

Christmas Novena

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Priest: We give you thanks, God Our Father, for the newness of life each day, each year; for your holy presence with us at all times of work and play, joy and difficulty; for your gift of your Son Jesus Christ; a child born for us in a poor manger. Help us, our families and friends and all our loved ones near and far, in this hour, at this doorway of this New Year. We bring before you all who share in this Christmas Novena and the needs and cares of all our families and friends.

Priest: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.
All: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Priest: We have beheld Christ's glory.
All: Glory as of the only Son of the Father. Alleluia!

All pray: O splendour of God's glory bright, we thank you for the light that draws us to the brightness of your Epiphany. We thank you that you have made yourself visible in the incarnation and have changed the water of our existence into the wine of everlasting life. With grateful hearts we pay you homage holding nothing back, we bring you the treasures of our hearts and our concerns offered in trust: for the world, for the church as the light of the world, for all who suffer and are in trouble, for all our relatives and friends, near and far away, for the sick and those who care for them and for our Beloved dead (*pause for silent prayer*).

Priest: Let us ask for the intercession of Mary, Mother of Divine Love, as we pray
All: Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee, blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of our death. Amen.

All: All powerful and unseen God, darkness cannot overcome your light. Teach us to proclaim the birth of your Son Jesus Christ, that your light may shine into the dark corners of our world. We make this prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. Amen.

Our Lady of the Visitation Parish

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COMMUNITY

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Saturday 09.00 am – 4.00 pm
Sunday 11.00 am – 1.30 pm

For Parish Office Opening hours over the Christmas period, please see the inside page of this newsletter.

MASS TIMES

From Monday to Saturday Mass at 12.00 noon will be streamed online, and on Sundays both the 10.00 am and the 12.00 noon Masses.

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/greenford/>

Saturday – 12.00 noon and 7.00 pm
Sunday – 8.00 am, 10.00 am, 12.00 noon and 2.00 pm.

Confessions – Saturdays 11.00 am to 12.00 noon.
and 6.15 pm to 6.45 pm

ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT will be in the Church every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm, and every Friday from 5.00 pm to 9.00 pm.

The Nativity of the Lord 25th December 2022

The readings for this Sunday's Masses start on page 101 of the yellow mass books.

Parish Office Opening hours over the Christmas period.

Sunday 25th December	Christmas Day	Closed
Monday 26th December	St. Stephen's Day	Closed
Tuesday 27th December	Bank Holiday	Closed
Wednesday 28 th December to		9.00 am – 4.00 pm
Saturday 31 st December		9.00 am – 4.00 pm
Sunday 1st January	New Year's Day	Closed
Monday 2nd January	Bank Holiday	Closed
Tuesday 3 rd January	Open as usual	9.00 am – 4.00 pm

Sunday Collection

17th/18th December	£2,199.00
Flowers for Christmas	£470.00

Times of Masses over Christmas weekend

Sunday 25th December - Christmas Day
Masses at 8.00 am, 10.00 am, 12.00 noon
and 2.00 pm

Monday 26th December - St. Stephen's Day
Mass at 12.00 noon

Contactless Donations

The parish finances were drastically reduced during the pandemic, so we have been forced into rethinking how we can go forward. The way we live now has changed along with the way we pay for things. The most notable being that society is moving ever closer to being cashless. Contactless payments in supermarkets kept the economy going and customers connected. **We have installed a Digital Collection Plate (or "Donation Station") in the Porch for those who may wish to donate this way. If you are able to, please GiftAid your donation.**

Recently Deceased

Please pray for Teresa Davies, Maria Rita Pereira and Richard Costello whose funerals will take place during the coming weeks.

Baptism Notice

Before your child is baptised you are required to attend three preparation sessions. These will take place on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sunday of each month at 11.00 am in the Parish Centre. On the third Sunday we will arrange a date for the baptism to take place. **Because New Years' Day falls on the 1st of January, the dates for January only are 8th, 15th and 22nd.**

Saturday 31st December
New Year's Eve Dance
7.30 pm - 1.00 am
OLOV Parish Centre

Adults including children over 10 years - £15
(children 10 and under go free)

Tickets available at the Parish Office
020 8578 1363

Live band "Coastline" and disco.

Dress code - Smart Casual

Hot food - £3.00 a plate
Cash bar only

Raffle
£250.00 cash prize
Dinner for 4 (Italian)
Dinner for 4 (Spanish)

And more

Raffle tickets are available in the Parish Office.

We wish all our parishioners and their families,
near and far, a happy, peaceful and holy Christmas,
and a New Year filled with love, peace and happiness.

Fr. Liam, Fr. Joe, Fr. Marcellus and Fr. Tom.