



CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS

SUNDAY 23rd DECEMBER

The parish Carol Service, of 9 lessons and readings, takes place at 6.00pm this evening. Take a break from all that remains to be done, and come along and reflect, anew, on the meaning and source of our joy at Christmas. Afterwards mulled wine and mince pies will be served in the undercroft.

CHRISTMAS EVE

Mass at 9.15am.

CHILDREN'S CAROL SERVICE

This takes place on, Christmas Eve at 5.00pm. This year we are dramatizing the story of "The Night the Stars danced for Joy." This doesn't require speaking parts, but we still need a cast to take the parts of shepherds, angels, wisemen etc. Any child wishing to take part must have attended the rehearsal. Enquiries to Ginny St John Glew 01582 620322 or email gabby.sjg@gmail.com. We do hope lots of you will be able to come to our **Service on Christmas Eve at 5pm**, as it is always such a lovely occasion at a very busy time.



SEASON OF CHRISTMAS

CHRISTMAS DAY

Mass during the night, at midnight, preceded by carols from 11.30am. On Christmas Day Masses are at 8.30am, 9.45am and 11.30am.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

The offertory on Christmas Day, is one of just two during the year, which is for the benefit of the Parish Priest, and one of the main sources of income, the others being donations received for Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals and Mass Stipends.



CRIB OFFERINGS

As is customary, offerings made at the crib will be sent to the Catholic Children's Society. The Society provides mental health services for children struggling with issues such as abuse, neglect and family breakdown. Situated as it is in North Kensington. Contributions can be placed in the 'Crib Offering' box close to the crib

ST STEPHEN'S DAY

St Stephen is the first martyr, the first to die for Christ. He is also the patron saint of Altar servers. Some of our altar servers will be enrolled at the 10.00am Mass on Wednesday, and others will be acknowledged for their longer service. Thank you to those who have indicated their willingness to serve the Christmas Masses, there are still some Masses with no servers, so far. Your assistance at this special time would be appreciated; if you help please sign the list in the sacristy.



MASSES THIS WEEK

Wednesday to Friday, this week, Mass will be celebrated at 10.00am.

SATURDAY 29th & SUNDAY 30th

Masses are at the usual times of 10.00am and 6.00pm (Saturday), and 8.30am, 9.45am and 11.30am on Sunday. There are no confessions on Saturday 29th.

This weekend the details of everything that is taking place in Church leading up to, and over Christmas, are available on the Christmas leaflet. So do please collect a copy for yourself.

NEW YEARS DAY

Tuesday 1st January, apart from being New Year's Day is an important feast, the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. Mass will be celebrated at 10.00am. Although this is not a holyday of obligation it is a good day to go



to Mass, and what better way to start the new year!!

WESTMINSTER YEAR BOOK 2019

The Westminster Year book is now on sale in the repository. A very useful directory priced at £4.50.

PLANNED GIVING OFFERTORY ENVELOPES RENEWAL

Please pop in to the Parish Office in January if you still need to collect your envelopes.



DATE FOR YOUR DIARY.

The Banish the Blues Supper will be on Saturday 2nd February in the Lourdes Hall. This is a very popular event, so please reserve the date in your diary.

ST DOMINIC SCHOOL

The closing date for applications for places in the Reception Class 2019-20 is 15th January 2019. We are aware that some parents may not have had the opportunity to see the school as yet and therefore a further visit date has been arranged for the **9 January 2019 at 9.15am**. If you would like to make an appointment for this visit, please telephone the school office on 01582 760047 to make a booking. Due to the nature of the visit, we kindly request that you do not bring children with you on this occasion.

TASTE OF BRAZIL ON 10th FEBRUARY:

On February 10th there will be Taste of Brazil afternoon led by Katie Metcalfe and friends at St Dominic School. The afternoon will comprise of two workshops, one to learn renowned South American songs and the second one to practice Brazilian drumming along with a quiz and light Brazilian snacks with a finale concert. Cost of the event will be £5 a child or adult or £10 a family with all proceeds going towards the same musical fundraising project in Brazil. Book your tickets by emailing Julia at juliaandnigel057@gmail.com