

**Cathedral:** Tickets are now on sale for the annual Christmas concerts which celebrate the mystery of Christ's Incarnation in carols and readings performed by the world-famous Westminster Cathedral Choir, orchestra, and celebrity readers, on 18 and 19 December at 7.30pm. We encourage everybody to purchase tickets quickly before these popular events are sold out. Tickets can be purchased from the Cathedral Gift Shop or directly from Ticketmaster; go to [www.ticketmaster.co.uk](http://www.ticketmaster.co.uk) and type in Westminster Cathedral when prompted.

**Could Sabrina the holder of the tickets no 181 to 185 claim her 1st prize please from repository.**

**December Foodbank Shopping List:**

UHT Milk – Whole milk only please. Cereal. Rice – 500g & 1kg. Tinned Fish & Meat. Instant Coffee, Tea & Drinking Chocolate. Vegetarian Meals - curry, chilli, macaroni cheese etc. Long Life Fruit Juice & Squash. Tinned Fruit & Vegetables. Jam & Honey. Table Sauce – ketchup, mayo, chilli. Hair Shampoo. Sanitary Towels. Thank you

**Registration Forms for all Parishioners:** **If you live and/or worship in our Parish please ensure that you have registered so that we have your correct contact details.** It is essential to be registered if you wish us to be able to support you in your pastoral needs. Please call the Parish Office Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 10am to 2pm and **make an appointment** as we would like to meet and get to know you.

**SOCIAL CLUB UPCOMING EVENTS**

Sat 7th Dec	Teresa Rogers
Sun 8th Dec	Christmas Bingo at 6pm - 8.30pm
Sat 21th Dec	Shane Owen
Sat 28th Dec	Kieran White



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**Parish Priest:** Fr. Cristiano Braz - **Assistant Priest:** Fr. Julio Albornoz  
**Parish Administrators:** Pamela Sheridan - Marlene Wakim  
**Parish Office Hours:** Mondays to Fridays (Except Thursdays): 10.00am - 1.00pm  
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**8th December 2024 - Second Sunday Of Advent - C**



This QR CODE is another way for you to donate to support our parish. Please scan it with the camera on your phone and follow the link.

Dear brothers and sisters,

It is said that a Christian lives from feast to feast, from a celebration to another celebration! Last Saturday we had a beautiful party in our parish hall celebrating Jesus Christ King of the Universe, who gathers us from all nations into his Church. What a lovely evening we had together...

On **Saturday 14th December after the 6 pm Mass** we will have another very special party in our parish hall since your Parish Priest will be turning 50 years old! Given that a fifth of my life (10 years) and half of the years I have been a priest (10 years) have been spent serving all of you here in Hanwell, I thought it would be very appropriate for us together to thank the Lord for giving me life and health to serve you for all these years. I would like, therefore, to invite all of you to join me for this wonderful occasion. I ask you to bring some food to share from your country of origin and the parish will buy the drinks. A friend of mine will bring 3 huge cakes for us to sing HAPPY BIRTHDAY! We will get some balloons and champagne too... I hope and pray this too will be an unforgettable evening!

Moreover, a friend of mine hired a very nice Latin American band to play at my birthday party. Another friend of mine will sing and play some English songs and my younger brother will also sing some Brazilian songs! It will be great fun! Your Portuguese and Spanish skills will increase!

I hope as many of you as possible will join us. Life is an immense gift from the Lord and we need to thank and praise him for this. We must not take it for granted. Let us rejoice and celebrate together! Fr. Cristiano

**Total Collection: Total: £2495**  
**Envelopes: £391 Loose: £633 Contactless: £481 Standing orders: £990**

**Eucharistic Ministers for Sunday 15th December 2024**

Saturday 6.00 pm	S. Clayton
Sunday 08.00 am	F. Pierre
10.00 am	E. Costa, A. Hull, A. Rodrigues
12.00 pm	A. Somjen, F. Peters

*From the Parish Register*

**Readers for Sunday 15th December 2024**

Saturday 6.00 pm	P. Jarvis
Sunday 08.00 am	J. Couch
10.00 am	A. Harris
12.00 pm	J. Abalos

