



# NEWSLETTER

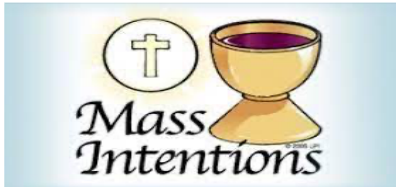


Catholic Church of Mary Immaculate and St Gregory the Great

## 1st Sunday of Advent

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### THIS WEEK



#### **Sun 27th 1st Sunday of Advent**

**6.00pm\***: Martin Murphy (ann)+  
**8.30am**: Franz + Teresa Buhagiar+  
**10.30am**: Linda Atkinson+  
**6.00pm**: Brigid Costello+

#### **Mon 28th**

**6pm**: Sr. Joan (ints)

#### **Tue 29th**

**9.30am**: Morning Prayer  
**10.00am**: Joseph Medayil+  
**7.00pm**: SVP (Parish Hall)

#### **Wed 30th**

**No Mass**

#### **Thurs 1st December**

**10.00am**: Mary Harris+  
**10.30am**: Coffee Morning (JP Room)  
**7.00pm**: Funeral Reception for Ann Coggins

#### **Friday 2nd**

**9.30am**: Morning Prayer (Church)  
**10.00am**: John D'Souza (ann+)  
**2.00pm**: Christian Meditation (Church)  
**7.30pm**: **Mass of Transformation**  
Mary Harris+

#### **Sat 3rd St Francis Xavier**

**6pm\***: Mary Harris+

#### **Sun 4th 2nd Sunday of Advent**

**8.30am**: Paddy McDonagh (ints)  
**10.30am**: Maurice Hunt+  
**6.00pm**: Graham Hammond (ints)

### Watching out for Christ

Watch therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But know this, that if the householder had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have watched and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready; for the Son of man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

As we enter the sacred Season of Advent, we are called to live our lives in light of Jesus' promise to return again as our Lord and Judge on the final day of judgment. Jesus gives two striking images to illustrate the urgency of the need to not be caught off guard and unprepared when we are suddenly summoned to appear before the Lord. The first image Jesus used is a description of two men working together in the field - very likely close family members or close co-workers. One is suddenly taken away and the other is left. What is striking about this parable is the sudden and unexpected turn of events - a summons to appear before the Judge to hear his verdict on the day of reckoning when he acts to separate the just from the unjust. All who had faith in Jesus Christ receive the just reward of everlasting joy and friendship in his kingdom of righteousness and peace.

Jesus' second story of the thief in the night brings home the necessity for constant watchfulness. While no thief would announce his intention in advance, nor the time when he would strike, lack of vigilance would nonetheless invite disaster for those who do not keep a watchful eye. Satan tries to rob us of our faith in Jesus Christ and the treasure of the kingdom which Christ has won for us.

The Lord Jesus Christ calls us to be alert and watchful for his coming. He comes to us each and every day and he knocks on the door of our heart and home. As a Parish let us listen for his voice and welcome him into our lives.

**Fr John**

"The times we live in today do not call for young people to become "couch potatoes", sitting around all day in front of a screen, but for young people with shoes, or better, boots laced. It only takes players on the first squad, and it has no room for bench-warmers...History today calls us to defend our dignity and not to let others decide our future. As he did on Pentecost, the Lord wants to work one of the greatest miracles we can experience; he wants to turn your hands, my hands, our hands, into signs of reconciliation, of communion, of creation. He wants your hands to continue building the world of today." Pope Francis World Youth Day 2016.

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## Update on 19th November 2022 Fundraising Event

Thank you to everyone who attended the Art decor Orchestra Event last Saturday, we raised a total of £5,068.21 towards the building fund. A special thank you goes to a private donor, who donated a huge amount towards the event. God bless you all.

Fr John

## Christmas Fair Appeal

Thank you to everyone who has kindly contributed goods for our Christmas fair. We still need your help to fill our stalls - a box is in the porch for your donations:

Bottles (preferably filled!)

Chocolates

Any unwanted 'gifts' for our nearly new gift stall

Sweets for our jars (no jars needed)

Home-made cakes or muffins (list is near the box) and...

if possible a donation towards our grand raffle.

**HELP IS NEEDED** on the day (even if it is only an hour). Please email Janet: [janetnestor@hotmail.com](mailto:janetnestor@hotmail.com) she will be in touch!

**GRAND RAFFLE:** Tickets will be on sale after all weekend masses TODAY and 3rd/4th December: £1.00 a ticket.

**FIRST PRIZE:** £200.00 cash.

**SECOND PRIZE:** Christmas Hamper.

**THIRD PRIZE:** Bottle of Champagne plus more.... Draw will take place half an hour before the Fair closes. 'You have to be in it; to win it!' Don't miss out!

PLEASE SUPPORT US ON THE DAY:  
**SUNDAY 11 DECEMBER:** 9.30AM TO 12.30PM – TOMBOLAS, GIFT STALL, CAKES, REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE AND MUCH MORE...

# NOTICES

## WELCOME

### PARISH NOVENA

I am delighted to present our new parish novena and consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Our novena will begin on 30th November. This is a wonderful way to journey through the Advent season and prepare for our Patronal Feast on 8th December. We will conclude with a parish-wide consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary at all parish masses at the weekend of December 10th/11th.

We will be praying this together with full confidence in Our Lady's blessings and God's continued work in our parish. So let us step out in faith together.

Fr. John

### Advent Day by Day Booklets

For 2022 are available in the porch priced £1.00 each. Please place money in the box "Marked Repository"

### Pax Christi Advent 2022 Peace Service

Followed by alternative Christmas market.

When: Saturday 3rd December

Time: 2pm

Where: Church of the Holy Apostles

47 Cumberland Street

Pimlico, London SW1V 4LY

### Funeral Reception & Mass

The Reception into Church for Colum Giblin will take place on Monday 5th December at 5pm and the Requiem Mass on 6th December at 10am. Please pray for his reposed soul and for family and friends.

### Funeral Reception

The Reception into Church for Ann Coggins will take place on Thursday 1st December at 7pm. Please pray for her reposed soul, her husband, children, family and friends.

### Saturday RE Classes

Classes for children at non-Catholic primary schools are welcome to come and learn about their Catholic Faith.

During the sessions we pray together, we talk, sing songs and make new friends. **Venue:**

The JP Room

**Time:** From 9.30am to 10.45am

**Dates:** December: 3rd & 18th

### FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Please remember in your prayers the Sick and Homebound including:

Steven Hunt, Janine Kelly, Gabriel Dempsey, Suzanne Greig, Sinead Mayes, Monica Thompson, Rosemary Chester, Paul Reed, Marian Darby, Ken Quigley, Mary Geraghty, Edel O'Sullivan, Linda Quilter, Emanuele & Carlotta Brunelli, Stuart Atkinson, Pat Cosgrove, Bernadette Hunt, Roberto Lusignani, Elaine Brennan, Mark O'Brien, Rita Rawlings, Joe Connolly, Eric Power, Michael Keyes, Eileen Robbins, John Chuter, Margaret Greaney, Veronica Soosay, John Thompson, Lucretia Olivier-Hall, David John Hall, Paul and Nicola Dempsey,

**Recently Deceased:** Ann Coggins & Colum Giblin

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