



Diocese of Westminster


Our Lady, Queen of Apostles

Served by the Society of the Divine Vocations - Vocationists

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Parish Office Hours: Closed until Tuesday 2 January 2024

25th December 2023 – THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)



"The Penny Catechism" - Part 6. THE COMMANDMENTS AND PRECEPTS OF THE CHURCH

57. Why must we keep the precepts of the Church? We must keep the precepts of the Church because they also are God's laws.

58. What are the precepts of the Church? The precepts of the Church are: **1.** To hear Mass on Sundays and Holydays of Obligation. **2.** To fast and abstain on the days appointed. **3.** To confess at least once a year. **4.** To receive Holy Eucharist at Easter time. **5.** To contribute to the support of our pastors. **6.** Not to marry contrary to the laws of the Church.



***** NOTICES *****



PARISH OFFICE CLOSED – from 21st December 2023 until 2nd January 2024.

POLITE NOTICE – If your child becomes noisy and disruptive can you please take them to the room at the back of the church for the duration of the mass. Also, accompany the kneelers when you are using them and do not drop them so to avoid loud noise especially at Consecration time.

LITTERING: We have noticed that some people have a habit of leaving behind used tissues, please dispose of them on your way out or put them in your pocket and dispose of them when home. It is a matter of respect, hygiene and common sense, do not leave your rubbish for other to clean.

SWITCH OFF YOUR PHONE: When you enter the Church, it may be possible that you hear “the call of God”. However, it is unlikely that He will call you on your mobile. It may be a good exercise to switch it off or at least put it on silent before you enter the Church. If you want to talk to God, find a quiet place, pray and talk to Him.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: Many thanks for your generosity and kindness, over the last three weeks we have raised £560.15 for the Christmas Flowers.

CRIB OFFERING: The Crib Offering will go towards the Catholic Children’s Society for the relief of poverty at home.

SECOND COLLECTION: On the Sunday of the Holy Family, we will hold an extraordinary second collection for relief for those suffering from the conflict in the Holy Land.

HOLY FAMILY SUNDAY: On the feast of the Holy Family, there will be a prayer and blessing for all families at the end of each Mass.

ALTAR SERVERS MASS: On Tuesday, we are celebrating the feast of St Stephen, patron saint of Altar Servers. At Mass, we will have the enrolment of those who have been training for the past year and the renewal of promises for all Altar Servers. The Altar Servers and their families are invited to gather into the Pope John Centre after Mass for a moment of celebration. please bring a plate or tray of food to share with everyone.

CHRISTMAS FAIR: During the week we have received further expenses that were not presented before we announced the amount raised, therefore the amount we have raised for the Fair is £2,625.25. Once again, many thanks for your generosity! As announced last week, our share of the amount raised will go towards the new sanctuary carpet, which will be dealt with during the next year.

MASS INTENTIONS: We are now booking mass intentions for 2024 up until June.

FIRE WARDENS: As part of our H&S requirements, we need to have Fire Wardens to help in case of evacuation. We need some people to help at any of the Masses. If you are willing to help please contact the Parish Office. Training will be offered to those who will be helping.

PARKING: We are lucky to have a rather large car park, something that not all Churches can afford. When you come to Church, please use the Car Park entrance on Eton Avenue rather than parking outside the Church. Often, there are too many cars with some blocking the fire exit at the front making it difficult to have any activity outside the Church.

PILGRIMAGE TO ASSISI: We are looking into the possibility of arranging a Pilgrimage to Assisi, the town of St Francis and St Clare and where Blessed Carlo Acutis is buried, in April after the Easter holidays. The cost should be between £500 and £600, depending on accommodation and the programme we will follow. If you are interested, you can speak to the Parish Office or Gabriel Fernandes. Please note that the pilgrimage is not suitable for those who need assistance to walk, cannot walk long distances, uneven surfaces and steep streets as Assisi is a medieval town and roads can be very steep and not smooth.

VOTIVE CANDLES: Each stand has a lighter with it so please use it to light your candles and not use candles to light other candles, please also **refrain from taking candles around the Church**, especially lit candles as it poses a risk for yourself and others around you.



THE ROSARY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL is seeking new Foundation Governors to serve on our Governing Body. Like all school governors, Foundation Governors work to support the Leadership team and staff but also have a special responsibility to support the Christian ethos of the school. This is an important voluntary role, offering the opportunity to make a positive difference, working with the team to promote the school's success. If you would be interested in receiving more information about the role and an application form, please email Mrs Dulko at admin@rosary.hounslow.sch.uk

SECRETS OF PAUL (ONLINE WEEKLY) FROM JANUARY 2024: An opportunity to reflect on the life of St. Paul, as a model missionary disciple via a 10-WEEK Zoom course run by Mission Northampton from Wednesday 10th January 2024 to Wednesday 20th March 2024 (7.30-9pm) <https://northamptondiocese.org/courses/secrets-of-paul-online/>



***** USEFUL PRAYERS *****

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER OF ST ALPHONSUS

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love you above all things and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever. Amen.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Divine Jesus, Son of the eternal Father and Mary Immaculate, grant many of the faithful true generosity in following your call and bestow on them the grace of your Holy Spirit to persevere in overcoming all obstacles to their vocations. Give the church in this Diocese and throughout the world many holy priests and fervent religious. Through the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Justin, all the Angels and all Saints, we humbly ask you to hear our prayers and multiply the ministries by which we may serve one another in faith and love.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION OF SAINT JUSTIN RUSSOLILLO

O my God and my all, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, may your will be done, your love reign, your glory shine always more in me and in everyone as in yourself, O my God and my all.

