

MASS INTENTIONS

2nd December – 9th December 2018

Sunday 2 nd Dec:	9.30am	Gladys Keating RIP
First Sunday of Advent	11.00am	Seci Mariano & Micheletti Ines (Collina Family)
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Monday 3 rd Dec: (St Francis Xavier)	9.30am	Private Int.
Tuesday 4 th Dec: (St John Damascene)	9.30am	Holy Souls
Wednesday 5 th Dec:	9.30am	Schilling Family
Thursday 6 th Dec: (St Nicholas)	9.30am	Church Closed
Friday 7 th Dec: (St Ambrose)	9.30am	Holy Souls
Saturday 8 th Dec: The Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary	9.30am	Joseph Nemeth & Maria Hluchan (Aver)
Sunday 9 th Dec: Second Sunday of Advent	9.30am 11.00am 6.30pm	Mae Garofolin People of the Parish Private Int.
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Parishioners and Friends who are sick:

Please remember in your prayers all those who are sick, especially, Baby Ria Moreno, Stuart Howes, Pamela Raggett, Jamie Gilmour, Manuel Campello, Anna Cleary, Mario D'Souza, Josephine Edward and Christopher Holland.

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Sunday Masses: 9.30am,
11.00am and 6.30pm.

Confessions (Reconciliation):
Saturdays 10am-10.30am
& 5pm-5:30pm

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Advent

We hear the word 'advent' quite a lot every December – usually attached to the word 'calendar' and with the promise of chocolate attached!

Advent is the beginning of the church year. It is the period of time immediately before Christmas when Christians get ready to celebrate Jesus' birth. It begins four Sundays before Christmas and ends with Christmas Day itself. The word 'advent' means 'coming': it is a period to reflect on God's coming to earth. During this time Christians remember when God came 2000 years ago in the person of Jesus, but also to look forward to the time when He will come again.

Over time, many traditions have sprung up around the advent season. Churches have always 'dressed' for advent, lighting candles each Sunday in preparation for the final candle representing Jesus, light of the world, which is lit on Christmas Day to celebrate his arrival. We use this time as a period of preparation and it is seen as a good time to pray more, fast more and go to Confession so we may be ready to welcome Christ more fully into our lives at Christmas.

Parish & Local News

25th November 2018

Collection £542.63 + Standing Orders £400
Total Offertory: £942.63 Catholic Youth Service: £178.61

Children's Liturgy:

Sunday 2nd December Group 4 "Christmas Presents"
Sunday 9th December Group 5 "Shepherds and Angels"

Altar Servers rota:

Sunday 2nd Dec: 9.30&11am Team 2 6.30pm Team 1
Sunday 9th Dec: 9.30&11am Team 1 6.30pm Team 2

Cleaners rota:

Monday 3rd December: Team 2 Saturday 15th December: Team 3

Christmas Fair: Gifts and Bottles needed!

This week we need many more:

- Bottles for the Tombola (alcoholic and non-alcoholic)
- Bric-a-brac
- Toy donations
- Gifts of all kinds

Please bring them to the Parish House during office hours (office and Church are closed Wednesday afternoon and all day Thursday). Also, fresh cakes on the Saturday afternoon and Sunday 9th December before 9.30am, in the hall. Thank you in advance for all your support.

Also, if you are able to help with our Christmas Fair in other ways, please see all the various volunteer sign-up sheets at the back of church.

Bacon Rolls after Mass this Sunday

Bacon Rolls will be offer in the Church Hall after 9.30am Mass this morning. Please do join us for our monthly breakfast together.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

This group started last Monday and there was an encouraging start. Anyone interested in finding out more about Catholicism is welcome to come along next Monday at 7.30pm in the Priest's house. More information from Canon Francis.

St Mary Magdalen Volunteer Rotas for 2019: Updates and new members

We need new volunteers across all our rotas: Readers, cleaners, altar linens, counting the collection. If you are happy to help once/twice a month please let Canon Francis know or email the parish office on mortlake@rcaos.org.uk. Also, if you would like to be taken off of a rota please let the office know in the next 10 days as the new rotas are already being created for 2019.

SVP Baby Feeding Centres in Sudan Appeal

Our annual Parish appeal supporting the SVP Baby feeding centres in Sudan and South Sudan will took place in November. After each Mass we were selling gift cards and collecting donations. You can still purchase a card for £50 by cash or cheque payable to "SVP Twinnage" Many thanks for your continued generosity.

Confirmation Collection for Charity

The candidates who received Confirmation this November also raised £1024.10 of funds at their Mass Collection, to donate to their chosen two charities: Cancer Research UK & Momentum, which is a charity supporting children facing life threatening illnesses. Thank you to the candidates and all those who donated.

Pastoral Letter from the Archbishop

Archbishop Peter has written a letter to all churches within Southwark. Copies of this letter are available at the back of Church beside the newsletters.

First Holy Communion 2019

The classes for 1st communion for children in year 3 (or above) will begin in January and the new applications are available at the back of the church for those who do not attend St Mary Magdalen school. They need to returned by Dec 10th. Families at St Mary Magdalen school (year 3) will have heard through the school.

Catholics working in non-Catholic Schools

The Archdiocese of Southwark Education Commission would like to invite you to one of two twilight sessions. Twilight run from 6:30pm to 8:30pm.

14th January 2019 – Amigo Hall, St George's Cathedral, Westminster Bridge Road SE1 6HR

17th January 2019– St Francis Catholic Primary School, Queen's Road, Maidstone ME16 0LB. More information via Southwark Archdiocese website.

Advent Booklets

Booklets which help us prepare for Christmas are available at the back of the church. They are titled "My Day by Day" and come in Infant; Junior and Adult edition. Please put 50p in the "newspaper" wall box to help cover the costs.

Holy Father's Prayer Intention for December

May every country take the necessary measures to make the future of the very young, especially those who suffer, a priority.

Catholic History Walks - London at Christmas and the New Year

Join us for seasonal walks through Westminster and Victoria, taking in Christmas trees and crib-scenes. Meet at Westminster Cathedral. Nearest Tube:

Victoria. Sunday 16th December 2018 & Wednesday 2nd January 2019, both at 3pm. Walks may take up to two hours. Cost: £5, concessions available.

Contact: chwalkslondon@gmail.com.