

"HARK! A NATIVITY STORY": CHRISTMAS PLAY Saltmine Theatre Co. will perform their Christmas play at the Leicester Square Theatre on Mon. 9 Dec at 6.15pm. For more info: , contact Allegra on 020 74402663 or allegra.mutanda@ndfchurch.org. To book tickets, [visit https://leicestersquaretheatre.ticketsolve.com/shows/873608855](https://leicestersquaretheatre.ticketsolve.com/shows/873608855).

ST DOMINIC'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY CAROL SERVICE: Tuesday 17th December at St Dominic's Sixth Form College, conducted by Archbishop Malcolm McMahon OP, begins in the Chapel at 06:00 pm RSVP: sian.thorpe@stdoms.ac.uk

SACRED HEART HIGH SCHOOL HAMMERSMITH – The Governing Body is consulting on its proposed admission arrangements for entry in September 2021 (Year 7). The admission arrangements are available to view on the School's website: <http://www.sacredhearthigh.org.uk>. The consultation period is from **Monday 2 December 2019** to **Friday 10 January 2020**. Please address any comments in writing to Mrs A. Dijkhuis, Clerk to the Governors, Sacred Heart High School, 212 Hammersmith Road, London W6 7DG or by e-mail to admissions@sacredh.lbhf.sch.uk.

LECTURES AND SEMINARS FOCUSING ON OUTSTANDING EDUCATION IN A CATHOLIC SCHOOL: Cardinal Vaughan School, in collaboration with Westminster Diocese, St Mary's University, Newman Catholic College, St James' Catholic High School and St Ignatius College will be hosting a day of lectures and seminars focusing on Outstanding Education in a Catholic School on Mon 6 January 2020. Candidates who wish to attend are asked to complete the form to be found at <https://www.cvms.co.uk/Teaching-School/CPD-courses/> and return this to the teachingschool@cvms.co.uk

Please remember to turn your telephone off or put it to silent when in church. Thank you.



DECEMBER WISH LIST: Long-Life Full-Fat Milk, Long-Life Fruit Juice, Tinned Custard, Men's Razors, Men's Shaving Foam, Women's Deodorant, Small Jars Coffee, Savoury Spreads (Including Meat Paste).

They have plenty of: Baked beans, porridge, pasta, tea, biscuits, large Cereals. *PLEASE KEEP TO THE WISH LIST, THANK YOU.*

+ + + Of your charity, pray for the souls of those whose anniversaries occur at this time, among them: + + +

Antonio Favata, Bernard Osakue, Syd Hayward, George Walker, Alan Lipscomb, Martin Kelty, Antonio Ciancone, Ramon Jones, Rene Lagrve, Noel Morgan, Maria Fernandes, Augustine Matthias, Joe Walsh, Fr John Donlan, Oswald Baxter, Connie Fernandes, Annie Gomes, John Collins, Thomas Simplicio D'Souza



Parish of South Harrow & Northolt

St Gabriel, Northolt Road

St Bernard, Mandeville Road

Second Sunday of Advent
8 December 2019



PARISH MASS BOOK:

This Sunday see page:85 : Today's Gospel Matthew 3:1-12

TIMES OF HOLY MASS FOR THE COMING WEEK

St Gabriel's Church

This week the Sanctuary lamp burning in honour of the Blessed Sacrament is offered for Edmond Thavapragasam (Anniv)

SAT	6.00 pm	Deceased members - Fernandes Family
SUN	8.30 am	Maria Fernandes (Anniv)
	10.00 am	Augustine Matthias (Anniv)
	12 Noon	Joe Walsh (Anniv)

MON	10.00 am	THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, Patron of the Diocese Michael Brugel (RIP)
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WED	10.00 am	Ints of Claudette Pereira
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THUR	10.00 am	Oswald Baxter (Anniv)
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St Bernard's Church

This week the Sanctuary lamp burning in honour of the Blessed Sacrament is offered for the intentions of Pope Francis

SUN	9.00 am	Fr John Donlan (Anniv)
	11.00 am	People of the Parish - In Thanksgiving
	5.00 pm	Polish Language Mass

TUES	10.00 am	Timothy O'Sullivan (RIP)
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FRI	10.00 am	<i>St Lucy, Virgin & Martyr</i> Ints of Margaret O'Sullivan
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SAT	9.30 am	<i>St John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor</i> In Thanksgiving - Joseph
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Regular times for The Sacrament of Reconciliation:

St Bernard's: Saturday 10.15 - 10.45 am

St Gabriel's: Saturday 5.15 - 5.45 pm

PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Priest:

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DEVOTIONS

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: St Gabriel's: Thursday 10.30am - 11.00am
St Bernard's: Saturday 10.00am - 11.00am
Holy Rosary: Monday - Friday: after Mass; Saturday 5.30pm
Morning Prayer of the Church: Monday - Friday at 9.40am before Mass
Our Lady Queen of Peace Prayer Group: St Bernard's: Monday 7pm.