PRAYER FOR ASKING FAVOURS THROUGH THE INTERCESSION OF ST JUSTIN RUSSOLILLO

O Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, for the wellbeing of the Church you endowed with extraordinary gifts Saint Justin Maria Russolillo, and you made him a pious and zealous Priest, an apostle of "Divine Vocations" and a fervent promoter of your Glory, Love and Will for the Universal Sanctification and for the "Divine Union" of all souls, grant us the grace of experiencing the power of his intercession while imitating his devotion, humility, patience, zeal and kindness. May the Grace (...) that you will grant us through his intercession, be of spiritual advantage to us, for your own glory and for the growth of Your Kingdom on earth. (*Three "Glory Be" in honour of the Holy Trinity*)

MANY THANKS...

At times like these, we are always surprised by the generosity and kindness shown us through the cards, gifts, and donations given us especially at times like those we all are facing today! We are extremely thankful for your generosity and pray that God may reward you always! A word of thanks goes also to all those who over this past week have come to Church and worked hard in silence and behind the scene to make sure everything is ready for the big day. Our thanks go to the sacristans, musicians, choir, altar servers, flower arrangers, cleaners, and all those who in many and different ways have made sure our Church was ready for our celebrations and to you all who have come to Church to pray and give thanks to God for the gift of His Son Jesus! Merry Christmas to you all, and may God bless you and your families!

DECEMBER 2023	TIME	MASS INTENTION
Sunday 24th <i>Christmas Eve</i>	6:00 pm (Children's Mass) 8:30 pm Vigil Mass 11:30 pm (Midnight Mass)	Deceased Members of the McDermott & Lynch Family - People of Heston
Monday 25th THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD	8.30 am Mass 10:30 am Sung Mass 12:30 pm Mass	Sita Mary Mendes – RIP (Birthday) People of Heston Aily Sergio T. Villa & Josefina M. Villa
Tuesday 26th <i>St Stephen</i>	10:30 am Mass	Altar Servers
Wednesday 27th <i>St John the Evangelist</i>	9 am 9:30 am Mass 7 pm Mass	Prayer of the Rosary Luiza & Custodio Fernandes - RIP Juana Ranos
Thursday 28th <i>The Holy Innocents</i>	9 am 9:30 am Mass 7 pm Mass	Prayer of the Rosary Antonio & Rufina Simoes - RIP Milton - Birthday
Friday 29th <i>St Thomas Becket</i>	9 am 9:30 am Mass 7 pm Mass	Prayer of the Rosary Jelfern Fernandes - Birthday Francis Fernandes - Birthday
Saturday 30th <i>6th Day of the Octave of Christmas</i>	9:30 am Mass 10-10:45 am 7 pm Vigil Mass	Pedro Miranda - Thanksgiving Adoration & Confessions -
Sunday 31st THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH	8 am Mass 9:30 am Mass 11:30 am Mass 5:30 pm Mass	Sean McMahon – RIP Thanksgiving - Cojocarú Mary McConigley – RIP (Pray for Eddie) Thanksgiving to God

Let us pray for the sick people of our Parish

Catherine Jennings, Peter Wade, Ann Duckmanton, and Grace Gauci.

Let us pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time

Anselm Rodrigues, Douglas Dixon, Larry McGrandles, Antonio Nunez, Liz Jackson, Manuel Fernandes,
Lilian Weerasinghe

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them;

CHRISTMAS DAY PRAYER FOR THE FAMILY BEFORE MEAL

Lord God of Life, together with the beautiful traditions of decorating the Christmas tree, of singing carols and giving gifts, this Christmas dinner is an important part of our celebration of the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Come, Lord our God, and surround our feast day table as we delight in this joyous season of Christmas. Gift us in this meal with the taste of happiness as we savour this coming together of family and friends. As sparkling stars and singing angels rejoiced at the birth of the Christ Child in Bethlehem, so may we take great joy in this our Christmas dinner celebration.

Heavenly Father, bless this food and bless this meal. Since Jesus came into our world and delivered us salvation, we rejoice in the promise of salvation and pray that our fellowship brings us deeper into communion with you. We ask this as we ask all things, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.



CHURCH DONATIONS AND COLLECTION

Have you considered giving your donation to the Parish via bank transfer (single donations) or via Standing Order? If you wish to do so, you can use the following details:

Account Name: WRC DT Heston Sort Code: 40-05-20 Account Number: 11094912

Please add your Surname and First Name as a reference, to help our bookkeeper.

If you wish to Gift-Aid your donation, forms are available at the back of the Church or on the website. Gift-aid is available to all UK taxpayer and comes at no extra cost to you.