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Mass – Sunday
Sat 5.30pm (1st Mass of Sunday)
Sun 8am & 10am
Weekdays
Mass Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 9.30am
Thursday as announced
Friday 7pm
Confessions Saturday 10.30am and on call

2nd Sunday of Advent

4/5 December 2021

Saturday 4th December

5.30pm Liam Curran:
Gallagher Family Intention

Sunday 5th December
2nd Sunday of Advent

8am People of the Parish

10am Mirek Cihak RIP (Taylor)

Monday 6th December

9.30am Maureen Rochford RIP
(Kehoe)

Tuesday 7th December
St Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor

9.30am Betty Fernandes RIP
(Danny & Renatta)

Wednesday 8th December
The Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9.30am Li Moi Cheng RIP (Anniv)

Thursday 9th December

NO LITURGY

Friday 10th December

7pm Mirek Cihak RIP (Pratt)

Saturday 11th December

5.30pm Private Intention (Ruane)

Sunday 12th December
3rd Sunday of Advent

8am Jim Love RIP (Anniv)

10am Barbara Chandler RIP
(Anniv)

Second Sunday of Advent

Often, historical accounts of significant people - concentrate on high and mighty figures; Emperors, military commanders and philosophers - just like the gospel text this weekend. We hear this weekend about Tiberius Caesar, Herod the Tetrarch and other 'celebrities'. Yet we know that it would be a mistake to look only at the listed VIPs. This account in Luke's gospel eventually leads us to a young woman, to her husband Joseph - refugees driven by political circumstance. Eventually to a stable and angels - alongside hazardous threats from the same VIPs. In Jesus, God has spoken and intervened powerfully in human history (and in the experience of each one of us). God speaks in unexpected ways and we find him in unexpected places in our lives. The Emperors and VIPs come and go - the hidden child of Bethlehem lives forever within us and AROUND US. (Father Michael). Our Advent prayer: 'Come Lord Jesus. Do not delay. Come and save your people.'

A Catholic education for every Catholic pupil

One of our excellent Catholic Primary schools now has vacancies. ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL ADMISSIONS FOR RECEPTION 2022 (DOB: 01/09/17-31/08/18). Supplementary application forms are now available on the school website. Please also visit Harrow Council's website to apply online. Closing date for receipt of BOTH applications is: 15th January 2022.



2021-2022 – Christmas & New Year

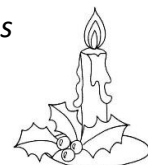
Thursday 23 December The Sacrament of Confession 5pm till 7pm

Friday 24 December – Christmas Eve 5.30pm Christmas Vigil Mass
11pm Carols leading into Mass – ending at Midnight

Saturday 25 December – Christmas Day 8am & 10am Christmas Masses

Sunday 26 December – Holy Family 8am & 10am Masses

Monday 27 December Mass at 10am



Bishop John Sherrington

Our local bishop will be visiting the parish on Sunday 9 January - celebrating the 10am Mass with Father Michael; a Mass of Thanksgiving for Father Michael's years in Stanmore

Completing the month of the faithful departed

On Tuesday last, the final day of November - a special Mass was offered for all the deceased members of the parish family along with those on our Holy Souls lists. With names from funerals held since November 2020; particular mention was made of the deceased priests who have served the parish. Canon James Goggin RIP (Parish Priest 1938-1954). Father Patrick Smythe RIP (Parish Priest 1954-1964). Father Laurence Allen RIP (Parish Priest 1964-1970). Father Francis Finnegan RIP (Parish Priest 1970-1999). Father Cormac Rigby RIP (Parish Priest 1999-2003). Canon Michael Roberts RIP (Parish Priest 2003-2004).

"Honouring Sunday"

This is the name of a document prepared by the bishops of England and Wales - encouraging a safe return to Sunday Mass 'in person'. Largely, Masses-on-line will continue for a while - as the full facts of the current medical circumstances emerge.

The Westminster Diocesan Year Book 2022: Christmas cards and calendars

The Year book is a very useful journal with full details of parishes, priests, religious men and women, permanent deacons, schools and much, much more. There are copies on sale in the repository - only £4.50 - where you will also find other Christmas items.

The feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary

This will take place on Wednesday; a very special and deeply Catholic day. Our Lady from the very first moment of her existence was protected from original sin and its consequences - because of the unique calling she would fulfil as the Mother of our REDEEMER.

First Holy Communion 2022

Calling parents who would like their child to make First Holy Communion in 2022 to collect a copy of the Registration Form (pale green colour) from the table inside the entrance to the Parish Hall. Children need to be in year 3 at school at the moment (or older). Please return the completed form through the letter box of the Presbytery front door. There will be a meeting for parents to attend on the weekend of 8/9th January 2022. Lessons for the children will take place in church starting in January. First Holy Communion Mass will be the weekend of 21/22nd May. Any questions, don't hesitate to ask Carol-Anne at the Sunday 10am Mass.

Father Michael's Retirement – Michael Goode, Chair of the Finance Committee

Parishioners will join me in thanking Fr. Michael for his loving service to the Parish and in wishing Fr. Michael a long, happy and healthy retirement. It is intended that a special event will be held at a suitable date in Spring 2022 for Parishioners to both formally and informally thank Fr. Michael. Your active support and involvement will be sought in making this a truly celebratory event of Father Michael's Ministry.

Readers Rota

<u>4 December 5.30pm</u>	Jennifer Bourke	<u>5 December 8am</u>	Rose Okosi
<u>5 December 10am</u>	Readings John McIntyre, Bidding prayers Ray & Alex		
<u>11 December 5.30pm</u>	Lily Meghji	<u>12 December 8am</u>	Freda Adzinku
<u>12 December 10am</u>	Readings Monika Tabarrok, Bidding prayers Maureen Ruane		
<u>18 December 5.30pm</u>	Monica Clifford	<u>19 December 8am</u>	Georgina Martins
<u>19 December 10am</u>	Readings Carol-Anne Chandler, Bidding prayers Georgia Nwawulor		

Counters Rota

<u>5 December</u>	Judith Brightwell, Monica Assoku, Funmi Da Silva
<u>12 December</u>	Richard Wong, Pearly Jesuthasan
<u>19 December</u>	Amal Graham, Patricia Cleary, Marcello Borgese