



St Joseph's Catholic Church



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Sunday 13th December 2020

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

(Sat.)	6.00pm	Vigil Mass
	9.30am	Mass
	11.30am	Solemn Mass
	5.30pm	Mass

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 14th	10am Mass
St John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church (<i>Memorial</i>)	
Tuesday 15th	10am Mass
Advent Feria	
Wednesday 16th	10am Mass
Advent Feria	
Thursday 17th	10am Mass
Advent Feria	
Friday 18th	10am Mass
Advent Feria	
Saturday 19th	10am Mass
Advent Feria	

READINGS AT MASS

Sundays Year A; Weekdays cycle 2

This Sun: Isaiah 61:1-2,10-11;

1 Thess 5:16-24; John 1:6-8,19-28

M. Numbers 24:2-7,15-17;

Matthew 21:23-27

T. Zephaniah 3:1-2,9-13; Matt 21:28-32

W. Isaiah 45:6-8,18,21-25;

Luke 7:19-23

T. Genesis 49:2,8-10; Matthew 1:1-17

F. Jeremiah 23:5-8; Matthew 1:18-24

S. Judges 13:2-7,24-25; Luke 1:5-25

Next Sun: 2 Samuel 7:1-5,8-16;

Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38

Fourth Sunday of Advent (B)

Shrine Lamp Intentions

St Thérèse: Jerry Wilson RIP - 1st Anniversary (Thérèse Hoey's cousin)

Request a Mass Intention by emailing:

newmaldenparishmassintentions@rcaos.org.uk



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT GAUDETE SUNDAY

Today, the season of Advent shifts its focus. For the first 2 weeks of Advent, the focus can be summed up in the phrase 'The Lord is coming'. But beginning with Gaudete Sunday, it changes to 'The Lord is near'. This shift is marked by a lighter mood and a heightened sense of joyous expectation. Liturgically, the colours lighten as well. The priest wears rose-coloured vestments, a colour seen only on Gaudete Sunday and Laetare Sunday (the 4th Sunday of Lent). Today

we also light the only rose-coloured - or pink - candle on the Advent wreath.

'Gaudete' is Latin for 'Rejoice'. In times when the focus of our anticipation is often negative and fearful, and never more so this year, during these uncertain and worrying times, this celebration is a reminder that God who loves us is still in charge and that we await his coming not with fear, but with tremendous joy.

Today's 2nd Reading, from the First letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians, reflects this joy: *"Be happy at all times; pray constantly; and for all things give thanks to God, because this is what God expects you to do in Christ Jesus."*

CONFIRMATION AT ST JOSEPH'S

This week we welcome Bishop Paul Hendricks who will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on our young people on Wed & Thurs @ 7pm. This should have happened back in June, but sadly had to be postponed twice because of the constraints forced by the current pandemic. We thank God that it is finally happening, Bishop Paul for his presence, Fr Uche for his constant support, Anne D'Silva and the catechists for guiding the candidates throughout their time of preparation. We congratulate the candidates and keep them in our prayers as they journey in faith towards adulthood. Both Masses will be live-streamed on our Youtube channel for you to join them in prayer.

MASS INTENTIONS: Sun (Sat) 6pm Peggy Wright RIP; 9.30 Electa Almeda - Birthday Blessings, 11.30 Brenda Corrie Thanksgiving, 5.30 People of the Parish; Lydia Noble RIP; Mon. 10. Gertrude Arbuckle RIP; Wellbeing of Richard Kagwa; Tue. 10. Ann Collins RIP; Wed. 10. Deceased members of the Patton Family; Thurs. 10. Deceased members of the McElhinney Family; Fri. 10. Elizabeth Barnes RIP; Sat. 10. Norah Keigher RIP. Next Sun (Sat) 6pm Martin Fitzpatrick RIP; 9.30 People of the Parish, 11.30 Antoniette D'Souza RIP, 5.30 Christmas Blessings for the Leite Da Silva Family.

