SAINT AGNES CATHOLIC CHURCH

A parish of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Westminster

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✞ 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR A ✞ (Mass Book Page 88)

14th December 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 13th December Saint Lucy, Virgin & Martyr Adoration begin at 5.30pm followed by Benediction at 6pm	10am 6.30pm (Vigil)	Mary & Jack McLaughlin (RIP) Virginia Cala (RIP
Sun 14th December + THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (GAUDETE SUNDAY)	9am 10.30am 12pm 4pm	Pro Populo Mary + James Molloy -Anniv RIP Margaret + Jim Fitzgerald -Anniv RIP Parish Carol Service/Party
Mon 15th December Advent Feria	9.15am 7pm	Phil & Jim (Get Well) Penitential Service with Confessions
Tue 16th December Advent Feria	9.15am	Mick O'Donogue RIP
Weds 17th December Advent Feria	9.15am 7pm	Joe Burke RIP Funeral of Rosaria Gallo RIP
Thurs 18th December Advent Feria	9.15am	Edward Duggan (RIP)
Fri 19th December Advent Feria (Friday Abstinence)	9.15am	Bridget Duggan (RIP)
Sat 20th December Advent Feria Adoration begin at 5.30pm followed by Benediction at 6pm	10am 6.30pm (Vigil)	Patrick & Joan Walsh (RIP) Anniv John Abreo (RIP) 2nd Anniv

GAUDETE! GAUDETE!! GAUDETE!!! This Sunday is called 'Gaudete Sunday' from the first word of the Entrance Antiphon in the Latin original, Gaudete (meaning 'Rejoice!'). And indeed today's Mass text is suffused with expressions of joy and jubilation. Even the colour of the vestments can be modified from penitential purple to a pinkish colour (officially termed "rose").

In the Gospel, we hear John the Baptist telling different groups what to do - they must repent, and change their lives. We might think of this as a rather joyless thing - something which is hard and unrewarding. The message of this Sunday is that repentance and changing our lives to welcome Jesus is something richly joyful. When we are planning to welcome anyone we love to our homes, we set about cleaning and preparing for their visit with enthusiasm - nothing is too much trouble for someone we care for greatly. Even scrubbing the bath or polishing the furniture can be a happy and joyful thing! The message of this Sunday is that preparing to welcome the Lord - even though it may involve hard work - is something utterly joyful, because of our love for Him, and His love for us.

Please join us this evening for **our Parish Carol Service at 4pm** and Party afterwards in the Hall.

Also, join us for **our Parish Advent Penitential Service on Monday 15th December at 7pm** with many priests available for confessions.

Gaudete! Gaudete!! Gaudete!!!

Fr Chinedu

Announcements

FINANCE: NOVEMBER COLLECTION
Last week offertory came to **£1,876.12**

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**.**

Rosaria Gallo RIP - Funeral date: **17th Dec, 7pm**

Pat Hampton RIP - Monday 29th December, 12.30pm St Peter and All Souls Catholic Church, Geneva Street, PE1 2RS

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE: **Monday 15th December at 7pm** with many priests available to hear confessions. Please do make use of this opportunity to prepare your heart and receive absolution before Christmas.

CONFESSIONS IN ADVENT: As well as the regular Confession times on Saturdays 5.30-6.00pm and the penitential Service on Monday 15th December, Confessions will also be heard before morning Mass (**8.30-9am from 17th-19th December)**. Details on the parish Christmas flyer in the porch.

CHRISTMAS CLERGY OFFERING: Please collect an envelope from the porch for your Christmas offerings/gifts to the clergy.

OUR ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE: now available in the church porch and on the website www.rcdow.org.uk/cricklewood. Please take a copy and do take time to read it and mark the dates in your diaries.

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

PARISH CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE/CHRISTMAS PARTY AT 4PM TODAY : 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.

CRIB DONATIONS FOR THE CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY: From now until Candlemas all donations for the Crib will be given to the Catholic Children's Society. The donation box is by the porch (Entrance of the Church).

WE WISH ALL OF YOU GOING AWAY OVER THE CHRISTMAS PERIOD safe travel, Merry Christmas & a happy New Year in advance, come back safely to us.

JUBILEE ICON TOUR CAFOD'S: Jubilee Icon is visiting "Places of Hope" across the Diocese this December. Commissioned to celebrate the Jubilee Year, the icon was created by artist Mulugeta Araya in Ethiopia, for the Catholic Church in England and Wales. Scan the QR code for details of the Jubilee Icon, including where and when the Icon will be displayed publicly, and for prayer and reflection resources to use with the Icon.

DIVE DEEPER: The Patriarchs Mondays online (6.30pm-8pm)

19th January: "Genesis and the legend of Abraham"

26th January: "The Tower of Babel"

9th February: "Abraham and Isaac: Promise fulfilled?"

To register please email: catadmin@rcdow.org.uk

THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTIONS - DECEMBER 2025

For Christians in areas of conflict :

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

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