SAINT AGNES CATHOLIC CHURCH

A parish of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Westminster

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✞ 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR A ✞ (Mass Book Page 82)

30th November 2025

TIMES OF MASSES

Weekday Masses
Monday - Friday 9:15am
Saturday Mass 10:00am

Sunday Masses
Saturday 6:30pm(Vigil (Sun)
Sunday 9.00 am
10.30am
12.00pm

Confessions
Saturday 5.30pm - 6pm
or by arrangement

Adoration & Benediction
Saturday 5.30 - 6.15pm

Church Opening times:
Mon – Fri 8am - 3pm
Sat 8am –7.30pm
Sun 8am - 1.30pm

Registered Charity No 233699

Parish Office Opening times: 9am to 1pm on Monday - Thursday only, closed on Friday

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Liturgy & Mass Intentions

Sat 29th November Saturday Memorial of BVM Adoration begin at 5.30pm followed by Benediction at 6pm	10am 6.30pm (Vigil)	Jared Ikazoboh (Birthday Thanks...) HOLY SOULS Mary Molloy RIP (RIP - 2nd Anniv) Torick O'Connor (Month's Mind)
Sun 30th November + FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	9am 10.30am 12pm	HOLY SOULS Pro Populo Michael Reilly (RIP - Remembrance)
Mon 1st December Advent feria	9.15am	Nicole Kennedy (Int) Casandra & Alexia Chang (Thanks...)
Tue 2nd December Advent Feria	9.15am	Adrian Ukpabi (RIP) Francis Conway (Get Well)
Weds 3rd December Advent Feria	9.15am	Adrian Ukpabi (RIP) Joseph Burke (RIP)
Thurs 4th December Advent Feria	9.15am 12pm	Adrian Ukpabi (RIP) Mary Daly (RIP) Funeral of Joseph O'Toole RIP
Fri 5th December Advent Feria (Friday Abstinence)	9.15am	Adrian Ukpabi (RIP) Bridie Drrig (RIP)
Sat 6th December Advent Feria Adoration begin at 5.30pm followed by Benediction at 6pm	10am 6.30pm (Vigil)	Adrian Ukpabi (RIP) Doreen O'Toole RIP (RIP - Anniv) Peggy Griffin (RIP - Anniv)

NOW IS THE TIME TO PREPARE!: This is the season to string up Christmas lights, decorate the tree, plan party menus, and buy gifts at shopping centres where it's close to impossible to find parking, especially here in Cricklewood. No wonder people are illegally parking in our church car parks, and thus making it difficult for Mass goers.

Oddly enough, we constantly complain about how fast time flies, but we speed through a whole month to get to the holiday season. The to-do list of things that take over our lives leading up to the Christmas season usually causes more stress and anguish than joy. Brothers and Sisters, remember this is Advent season not the Christmas season. So don't skip or fast-forward it!

Thankfully, the liturgical season of Advent is here to rescue Christmas. Advent is a time when we can step back from the hectic routine, slow down and contemplate the Mystery of the Incarnation. It marks the beginning of a new liturgical year in the Church that slowly builds momentum towards Christmas as the weeks go by. As with all new beginnings, this season is intended to renew our joy, hope, faith and love.

Begin the journey of Advent through spending more time in prayer. Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Increase the time you spend with family and friends. Offer your heart as a dwelling place for the Holy Family to live in. Ask Jesus, Mary and Joseph to help you live out Advent as a time to prepare and wait for the coming of Jesus.

Now is the time to prepare, stay awake and ready ourselves for the light of Christ to dawn in our hearts.

May God bless you all during this holy Season of Advent. **Fr Chinedu**

Announcements

FINANCE: OCTOBER COLLECTION

The Offertory envelopes for October came to **£3,628.11**

The Loose Plate for October came to **£ 4,054.67**

Contactless for October **£165.00**

One off Donation for October **£500**

Standing Orders for October came to **£1,720**

Total = £10,067.78

Thank you all very much indeed for your ongoing support to the Parish. If you wish to make a payment direct to our Bank Account these are the details:

Account Name: **WRCDT Cricklewood**
Sort Code: **40-05-20**
Account Number: **01308181**
Reference: **Surname and First Initial**

Or use our contactless card machine in the Church or Scan the QR Code.

THE BEST WAY TO SUPPORT THE PARISH IS BY STANDING ORDER, you can download a standing order form from our website – just click the "Donate" button at the top of the screen, or contact the parish office to collect a form. **If you pay UK tax, you can add 25% to your donation with Gift Aid.**

PLANNED GIVING/STANDING ORDER: To maximise our income and help to pay for the daily running of the Church and Parish, we would encourage those of you who are not already members of our Planned Giving scheme to join – application cards are available at the Parish Office. Contributions can be made using weekly envelopes or by Standing Order – which is more efficient for both the Donor and the Parish. Standing Order Forms are also available in the Office. Thank you for your generosity.

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UPCOMING FUNERALS IN THE PARISH

Please pray for the peaceful repose of souls of those recently passed away. May they rest in peace**.**

Joseph O'Toole RIP - Funeral date: **4th Dec, 12pm**

Elizabeth Clifford RIP - Funeral date: **9th Dec, 11am**

Margaret Fitzgerald RIP - Funeral date: **Reception of the Body on 9th Dec at 7pm & Funeral Mass on 10th Dec, 10am**

Michael Cox RIP - Funeral date: **Quex Road (TBC)**

READERS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE HOLY COMMUNION YEAR OF HOPE/ADVENT RETREAT - 13TH DECEMBER: Please join us for an afternoon of Spiritual Reflection for the Year of Hope/ Advent Season on Saturday **13th December, 1.30pm - 4.50pm** at Saint Agnes Parish Centre. Bishop John Crowley is the guest speaker. Other Parishioners are welcome to join us.

FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS: We would welcome donations towards the cost of the Christmas tree and flowers for Christmas. Put your donation in one of the envelopes in the porch, write in space "Flowers". You can also donate via the contactless machine. Thank You and May God bless you.

PARISH CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE AT 4PM ON SUNDAY 14TH DECEMBER : Followed by seasonal refreshments in the parish Hall. All are welcome to attend. At the end of the Service a special collection will be taken towards the costs of the on-going Parish Liturgical Items Refurbishment.

If you cannot attend the service but would like to support this initiative, you are welcome to leave a donation in the presbytery. Thank you.

NOVENA TO THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: A novena is a powerful devotion of prayer, said over nine consecutive days, asking God and the saints for special graces. From **Saturday 29th November** we begin saying this novena prayer in preparation for the feast of the Immaculate Conception **(Monday 8th December)**. Please pray the novena with the parish at the end of the Mass and at home. May these prayers bring us many graces, especially as we begin the holy season of Advent.

Father, you prepared the Virgin Mary to be the worthy Mother of your Son. You made it possible for her to share beforehand in the salvation of your Son, Jesus Christ, who would bring life by His death, and kept her without sin from the first moment of her conception. Give us the grace by her prayers ever to live in your presence without sin. We ask this through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

SYNOD FINAL DOCUMENT STUDY GROUP: We are now reaching the climax of the Barnet Deanery group's Journey studying the Synod Final Document:

***On Saturday 6th December from 2.00pm-4.00pm** we will be meeting in the hall of the **Sacred Heart Church Mill Hill, London NW7 2JB.** At this final meeting we will review the feedback from the previous 5 sessions and formulate a concrete action plan on how to take the inspiration of the Synod forward in each of the parishes within the Barnet Deanery. We will be joined by Canon Provost, Shaun Lennard – Episcopal Vicar

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