** LIVE STREAMING OF MASSES FROM ST JOSEPH'S

Although we now have Masses back physically in church, we will still be live-streaming a daily Mass, for those who cannot be in church.

Streamed Masses will be the 10am Mass from Mon - Sat, and the Sun 11.30am Mass.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCETxMGsRdJ1GdpsZmaxlFGQ>

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The PARISH OFFICE is officially closed but you can still contact us via the email address above

or by calling 07488 241753 between 10am ~ 1pm

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CHRISTMAS UPDATES

CHRISTMAS 2020 MASSES IN ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH

We are very thankful that St Joseph's along with all other churches, are now open, and we're very much planning, please God, to have all our Christmas Masses in church. Naturally, there will still be limited seat availability, but we would like to give as many people as possible the chance to be physically present at a Christmas Mass. With this in mind, this year we will be having 5 Masses between Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, and depending on demand, we will also be using our hall to accommodate a few extra people - see below for times. Needless to say we will need several STEWARDS, READERS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS, and without these we will not be able to function.

NB. The current situation is that, whilst we have enough stewards for the Christmas Vigil Mass at 5.30pm on Christmas Eve, we are very very short on the other Masses. Please, please think about whether you could help at one of the other Masses listed below so that we can give more people a chance to attend Mass physically at Christmas.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT YOU HAVE TO BOOK CHRISTMAS MASSES LIKE ALL OTHER MASSES. THIS WILL BE ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS FILLING FIRST THE SEATS IN CHURCH, THEN THE ONES IN THE HALL. SADLY, YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND WITHOUT BOOKING.

Thursday 24th, Christmas Eve

Vigil Mass ~ 5.30pm

Readings & Carols ~ 10pm, followed by 'Midnight' Mass ~ 10.30pm

Friday 25th, Christmas Day

Dawn Mass ~ 8am; Masses of the Day ~ 9.30am & 11.30am

NB. No 5.30pm Mass on Christmas Day

CONFESSIONS BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Confessions are currently by appointment only, so please email the parish office at newmalden@rcaos.org.uk, or call 07488 241753 between 10am and 1pm to arrange. Please see future bulletins for changes to this system.

PUTTING FAITH INTO ACTION: LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOUR

Some members of our parish community together with a group of neighbours and friends have decided to do just that during these lockdowns. Every Sunday afternoon, in turn, they bring a slice of cake to the lonely or shielding neighbours on their street and get to know amazing people. A knock on the door and a little slice of cake can really go a long way to spread love & care. And you? How do you put your faith into action? Please share your stories to inspire us to act in this season of giving. Email newmalden@rcaos.org.uk.

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS 2020

This is your personal gift to Fr Uche and a chance to show appreciation for all he does for us - he will give a portion of his offerings to the Missions. This year it will not be possible to attach our usual envelopes to a bulletin, as these are not being printed. However, here are some ways you can make your gift:

- if you use Gift-Aid envelopes, please do use the Christmas Offering one included in the pack. You can either drop these off through the presbytery letterbox or post them.
- If you don't have Gift-Aid Envelopes, you can use any envelope and mark it accordingly.
- Envelopes are now available for you to take home at the back of church. Please bring them back to Mass with you and drop into the baskets on your way in or out.
- You can also make your gift via the Paypal Account below and please remember to reference it. *Many thanks, Agnes.*

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS GIFTS

This year, for obvious reasons, it will not be possible to have our usual Christmas Gift Collection. However we have been in touch with the two charities we usually support, and they assure us that they welcome monetary donations instead, which will help them buy the children's gifts. Please see their replies below:

The Good Counsel Network - As we will still be getting things to the Mothers and children this Christmas, donations would be very welcome at this site: <https://goodcounselnet.co.uk/donate>

The Catholic Children's Society - That is so kind of you! For the Christmas Gift Appeal we're asking our supporters if they can donate gift vouchers this year: <https://www.cathchild.org.uk/christmas-gift-appeal/>

New Diocesan Paypal Account

The Archdiocese of Southwark has successfully signed up to PayPal as a registered charity. The Fundraising Team can set up each church with a dedicated PayPal donate button. We have decided to take advantage of this set up and you will now be able to access [our new donation page here](#) and also from our website.

