
 9.30am Morning Prayer & Rosary
 Mass

Tuesday 24th December
 8.15am *Advent Feria*
 8.30am Church opens for Quiet Prayer
 9.30am Morning Prayer & Rosary
 Advent Feria Mass

Tuesday 24th December
 5.00pm **CHRISTMAS EVE**
 7.00pm Family Christmas Mass
 9.00pm Italian Christmas Mass
 10.30pm Office of Readings
 Mass of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Wednesday 25th December
 Masses at:
CHRISTMAS DAY
 8.00am, 9.30am (Family), 11.00am (Sung)
 12.30 (Italian), **No evening Mass today.**

Thursday 26th December
 9.00am **ST STEPHEN, THE FIRST MARTYR**
 9.30am Church opens for Quiet Prayer
 11.00am Morning Prayer & Rosary
 Mass with presentation of medals to our Altar Servers

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ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

ADMISSIONS FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2024/2025

Due to the fact that there are now fewer pupils in London (there is a continued decrease in the population of children) and the issues with finding affordable housing we currently have some places in our Nursery, Reception, Years 1, 2 and 3 2024/2025 year groups.

Please contact the school if you wish to apply for a place for your child.



**THANK YOU PARENTS AND PARISHIONERS FOR
RECOMMENDING OUR SCHOOL AND HELPING TO BUILD
UP OUR PUPIL NUMBERS.**

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'Pupils are eager to come to school each morning because their teachers do their best to help them learn...Pupils learn in a calm environment. This is because the school has high expectations for pupils...Pupils conduct themselves well because they know what is right and have been taught how to behave well. Pupils achieve well across a range of subjects. They are proud to talk about their work which is presented with pride...Warm, caring relationships permeate the school... Pupils are confident that adults will listen to their worries and help them. This means they feel happy and safe...The curriculum is ambitious and well structured...Adults have secure subject knowledge...Leaders have high expectations and are ambitious for pupils...Safeguarding is a priority here.'
(OFSTED Inspection, November 2023).