



# St Joseph's Catholic Church



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Sunday 15th December 2019 GAUDETE Sunday THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)

## SUNDAY MASS TIMES

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

## WEEKDAY MASSES

**Monday 16th** 7 & 10am Mass  
Advent Feria  
**Tuesday 17th** 7 & 10am Mass  
Advent Feria  
**Wednesday 18th** 10am Mass  
Advent Feria  
**Thursday 19th** 7 & 10am Mass  
Advent Feria  
**Friday 20th** 7 & 10am Mass  
Advent Feria  
**Saturday 21st** 10am Mass  
Advent Feria (St Peter Canisius,  
Priest & Doctor of the Church)

## OTHER SERVICES

**Rosary:** Monday- Saturday  
after the 10am Mass (except Thurs)

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Thursdays  
from 10am Mass, all day, until 9pm.

## CONFESSIONS

**Thursday** 6.30 - 7.30pm;  
**Saturdays** 10.30 - 11.30 & 5.15 - 5.45.

## READINGS AT MASS

**Sundays Year A; Weekdays cycle 1**  
**This Sun:** 35:1-6,10;  
James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11  
**M.** Num 24:2-7,15-17; Matt 21:23-27  
**T.** Gen 49:2,8-10; Matthew 1:1-17  
**W.** Jeremiah 23:5-8; Matt 1:18-24  
**Th.** Judges 13:2-7,24-25; Lk 1:5-25  
**F.** Isaiah 7:10-14; Luke 1:26-38  
**S.** Song of Songs 2:8-14; Lk 1:39-45  
**Next Sun:** Isaiah 7:10-14;  
Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-24  
4th Sunday of Advent (A)

**ROTAS** Team 3 today 15th Dec  
Team 4 next Sun 22nd December

## COLLECTIONS

last weekend:  
Gift Aid Standing Orders £ 1,164  
+Gift Aid weekly envelopes £ 461  
+Cash £794 **Parish total £ 2,419**  
**Advent Charity £ 365.74**

Please visit and browse our  
**BOOKSHOP** for all your  
Advent goods & Christmas  
cards, candles, cribs, Religious  
Art Calendars, etc. Open after  
every weekend Mass and  
Mon-Wed from 10.40 - 11.10am.

## Today, 15th December, is GAUDETE SUNDAY

On our Advent journey, today is when we shift our reflection from "the Lord is coming" to "the Lord is near." We rejoice as we light the pink candle on our Advent wreath - we are more than half-way to Christmas! This third Sunday of Advent is called "Gaudete" Sunday based on the first word of the Latin Entrance Antiphon for this day, meaning "Rejoice", taken from **Philippians 4:4,5**: "Gaudete in Domino semper" ("Rejoice in the Lord always"). Since Advent is a penitential season, the priest wears purple vestments, but on Gaudete Sunday, having passed the midpoint of Advent, the Church lightens the mood a little and the priest wears rose vestments. This is the Church's way of further heightening our expectation as we draw ever nearer the Solemnity of Christmas. Providing us with encouragement to continue our spiritual preparation is another reason why the third candle of the Advent wreath, which is lit on Gaudete Sunday, is traditionally rose-coloured.

**Today SUNDAY 15th, Gaudete (Joy) Sunday**, you're all invited to bring the Baby Jesus from your Family Crib for the Blessing of Bambini at all Masses THIS weekend. Please come up to the front of the church when instructed.

**CORPUS CHRISTI SCHOOL CAROL SERVICE** - 7pm Monday 16th December - all welcome.

**HOLY CROSS SCHOOL CAROL SERVICE** - 7pm Tuesday 17th December - all welcome.

**ALTAR SERVERS' CHRISTMAS OUTING** - this Saturday 21st December at Nando's for all Altar Servers, young & not so young! Meet in church at 12noon. Please sign up in the Servers' Sacristy.

2nd Collections during Advent are for our **ADVENT CHARITY**.

## CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS

This is your personal gift to Fr Uche, who will give a portion of his offerings to the Missions. If you give by Gift-Aid envelopes, please use the one from your box. If not, please use the attached Christmas offering envelope.

**MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK:** Sun (Sat) 6pm Eddie Boyd RIP, 9.30 Mr & Mrs Nagle, 11.30 People of the Parish, 5.30 Ann Collins RIP; Mon. 7. Carlo De Grubellis RIP, 10. R Coelho RIP; Tue. 7. Louisa Njoku RIP, 10. Luigi Angelillo RIP; Wed. 10. Elizabeth Barnes RIP; Thurs. 7. Eileen Hughes, 10. Martin Fitzpatrick RIP; Fri. 7. Roseline Creedon RIP, 10. Louisa Njoku RIP; Sat. 10. Raymond Brand RIP. Sun (Sat) 6pm The Bassett Family, 9.30 Mr & Mrs J Hourigan, 11.30 Aloysius Corrie RIP, 5.30 People of the Parish.