You can also click on this QR Code if you have a smart phone

When you donate you will be given an option to add a note, so please state there what the donation is for, eg. church donation, Mass Intention, Christmas Offering etc. Please email agnesvella@rcaos.org.uk or call 07488 241753 if you have any queries. Many thanks.



POPE FRANCIS DECLARES YEAR OF ST JOSEPH

In a new Apostolic Letter entitled *Patris Corde* ('With a Father's Heart'), Pope Francis has proclaimed a special 'Year of St Joseph' beginning on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception 2020 and extending to the feast in 2021. The Letter marks the 150th anniversary of Blessed Pope Pius IX's declaration of St Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. Holy Father wrote '*Patris Corde*' against the backdrop of the Covid-19 pandemic, which, he says, has helped us see more

clearly the importance of "ordinary" people who, though far from the limelight, exercise patience and offer hope every day. In this, they resemble Saint Joseph, "the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence," who nonetheless played "an incomparable role in the history of salvation." Saint Joseph, in fact, "concretely expressed his fatherhood" by making an offering of himself in love "a love placed at the service of the Messiah who was growing to maturity in his home," writes Pope Francis, quoting his predecessor St Paul. Please click on these links for more: and http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_letters/documents/papa-francesco-lettera-ap_20201208_patris-corde.html

UPDATE FROM KINGSTON FOOD BANK

Each Christmas we run a Christmas Hamper project and plan this year to fund, pack and deliver up to 1000 full Christmas hampers to families across SW London. We are already starting to receive referrals for that. Details about that project are at www.christmaslunchonjesus.org.uk. That gives opportunities for people to help pack the hampers and distribute them or to donate a gift to buy a hamper for another family. The cost per hamper works out at £30 but includes everything for a full Christmas Day Family Celebration. Donations to this can be made at that website. We purchase all the goods for the hampers at cost from a wholesaler so that they are all freshly delivered on the packing day.

Each Christmas we also publish a Reverse Advent Calendar encouraging families to collect toiletries and household products during December that we can then distribute in the New Year. That might be something you can encourage your families to be part of.

Finally if anyone is using online purchases you can also generate income for Kingston Foodbank by registering at www.easyfundraising.org.uk and selecting Kingston Foodbank as your chosen cause. A percentage of your spend will be donated to Kingston Foodbank.

Please visit: www.kingston.foodbank.org.uk/ for more info, news & updates.

The information below was passed on to us by a Communications Manager at NHS Kingston & Richmond. Please read and consider the contents carefully and pass it on to your family, friends and neighbours.

Think you need to go to A&E? Think NHS 111 First

If you need urgent, but not life-threatening care, call NHS 111 before turning up to an emergency department. If, following a conversation with NHS 111, it is appropriate for you to attend the emergency department you may be scheduled a time to attend.

Thinking NHS 111 First will also help you get to the most appropriate service when you may not have to attend the emergency department. This could include self-care or a slot at your GP practice, a GP hub or a nearby Urgent Treatment Centre.

You can still go to ED and UTC without calling ahead but thinking "NHS 111 First" will mean:

- shorter waiting times via a booked slot at the emergency department or another appropriate service ;
- safe social distancing away from busy emergency department waiting rooms to protect you and others from COVID-19 .



