SAINT AGNES CATHOLIC CHURCH

A parish of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Westminster

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✞ 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR A ✞ (Mass Book Page 85)

7th 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 6th December Advent Feria Adoration begin at 5.30pm followed by Benediction at 6pm	10am 6.30pm (Vigil)	Adrian Ukpabi (RIP) Noel Amstrong (RIP) Doreen O'Toole RIP (RIP - Anniv) Peggy Griffin (RIP - Anniv)
Sun 7th December + SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	9am 10.30am 12pm	Denise Scanlon, Pearl Andrade (RIP) Adrian Ukpabi (RIP) Pro Populo
Mon 8th December THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	9.15am	Adrian Ukpabi (RIP) Patrick & Rita O'Sullivan (RIP)
Tue 9th December Advent Feria	11am 7pm	Funeral of Elizabeth Clifford RIP Reception: Margaret Fitzgerald RIP
Weds 10th December Advent Feria	10am	Funeral of Margaret Fitzgerald RIP
Thurs 11th December Advent Feria	9.15am	John Harrington (RIP) Christine Lynch (RIP)
Fri 12th December Our Lady of Guadalupe (Friday Abstinence)	9.15am	Donata Nampima & Family (RIP) Bridie Drrig (RIP)
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

PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD: Advent means arrival or coming. During the Advent season we reflect on the past coming of Jesus into our world two thousand years ago as a little baby, the daily coming of Jesus through the Sacraments, through the Holy Bible and through the worshipping community and the future coming (Second Coming) of Jesus at the end of the world. Today's readings remind us that the past, present and future comings of Jesus into the world are the fulfilment of the saving plan of God.

MARY'S FIAT: On Monday 8th December, we will celebrate the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Nothing in the Scriptures tells us about the Immaculate Conception of Mary. That was a post-New Testament development with legends concerning Saints Anne and Joachim, Mary's parents. The reason we do not have the Immaculate Conception in the scriptures is that the authors of the New Testament were focusing squarely on Jesus. Also, the feast of the Immaculate Conception ultimately elaborates more about Jesus and the power of the Incarnation than it does about Mary.

I think our focus should also be on Jesus through Mary. Saint Luke tells us about Mary, full of grace , saying 'Yes' (fiat) to God. Mary cooperated with God for the salvation of humanity. Like Mary, let us keep our hearts and minds focused on God and our 'YES' to Him. May we have eyes to see, ears to hear and the courage to say yes to God.

Holy Mary Mother of God - **Pray for us**

Saints Anne and Joachim - **Pray for us**

Fr Chinedu

Announcements

FINANCE: NOVEMBER COLLECTION

The Offertory envelopes for November came to **£4,704.79**

The Loose Plate for November came to **£ 5,117.99**

Contactless for November **£362.00**

One off Donation for November **£0.00**

Standing Orders for November came to **£1,716**

Total = £11,900.78

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**.**

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**

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

Pat Harrington RIP

READERS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE HOLY COMMUNION YEAR OF HOPE/ADVENT RETREAT - 13TH DECEMBER: Please join us for an afternoon of Advent Spiritual Reflection on **'The Mass and Living Eucharistically'** 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.

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.

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.

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

PARISH CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE/CHRISTMAS PARTY 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: Saturday 29th November - 7th December. we pray this novena in preparation for the feast of the Immaculate Conception **(Monday 8th December)**.

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.

PRAYER REQUEST: This weekend, we pray for Bishop John Crowley as he leads a retreat at The Kairos Centre. May the Holy Spirit guide him and may it be a time of spiritual renewal for the retreatants.