**SHRINE LAMPS:** Our Lady: Mrs J Nagle; Ng Family Thanksgiving  
Sacred Heart: Robert Alford Wellbeing; St Joseph: Frank Vella's 70th Birthday  
St Therese/St John Fisher: For a Joyful Advent Sunday; St Pius X: Louisa Njoku RIP  
St Thomas More/St Anthony: Anthony Vella's Birthday Thanksgiving

## MORE HELP NEEDED for Collecting and Welcoming on Christmas Day, especially at the 11.30am Mass.

If you can help, please email Katharine Cook at philipcook1@waitrose.com or give your name and phone number or email to a welcomer. **Thank you.**

## St Joseph's Presbytery & Parish Office

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**\*\*PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Monday to Friday, 9.30am - 12.30pm - so weekday mornings are the best time to call\*\***

**A GIFT FOR CHRISTMAS** - Buy an extra gift and bring it to Mass by **THIS weekend, 14th / 15th December**, 3rd Sunday of Advent, for children who have been saved from abortion via the Good Counsel Network, and others in the care of the Westminster Catholic Children's Society. Attach a label to your wrapped gift, indicating age and gender, and leave them at the Pastoral Centre's drop-off point. **NB. Gifts can be brought in by the end of the 5.30pm Mass this Sunday at the very latest.**

**QUEEN OF APOSTLES SCHOOL SPONSORSHIP** Thanks to all who sponsored children last year. the sponsorship for next year is now due - £30 for a Primary student, and £50 for a Secondary student. **This money is due in by tomorrow Monday 16th December at the latest.** Please put cash or cheques payable to 'St Joseph's Catholic Church' through the Presbytery letterbox or pass on to Fr Uche directly.

**PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE** - 4 Nights £529 - Deposit £250 - Single Supplement £75.00. Includes: Return flights, return transfers, 3\* accommodation with breakfast and dinner daily, local guide and full programme. See poster at the back of church. Please book online at [www.aglowpilgrimages.com/medjugorjepilgrimages/heathrow/25thmay#](http://www.aglowpilgrimages.com/medjugorjepilgrimages/heathrow/25thmay#), or arrange to collect a booking form from the parish office. More information on 0800 689 4792.

**Next week's bulletin is the Christmas Bumper Edition, which will see us through to the 5th January. Any items for inclusion need to be received by Tuesday 17th at the very latest please.**

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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.



**FOLLOW ME** - the Parish Bible Study Course. If you were unable to attend the two launch meetings last week, but might like more details of the course, please contact Gill on 020 8715 3380.

**THE FOOD BANK** provides emergency food and support to local people in crisis. As we approach Advent and Christmas, demand for help from the Food Bank will increase significantly. Your generous donations are more important than ever in helping those who need our support. The items urgently needed at the moment are: **Long Life Milk, Biscuits, Tinned Fish, Tinned Meat, Noodles, Pasta Sauce, Jam and Spreads, Instant Mashed Potato.** Also welcome are: **Rice Pudding, Custard, Fruit Juice & Cereal.** We collect every 1st weekend. Donations to be left in the allocated area in the Pastoral Centre Corridor next to the bookshop.

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

We have some Mass Intentions still available from the second half of January through into February.

**Fr Uche can also take some intentions to be said in Nigeria whilst he is there during January.**

**A Catholic friend** of the parish is starting up her own business -

**UNIQUE.CHENIQUE** - which offers Beauty Treatments, Birthday Parties for children, Christmas Stockings SLIME Vouchers, etc. To book or for enquiries call 07904 880 448 or go to the link above.

### **PILATES at St Joseph's Hall**

**Wednesdays 3.30pm - 4.30pm -  
back in the New Year from Wed 8th Jan  
Ongoing 6 week courses -  
Beginners Welcome**

A gentle-paced class using a blend of Pilates mat exercises and Somatic movement to help strengthen and lengthen the muscles of the body. The sessions will focus on alignment and ease of movement, developing awareness of how the body moves. The ultimate aim is to move with increased fluidity, strength and grace. Please wear comfortable clothing that you can move easily in, and bring your own mat. Cost: 6 week course - £48, or £10 drop-in (cash or cheque).

For further details contact Anne Gilpin at [gilpinpilates@gmail.com](mailto:gilpinpilates@gmail.com) or 07796 044882