December is the month of prayer to Our Lady, the Immaculate Conception

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

Offertory: £1,381.22 Development Fund: £1917.00
Thank you for your commitment and generosity

CATECHESIS: Information and news

BAPTISM of INFANTS Expectant parents, or parents of new-born children are asked to contact Fr James or Fr Tom after the Sunday Mass they attend in order to make an appointment to meet to begin the process of preparation for Baptism.

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER: *That every country determine to take the necessary measures to make the future of the very young, especially those who suffer, a priority.*



SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND: There will be a second collection next weekend towards the cost of flowers to beautify our churches at Christmas.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Can you help to staff our Repository Shops in both churches? We need more helpers after every Sunday Mass.

SATURDAY ROSARY: Can you help to lead the Rosary? The Saturday evening Rosary has started again from the first Sunday of Advent - 1st December, at 5.30pm. The perfect way to start and prepare for our Sunday worship. Can you be part of the team to lead our prayers? Talk with one of the clergy or at the parish office.

ADVENT RETREAT FOR YOUNG ADULTS (18-30s): on Saturday 14th December in Kensington. A day retreat to prepare for Christmas, with teaching, silence, prayer, confessions and Mass, taking place at Milleret House, 23 Kensington Square W8 5HN. Donations only. Register at youth@assumptionreligious.org or call 020 7361 4755.

GOOD BOOKS AT THE LONDON JESUIT CENTRE Wednesday 11 December: Lady Antonia Fraser will be discussing her book "*The King and the Catholics: The Fight for Rights 1829*" on Catholic emancipation with Professor Peter Davidson and Stephen Withnell. 7.00pm. 114 Mount Street, W1. Go to [Antonia Fraser on EventBrite](#)

KNIGHTS OF ST. COLUMBA Next meeting Thursday 12 December at 8.30 pm in St. Gabriel's Church. For further information contact Luigi Dati (07799 642 089) or Victor Onwuezobe (07867 794939)

GENERAL ELECTION 2019: MESSAGE FROM THE CATHOLIC BISHOPS OF ENGLAND AND WALES

The Lord Jesus said: 'I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full.' (Jn 10:10) This General Election is profoundly important to the United Kingdom. Catholics cannot simply "watch from the balcony."¹ Conscious of the common good of every person and our society as a whole, we ask everyone to engage with the election and vote. Honest political activity depends upon integrity. We urge all in public life to recognise that telling the truth, not making vindictive and abusive comments or unattainable promises, are essential.² The question of the U.K.'s place in Europe continues to dominate political discourse. In whatever way our future relationship with our closest neighbours develops, Britain must be committed to a positive engagement as a key international partner in promoting peace, security and responsible stewardship of the planet. As Pope Francis reminds us, "good politics is at the service of peace."³ Citizens have a duty to emphasise and help shape a politics rooted in the service of human rights and peace. The test of any policy should be its impact upon human dignity, particularly for the most disadvantaged in our society. In making judgments about how to vote, please consider carefully the following and ask your candidates how they would uphold:

- The innate dignity of every human being; defending both the child in the womb, the good of the mother and an understanding of the immeasurable good of a child not yet born?
- The dignified care for those who are terminally ill and dying while resisting the false compassion of assisted suicide or euthanasia?
- The needs of those who are frequently neglected or discarded by society such as people with disabilities, Travellers, older people, those homeless, those in prison and those trapped in modern slavery?
- The process of integration of migrants and refugees who have made their homes here⁴, challenging the global rise of xenophobia and racism that is so radically incompatible with our faith?
- The rights of those in our own communities and overseas who "can see no end to the tunnel of extreme poverty,"⁵ providing them with assistance and confronting the structural injustices that compound their suffering?
- Care for our common home and tackle the climate emergency which threatens the future of our human family and is already having a profound impact upon the world's poorest people?⁶
- Freedom of religion and belief, ensuring that everyone has the right to exercise their conscience and practise their creed freely without fear?
- The cherishing of marriage, recognising the essential place of the family in the service of life and of society?
- The right of parents to educate their children in accordance with their faith and support the work of Catholic schools in their contribution to society and their promotion of the common good?

Jesus tells us "I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full." Informed by the work of our parishes, schools and charities, we should all approach this election as an opportunity to promote life, dignity and human flourishing for all.

We call on all Catholics to pray for the wellbeing of our society. May the Holy Spirit guide our choice as we seek together, and for all, "life to the full."

¹ Pope Francis: Address to the Community of Christian Life – Missionary Students' League of Italy (30/4/15)
² Cf: "loving the truth means not only affirming it, but rather living it, bearing witness to it in your work." Pope Francis: Audience with National Council Order of Journalists (22/9/16)

³ Pope Francis: Message for the 52nd World Day of Peace (1/1/19)

⁴ Pope Francis: Message for the 104th World Day of Migrants and Refugees (14/1/18)

⁵ World Council of Churches and Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development: Message from the conference on Xenophobia, Racism and Populist Nationalism in the Context of Global Migration (20/9/18)

⁶ Pope Francis: Message for the 3rd World Day of the Poor (17/11/19)

⁷ Pope Francis: Address to meeting on the energy transition and care of our common home (14/6/19)