



THE WEDNESDAY WORD: As a part of the “Year of the Word” you are encouraged to use the *Wednesday Word* each week to prepare to hear the Gospel Sunday by Sunday. For a long time a version for family prayers has been available at all

Sunday Masses. Now for Sunday Masses with a hymn sheet, take this home and use the *Wednesday Word* on the back of the hymn sheet.

As the name suggests, it is for use in the middle of the week to prepare to hear the Gospel on the next Sunday. This may give you ideas for the Intentions you might offer at your Sunday Mass also.

You might also like to visit www.wednesdayword.org.

SCRIPTURE ROAD SHOW: As Cardinal Vincent mentioned in his Pastoral Letter last Sunday, all are invited to Westminster Cathedral from 30th January to 1st February to explore the *Year of the Word* in the ‘Tents of Meeting’ which will be set up in the side chapels, and view specially commissioned artwork around the theme of ‘*The God Who Speaks*’.

Resources, activities and presentations will suit all ages, groups welcome. For further details see <https://rcdow.org.uk/faith/>



EXPLORING OLD TESTAMENT TREASURES: The first of three talks by Fr John Hemer MHM on ‘Finding Christ in the Old Testament’ will take place on 5th February, 7pm at Allen Hall, 28 Beaufort St, Chelsea, London SW3 5AA.

Refreshments will be served at 7pm, followed by the lecture in the Chapel at 7.30pm, and Night Prayer at 8.45pm. Donations welcome. Please register at livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk

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



January List:

Tinned Vegetarian Meals, Tinned Chicken Meals, Small Bottles Cooking Oil, Small Bottles Ketchup, Salt, Jars of Sauce (Not Pasta), Packets Sauce

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:



Freddie Gabriel, Conor Dunne, William Hussey, Beatrice Hussey, Jacob Perera, William Treacy, Elizabeth Smith, Henry Murphy, Richard Lally, Yves Saminaden, David Carroll, Ellen Breingan, Mary Anne Heslin, John Hawkins, Alan Moss, William Murphy



Parish of South Harrow & Northolt

St Gabriel, Northolt Road

St Bernard, Mandeville Road



The Baptism of the Lord

12 January 2020

PARISH MASS BOOK:

This Sunday see page:118 : Today’s Gospel Matthew 3:13-17

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 the Intentions of Pope Francis

SAT 6.00 pm Ints of Brian Brennan
SUN 8.30 am People of the Parish
 10.00 am Freddie Gabriel (Anniv)
 12 Noon William & Beatrice Hussey (Anniv)

MON 10.00 am Conor Dunne (Anniv)

WED 10.00 am Nell Bohan (RIP)

THUR 10.00 am Kathleen Kennedy (RIP)

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SUN 9.00 am Alison Smith (RIP)
 11.00 am Mark Joseph Ferns (RIP)
 5.00 pm Polish Language Mass

TUES 10.00 am Ints of Evie & Marie Sharkey

FRI 10.00 am *St Anthony, Abbot*
 For an end of Abortion

SAT 9.30 am Ints of Fr Ignatius Fennessy

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: Fr James Neal **Assistant Priest:** Fr Tom Montgomery
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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.

January is the month of prayer to The Holy Name of Jesus

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

Offertory: £1,136.89

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 JANUARY: *Promotion of World Peace: We pray the Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.*

COLLECTIONS OVER THE CHRISTMAS PERIOD:

Offertory Collection 22.12.2019: £1,091.47

Christmas Offerings 25.12.2019: £4,274.40 Development Fund 30.12.2019: £1,358.00

FRS JAMES, TOM & STUART once again offer their grateful thanks to everyone for their gifts and offerings at Christmas. The Christmas Offerings of course go a long way to financing the stipend of the parochial clergy for the year ahead and your generosity is deeply appreciated.

THANK YOU! Cynthia and Gaynor wish to say a huge 'thank you' for the many cards and gifts received over Christmas. Your kindness and generosity is, as always, much appreciated.

A THANK YOU FOR THE HOLY PLACES COLLECTION 2019: The Commissariat of the Holy Land has written to Cardinal Vincent to thank parishes for the donations from our diocese, the proceeds of the Good Friday Holy Places Collection. The friars and people of the Custody thank parishioners for their continued support of the Holy Land.

STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL: A WORD FROM FR JAMES: Periodically it is prudent for a parish to review our material commitment to supporting the life and mission of our parish. We will be doing this over three Sundays at the end of January and the beginning of February. More explanation and information will follow.

WHITE FLOWER APPEAL: THIS WEEKEND: As a parish we support two pro-life charities. First, *The Good Counsel Network*, who provide immediate practical help and support in London for women and men, but of course principally women, tempted to resort to abortion in their situation in life. Every so often you see advertised in church the fruits of this work in the names of LIVES SAVED by your prayers and support. Secondly, we support the *Society for the Protection of Unborn Children* (SPUC). SPUC are a lobbying and campaigning charity as well as providing care for those immediately affected by abortion.



The *White Flower Appeal* supports this campaigning work and will take place THIS weekend (11-12 January). In the new political situation in our country this witness by the Church is vitally needed. In October 2019 the most extreme abortion regime in Europe was imposed on Northern Ireland by our government, allowing abortion for any reason up to at least 24 weeks or pregnancy. The abortion lobby, welcome by the present government, wish to introduce the same in England and Wales. Please support this appeal as you can and help SPUC defend innocent lives.

SPUC writes to us today: "We want to continue doing what we do best—mobilising pro-life women and men to put pressure on politicians to protect life. We will continue to spread the truth about abortion—and about the wonder of human life—by educating our young people at school and university, by organising conferences and youth events, by producing top quality briefings and research and by organising powerful acts of public witness. You can use the postcards in church today and post them to SPUC. They will be delivered to Downing Street. Please pray for our work."

The Good Counsel Network have written this week as follows: "For those who have been following the attempts to ban pro-life vigils across the UK, it is hard to believe that the Court of Appeal has upheld Ealing Council's "Buffer Zone" (Public Space Protection Order or PSPO) around the abortion centre in west London. During the hearing, one of the Judges asked the Barrister for Ealing Council if the ban included silent prayer in the whole of the road? He was told, yes, silent prayer is part of the ban.

We are still able to pray and even to offer help to expectant Mothers if they pass by the small "designated area", 150 metres away from the abortion centre, although there are restrictions on how many people can be there and what they can do.

Alina Dulgheriu, the young Mother who is challenging the Buffer Zone ruling now plans to appeal to the Supreme Court to have this unbelievably unjust decision overturned. Please pray for the success of her appeal. Please also come and join us in prayer at one of the London abortion centres where we have a vigil. Telephones for details on 02077231740.

Just yesterday, we had a young mother come to us, who had an abortion two years ago. She is now pregnant again and does not want to go through another abortion. The Father of the baby says that if she won't have another abortion, he wants nothing more to do with her. She was working away from home, but is too sick to work at the moment. She cannot claim benefits and has no other means of support. We will pay her rent this month while we make a long-term plan to help her and her child. It seems that several councils around the country and many pro-abortion groups and politicians are prepared to see young women like this coerced into abortion rather than allow pro-lifers to offer hope and real help outside abortion centres. So far, the Courts have agreed with them. Please pray that all "Buffer Zones" will be overturned. "

Please support this work any way you can.