CHRISTMAS AT WINTERSHALL

Come and join Mary and Joseph travelling to Bethlehem at Wintershall this Christmas. Experience the real Christmas story, as you walk through the beautiful grounds of the Wintershall Estate. Meet the Shepherds watching their sheep, spot the Angel as you climb the hill and help the Wise Men find the star. A truly unique and magical experience for families. <https://www.wintershall.org.uk/nativity-winter-walk>

SHOPPING ONLINE: Did you know that if you shop on line with Amazon, they will donate to your chosen charity? Amazon donates 0.5% of the net purchase price to the organisation of your choice. But you do have to make the request. Catholic Voices, a really good charity which supports the promotion of Catholicism, and who have visited our parish in the past, are listed among the charities you can support. You receive the same products, same prices and the same service. Support your charitable organisation by starting your shopping at smile.amazon.co.uk and they will do the rest.

PROCEDURES during NORMAL TIMES

FOR APPOINTMENTS & enquiries, please contact the Parish Office only during office hours - see bottom of front page - unless it's an urgent matter. Any items for the **BULLETIN** need to be received by Tuesday at the very latest. Thank you.

WEDDINGS: Please make sure you give us at least 6 months' notice when applying to get married in a Catholic Church.

BAPTISMS: Usually these take place on the 1st Saturday of the month, but other dates can be agreed should there be the need. Please ring the Parish Office for enquiries.

REQUESTING A MASS INTENTION: If you know the date you would like a Mass Intention for, please request it as far ahead as possible, and we will endeavour to accommodate the date asked for. If an urgent need for prayer arises, we will do our best to shift an existing Intention, with the agreement of the donor of course.

MASS INTENTIONS & SHRINE LAMP INTENTIONS: envelopes are available at the back of church. Please return via the Presbytery letter box or hand to one of the clergy.

WEBSITE: If your parish group's details need mentioning / updating on our website please email: newmalDENparishwebEDITOR@rcaos.org.uk.

BILLINGS NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING: for confidential time with our Parish's Natural Family Planning advisers, who are also involved in our Marriage Preparation Programmes, please ring Dymphna on 07775 163693 for an appointment.

SVP (ST VINCENT DE PAUL): Our Parish SVP can now be additionally contacted at: SVPNewMalden@gmail.com. Please get in touch if you or anyone you know needs practical or spiritual help, giving both your details and those of the person/s concerned.

CANDLES IN CHURCH: Please NEVER leave lighted candles in church - **these are a fire hazard!** You can light only Votive Candles provided at the Shrines & for Adoration.

PLEASE MAKE SURE CHILDREN ARE SUPERVISED when in church. Please do not let them wander about unattended as it is disrespectful and possibly dangerous as there are always lighted candles in church.

URGENTLY NEEDED IN THE PARISH

(for normal time, with God's help)

Caretakers: We are in need of one or two volunteers to act as caretakers for our parish. If there are any able-bodied people out there who feel they can offer some time to help with the general running of the Church Premises, however little or much it is, would you please contact Agnes in the Parish Office by email or on 07488 241753.

Cleaners: As many of you may know, our church is cleaned by a very small dedicated group of parishioners, who give up one hour a month of their time to keep it looking clean and beautiful. They are in urgent need of a boost, so please please do consider this seriously. The cleaning is normally done every Saturday from 8-9am, and will re-start once the church is open.

From our Diocesan Safeguarding Office *Reporting abuse*

If you are concerned about the welfare of a child or adult at risk, do not delay in contacting the police, using 999 if a child or adult is believed to be in immediate danger.

It is the policy of the Catholic Church in England and Wales to report all allegations of abuse to statutory authorities, regardless of whether the abuse occurred recently or in the past, or whether the accused person is living or deceased.

If you are in any role within the Catholic Church in England and Wales, you must refer allegations directly to the safeguarding office for your diocese or religious congregation, or directly to the Police.

If you are a member of the public, please refer allegations directly to the police and also to the safeguarding office in your diocese. You can contact the Archdiocese of Southwark Safeguarding Office by phoning 020 7261 1606 or email: safeguardingoffice@rcaos.org.uk.