**Mass Intentions Week beginning  
7th December 2024**

<b>Saturday</b>	6.00 pm	People of the Parish	
<b>Sunday</b>	08.00 am	Andrew Buchan	RIP
	10.00 am	Catherine Edwards & Family	Sp Int
	12.00 noon	Felicia Samarawikrema	Anniv
<b>Monday</b>	10.00 am	Lionel Wilkinson	RIP
<b>Tuesday</b>	10.00 am	Anne Collins	RIP
<b>Wednesday</b>	10.00 am	Julia Westpury	RIP
<b>Thursday</b>		<b>No Mass</b>	
<b>Friday</b>	10.00 am	James & Catherine Edwards	Sp Int

**Mass on Holy Days of Obligation:** 10.00 am & 7.00 pm

**Confessions:** Always after Mass and on call anytime.

**Baptisms:** If you are a registered parishioner and have a child for Baptism, (or are expecting one) please contact the Parish Team for information on how to apply for a place on the Baptism Programme. Parents requesting permission for a Baptism to take place abroad will need to have attended a preparation course first.

**Marriage Preparation:** Any registered couple from our parish who are intending getting married in the Catholic Church are asked to note that the Church requires **at least six months notice prior to their wedding date**. Couples need to speak to their Parish priest so as to fill out the forms and also participate in a Marriage Preparation course.

**Readings for this Sunday**

<b>First Reading:</b>	<b>Prophet Baruch 5:1-9</b>
<b>Psalm</b>	<b>Ps 126(125): 1-2b. 2c-3. 4-5.6. R. 3 What a great deeds the Lord worked for us! Indeed, we were glad.</b>
<b>Second Reading:</b>	<b>Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11</b>
<b>Gospel Acclamation:</b>	<b>Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight; all flesh shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!</b>
<b>Gospel:</b>	<b>Luke 3:1-6</b>

**Baptism Course:** Tuesday 10th Dec 2024 in the church at 7pm, for **registered parishioners** who have filled out an application form for Baptism. All paperwork needs to be handed in to Pam prior to attending the course. If there are problems please ring her on a Mon or Tues between 10am & 2pm.

**Confirmation Session 7:**  
Mon 9th Dec at 7pm in the hall.

**First Holy Communion FHC Reconciliation:** Tues 10th Dec at 6pm. & Wed 11th Dec at 5pm.

**Knights of St. Columba KSC Meeting:**  
Tue 10th Dec at 8pm in the presbytery.

**Saturday Class Christmas Workshop:**  
Sat 14th Dec at 9.30am - 11am in the hall.

**Children Liturgy:** Sun 15th Dec at 10am Mass.

**Practice for Children's Christmas Mass:**  
For all children age 7-12 especially First Holy Communion & Saturday Class children, Sat 21st Dec at 10am.

**Choir practices for Christmas Midnight Mass** are on Monday 9th December and Wednesday 18th December at 7.30pm in Church. All welcome.

**RCIA & other Confirmation:**  
please contact Fr Julio or write to him at [julioalbornoz@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:julioalbornoz@rcdow.org.uk).

**Our Lady Of Perpetual Help Novena:**  
Every Tuesday after 10 am Mass.

**Adoration: every Friday (provided there is no funeral) from 9:00 to 9.50am & every Saturday from 5:00 to 5.50pm.**

**Are you feeling lonely?** If you would like someone from our Saint Vincent de Paul

group (SVP) to give you a call, please contact the presbytery with your details and we will get back to you.

**We need your help:** Christmas decorations will be put up in the church after Mass on Mon 16th Dec. please come & help.

**St. Joseph School Advent Service:** Tues 17th Dec at 7pm.

**Our Lady gives us the ideal model of peace** – accepting willingly her task of motherhood, supporting Christ in his ministry from his first miracle; and being with him at the Crucifixion. Do we model that same peace by listening, forgiving enemies, apologising if we were wrong? Do our daily prayers and our family/school/work/social media inter-actions, contribute to peace? Consider making a daily prayer of “Lord make me an instrument of your peace”.

**We can still defeat assisted suicide!** There is a clear path toward the assisted suicide Bill being defeated at Third Reading. Early analysis shows that at least 36 MPs supported the Bill but have concerns that mean they may vote NO at later stages. Just 28 MPs switching their stance to NO would ensure it is defeated at Third Reading. We need MPs to know that their constituents want them to vote NO at Third Reading.

**Please take action now and visit [www.righttolife.org.uk/ASvote](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/ASvote) to find out how your MP voted and ask them to vote against the Bill at Third Reading.**

As a part of our **“Plant a seed” project**, the Diocese of Westminster is funding 7 Internships for Catholic undergraduates in the second year of university to experience life as a Secondary RE teacher or Primary class teacher In summer 2025.

**A Christmas Celebration in Westminster**