

St Joseph's Catholic Church



1 Montem Road, New Malden, Surrey KT3 3QW Sunday 6th December 2020 catholicnewmalden.org 020 8942 2602 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)

(From next Sunday)
SUNDAY MASS TIMES

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

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 7th 10am Mass St Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church (*Memorial*)

Tuesday 8th 10am Mass THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (Feast) *

Wednesday 9th Advent Feria, or St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

Thursday 10th 10am Mass Advent Feria, or The Blessed Virgin Mary of Loreto

Friday 11th 10am Mass Advent Feria, or St Damasus I, Pope

Saturday 12th 10am Mass Advent Feria, or Our Lady of Guadalupe

READINGS AT MASS Sundays Year A; Weekdays cycle 2

This Sun: Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11; 2 Peter 3:8-14; Mark 1:1-8

M. Isaiah 35:1-10; Luke 5:17-26

T. Genesis 3:9-15,20; Ephesians 1:3-6,11-12; Luke 1:26-38 *

W. Isaiah 40:25-31; Matthew 11:28-30

T. Isaiah 41:13-20; Matthew 11:11-15

F. Isaiah 48:17-19; Matthew 11:16-19

S. Ecclesiasticus 48:1-4,9-11; Matthew 17:10-13

Next Sun: Isaiah 61:1-2,10-11; 1 Thess 5:16-24; John 1:6-8,19-28 **Third Sunday of Advent (B)**

Shrine Lamps Intentions

can now be requested again. Please send them to newmalden@rcaos.org.uk.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B

On this, the Second Sunday of Advent, we are given the person of St. John the Baptist to ponder. What a gift he is! Jesus Himself stated that "among those born of women there has been



none greater than John the Baptist". (Matthew 11:11). Two things made John so great. First of all, he was the transition from the Old Testament Prophets to the New Testament. He was the bridge that prepared for the new life to come. Second was his virtue - that of humility. He saw himself as nothing other than a "voice of one crying out in the desert." And the Word he spoke was Jesus. Reflect, today, upon this humility in your own life. Do you tend to point to yourself or to Christ? Do you seek the praise of others or do you humbly point all praise and glory to God? Humility is the path that St John the Baptist took and it's the path we must strive for each and every day. Lord, thank You for the gift of St John the Baptist. May his witness of humility inspire me in my Christian walk. Help me, Lord, to always point others to You rather than to myself. Jesus, I trust in You.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS: Sun (Sat) 6pm Raimondo Family RIP, 9.30 People of the Parish; Thanksgiving for Atichii Pongsaksiri, 11.30 John White RIP, 5.30 For Prayers offered by parishioners & friends for the safe return of Camilo Alvares; Mon. 10. Mr A Packianathar RIP; Patricia Ismail RIP; Tue. 10. James & Betty Booth RIP; Wed. 10. In Loving Memory of Tony Matters; Thurs. 10. Alison Jane Stark RIP; Fri. 10. Joe D'Souza RIP; Sat. 10. Anna Giacom RIP. Next Sun (Sat) 6pm Peggy Wright RIP; 9.30 Electa Almeda - Birthday Blessings, 11.30 Brenda Corrie Thanksgiving, 5.30 People of the Parish.

Request a Mass at <u>newmaldenparishmassintentions@rcaos.org.uk</u>.

**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

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. Needless to say we will need several STEWARDS, READERS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS, and without these we will not be able to function. I will be sending an email out to see everybody's availability. The Mass times will be as follows:

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.

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/ Or a general charity donation would be wonderful – we'd be grateful for any support you can offer!

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

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' third Encyclical Letter, Fratelli Tutti, was published on the 20th October 2020. It is based on the Parable of the Good Samaritan, and is worth reading. It can be accessed on the <u>Vatican website</u>, or just putting 'Fratelli Tutti' into google. Here is the introduction the Pope wrote:

1."FRATELLI TUTTI". With these words, Saint Francis of Assisi addressed his brothers and sisters and proposed to them a way of life marked by the flavour of the Gospel. Of the counsels Francis offered, I would like to select the one in which he calls for a love that transcends the barriers of geography and distance, and declares blessed all those who love their brother "as much when he is far away from him as when he is with him". In his simple and direct way, Saint Francis expressed the essence of a fraternal openness that allows us to acknowledge, appreciate and love each person, regardless of physical proximity, regardless of where he or she was born or lives.

Message from Fr Anthony Chantry, Missio National Director: Thank you from Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. Through your Red Box or other gifts, including your generous response on World Mission Sunday, you are a missionary, helping to spread God's word and share God's love for all his people. Thank you for your time, your gifts and your prayers for our brothers and sisters across the world. You will be held in prayer at Mass each day by the Mill Hill community and at Missio's chapel in London. Your gifts are transforming lives - see <code>missio.org.uk</code>.

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.

SACRAMENTAL UPDATE

BAPTISMS - We hope to be able to re-start Baptisms again now the government and diocesan guidelines allow it.

CONFIRMATION St Joseph's Confirmation preparation programme begins in January 2021. We welcome all young people in Year 9 and upwards to register and prepare to receive this auspicious Sacrament. The Programme consists of an Enrolment Mass, twice monthly sessions starting on Zoom with additional activities and a retreat. The Sacrament will be conferred in July 2021.

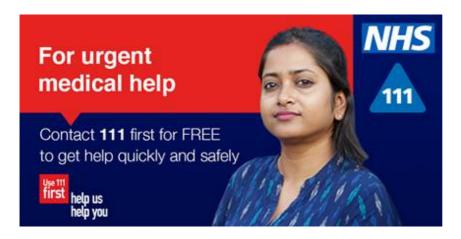
Please complete any remaining forms & email them to newmalden@rcaos.org.uk, by Monday 6th December.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - info re next year's programme to follow. Watch this space!.

RCIA - Please email the parish office at newmalden@rcaos.org.uk asap, if you are an adult interested in exploring the Catholic Faith, becoming a Catholic, or are a Catholic who would like to be Confirmed.

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.

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.

FOR APPOINTMENTS & enquiries, please contact the Parish Office <u>only</u> <u>during office hours</u> - 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.

SVP (ST VINCENT DE PAUL): Our Parish SVP can now be additionally contacted at: <u>SVPNewMalden@gmail.com</u>. 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.

URGENTLY NEEDED IN THE PARISH

(for normal time, with God's help)

<u>Caretakers</u>: We are in need of one or two volunteers to act as caretakers for our parish. If there are any ablebodied 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.

<u>Cleaners</u>: 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 <u>normally</u> 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.