

the Parish Office, price is £5.00.
Christmas Novena

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 ...
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 NEWSLETTER

MASS

Weekdays 12:00 noon
Saturday 12:00 noon &
Vigil 7:00 pm
Sunday 8:00 am, 10:00
am, 12:00 pm & 2:00 pm

CONFESSIONS

Saturday
11:00am - 12:00 noon &
6:15pm - 6:45pm
or available on request

ADORATION

Tuesday, Wednesday,
Thursday
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Friday
5:00 pm - 9:00 pm

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Saturday from 9.00am to 4.00pm & Sunday from 11.00am to 1.30pm

COMMUNITY

Fr. Liam O'Donovan SCA, Fr. Joe McLoughlin SCA, Fr. Marcellus Ochola SCA,
Fr. Tom Daly SCA, Rev. Deacon Jayson Wingrove

*We wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas.
Fr. Liam, Fr. Joe, Fr. Marcellus, Fr. Tom and Deacon Jason.*



Times of services over Christmas 2023

Sunday 24th December

Masses at
7.00 pm Saturday 23rd December,
and 8.00 am, 10.00 am, 12.00 noon and 2.00 pm



Christmas Eve – Sunday 24th December

Children's Mass 6.00 pm
Carols 8.30 pm Mass 9.00 pm
Carols 11.30 pm Mass 12.00 midnight

Christmas Day - Monday 25th December

Masses at 8.00 am, 10.00 am, 12.00 noon and 2.00 pm

Tuesday 26th December

Mass as usual at 12.00 noon

Saturday 30th December

12.00 noon

Sunday 31st December

Saturday 7.00 pm, 8.00 am, 10.00 am, 12.00 noon and 2.00 pm

Sunday 31st December

The Feast of the Holy Family

Saturday 7.00 pm, 8.00 am, 10.00 am, 12.00 noon and 2.00 pm

Sunday evening 31st December

Mass for the Goan community
at 8.00 pm in Kokani

Office Closing Hours over Christmas

Sunday 24th December to
Tuesday 26th December – CLOSED

Monday 1st January – CLOSED

PARISH GROUP NEWS & EVENTS

Interested in joining a group? Visit our website to learn more.

The Felix Project

The Felix Project rescues high-quality and nutritious food from retailers, including a high proportion of fresh fruit and vegetables, baked goods, salads, meat and fish. Here at Our Lady of the Visitation we receive a collection **every Saturday morning, which we distribute from the Old Church Hall between 12.30pm to 2pm.** Food is given to anyone who comes, no questions asked. Please spread the word especially to families who you know are struggling.

New Year's Eve Dance: 31st December

7:30 pm – 1:00 am at the OLOV Parish Centre
Adults + Children over 10 yrs- £15. Children under 10yrs go free.
You are all very welcome. Tickets will be available after all weekend masses with raffle tickets. Live band 'Coastline' and disco.
Volunteers are needed to help, from setting up beforehand to tidying up afterwards. If you are interested, please see David after Mass or call/text to 079968-423-860.

SVP "Vinnie Packs"

Vinnie Packs are parcels which the St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) have put together for a number of years to give out to those experiencing homelessness. They cost £4.20 to put together, but of course are free to anyone who needs one. These packs provide items to help them feel warmer and valued, and they are made up by teams of dedicated volunteers. If you would like to donate, please make cheques made out to SVP, to Vinnie Packs, PO Box 72264, London SW1P 9EZ or you can donate electronically at: Vinnie Packs, Sort code 60-60-04, Account 46088237.

Weekend collection

16th / 17th December £2,889.00.

Flowers for Christmas - £500.00

The Westminster Year Book for 2024 is now available in