



Prayer for the Year of Mercy

*Father,*

*Slow to anger, abounding in mercy. You see us and run to us when we are far away from you, you find your way to us when we cannot find our way to you, you are always faithful when we are unfaithful.*

*Jesus Christ,*

*You entered the house of sinners, you sat at the table of the poor, you mounted the Cross, your throne of mercy.*

*Holy Spirit,*

*You pour your healing gifts over our wounds, you anoint us to bring good news to the poor, you send us out as missionaries of mercy.*

*God of Mercies,*

*Have mercy on us, so that where sin abounds your grace may abound all the more, and we shall become like you, Merciful.*

*Amen*

# Our Lady of the Visitation Parish

Under the pastoral care of the Pallottines, Society of the Catholic Apostolate.  
Registered Charity No. 252929

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## COMMUNITY

Fr. Eugene Lynch SCA, Fr. Tom Daly SCA,  
Fr. Kevin Ward SCA, Fr. John Egan SCA.

## OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Saturday	9.00 am – 4.00 pm
Sunday	10.00 am – 1.30 pm

## MASSES

Monday – Friday	12.00 noon
Saturday	12.00 noon
Sunday	7.00 pm Saturday – Vigil Mass 8.00 am, 9.00 am, 10.30 am 12.00 noon and 7.00 pm
Confessions (Saturday)	11.00 am – 12.00 noon and 6.15 pm – 6.45 pm

13<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2015

THE THIRD SUNDAY of ADVENT (Year C)  
GAUDETE, REJOICING SUNDAY

The readings for today's Mass are on  
page 87 of the Mass book.

The Creed – page 11      The Lord's Prayer - page 57

The response to the Psalm is:

*Sing and shout for joy  
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.*

The Acclamation is:

*Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your cross  
and resurrection you have set us free.*

*The Second Collection is for Flowers for Christmas.*

*Christmas Offertory envelopes are available in the Church Porch.*

### ***SUNDAY SCHOOL NATIVITY***

You are invited to the Parish Centre for the Sunday School's Nativity Pageant at 10.30 am THIS Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> December, followed by refreshments. This Sunday is also our last day before Christmas, we will be back on Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> January 2016.

### ***EUCCHARISTIC MINISTRY***

If you are interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister, please leave your contact details in the Parish Office. You would be welcome to come along to the meeting mentioned below.

### ***MEETING for EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS and READERS***

THIS Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> December at 11.30 am in the Parish Centre, there will be a meeting for all Readers and Eucharistic Ministers. The meeting will conclude with a recommissioning ceremony for the year ahead.

### ***RCIA – JOURNEY in FAITH***

The Mass of Acceptance and Welcome for the adults preparing to be Baptised, Confirmed or Received into the Catholic Christian faith will place next Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00 pm. Please support them through your prayers.

### ***VISITATION YOUTH GROUP***

Donations of a table tennis table, pool table or similar equipment in good condition would be most welcome. Please contact Maxine Chichon-Potgieter – 07917 408048.

### ***THE GREAT ADVENTURE***

Commencing on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2016, at 7.30 pm for 7 consecutive weeks, Fr. John invites you to join him, once again, for “The Great Adventure – Journey through the Bible”. A special course for everyone with a genuine interest in Scripture which assumes no previous study of the Bible. The course is free, but places need to be booked. Please contact the Parish Office on 020-8578-1363 to book your place.

*Christmas Novena cards are now available in the Parish Office, together with parish diaries and the Westminster Year Book 2016, priced at £4.50.*

## **Christmas at Our Lady of the Visitation**

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December**

**Reconciliation Service at 11.00 am.**

**Confessions – 6.15 – 7.00 pm.**

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December**

**Rehearsal for the Children's Christmas Pageant, is in the Old Church Hall from 2pm-4pm.**

**This is for any children who wish to take part in the 6.00 pm Christmas Eve Mass**

**Christmas Eve – Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> December**

**Confessions – 11.00 am – 12.00 noon**

Mass as usual at 12.00 noon.

***Masses on Christmas Eve***

***Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December***

Mass - 6.00 pm with Children's Nativity

Mass - 9.00 pm Carols – 8.30 pm

Mass - 12.00 Midnight Carols – 11.30 pm

***Masses on Christmas Day***

***Friday 25<sup>th</sup> December***

9.00 am 10.30 am 12.00 noon

**NO 8.00 am and NO evening Mass**

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> December - St. Stephen's Day**

Mass at 12.00 noon

Vigil Mass of Sunday at 7.00 pm,

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> December – The Feast of the Holy Family**

Masses at

8.00 am, 9.00 am, 10.30 am, 12.00 noon and 7.00 pm