



Diocese of Westminster


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**Parish Office Hours:** Monday, Tuesday & Thursday – 9.30 am – 1.00 pm

## 7th January 2024 – *THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD*

### The Symbolic meaning of the three Gifts of the Magi



The gold represents Christ's kingship; frankincense, a sweet-smelling resin used in worship, his priesthood and divinity; and myrrh, an ointment used in burial, foreshadows his death. This interpretation of the three gifts has been passed down since the first few centuries of Christianity and is held up as the primary meaning behind the gifts, even though the Magi themselves may not have fully understood the impact of their Christmas presents. As we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany of the Lord let us reflect upon our own individual gift which we can offer to him as we begin this new year graciously given to us by God. The three wise men, known as Melchior, Caspar, and Balthazar, bring gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Pope Francis, during his 2023 homily on the Epiphany, shared a new perspective on the magi. He explained that, while they are best known for the gifts that they receive: **The gift of call**—God calling them. **The gift of discernment**— being able to ignore Herod and choose God's way. **The gift of surprise**—meeting God in a humble manger. Pope Francis suggests these are calls that we all receive. "Brothers and sisters, we are all called — the first gift: the call — by Jesus; we can all discern — the second gift: discernment — discern his presence; we can all experience his surprises — the third gift: the surprise," he said.

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

#### 59. What are some of the sins committed against the Ten Commandments? / 2

Some of the sins against the Ten Commandments are: **4.** To disobey parents or superiors. To grieve them. To be angry with them or to hate them. **5.** To be angry. To hate. To seek revenge. To quarrel and fight. To injure ourselves or others. To be cruel to animals. To expose body or soul to danger. To eat or drink too much. To lead others into sin. **6.** To look at, think or speak of immodest things. To do immodest things alone or with others. **7.** To cheat, to steal, to damage and destroy, not to pay your debts. **8.** To tell a lie, to speak evil of others.

**\*\*\* NOTICES \*\*\***



**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.

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

**CHURCH CLEANING:** Tomorrow, Monday 8 January, with the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, Christmastime ends. We will clean and tidy up the Church (removing all Christmas decorations) after the 9.30 am Mass once the children from The Rosary have left the Church, your help will be very much appreciated.

**DONATION ENVELOPES:** We are at that time of the year when we need to put an order for Gift-Aid and Planned Giving envelopes and we want to make sure that we order the right number of boxes and do not have the Parish pay for boxes, which then will sit in the Office waiting to be collected. If you give your donations by Standing Order then we will not be ordering you a donation box, if you still wish to have a box of envelopes please let the Parish Secretary know so we can make sure we have our details up to date.

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

**NEW READERS:** Training for the New Readers will start on 11 January at 7:30 pm. Please fill in a volunteer form that you can collect from the back of the Church

**ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING:** Training for New Altar Servers will start on Friday 12 January at 3:45pm. Applications are open for all children in primary and secondary school who have done their First Holy Communion. Forms are available at the back of the Church.

**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.

**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.

**MASS ATTENDANCE CARD:** We have noticed that a number of families do not have an attendance card for their children. The attendance card is for children who are 2yo up to those in Year 5 and you will need for when you are going to apply for a Catholic School as it will help priests make sure you have attended Mass regularly and therefore they can sign the form. If you do not have one please contact the office.

**RECEPTION FORM SIGNING:** The deadline for Reception applications is the 15th January. If you are applying for your child to attend a Catholic School you will need a Certificate of Catholic Practice signed by the Priest where you attend regularly. If this is the Church, where your child attends and therefore the Priests know him/her you can have the certificate signed, **please book your appointment through the Parish Office**. Together with the certificate, you will need to have with you the attendance

card and a copy of your child's baptism certificate. If you don't have any one of these when you come you will not have your form signed.

**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](mailto: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/>

### **\*\*\*SACRAMENTS\*\*\***

**BAPTISMS:** Please use the form on the Parish Website to enquire about the Baptism for your child. We celebrate Baptisms on a Saturday only; we ask that you give us minimum 6 weeks' notice.

**CONFESSION:** Available every Saturday 10 to 10:45 am or on request. To book an appointment please contact the Parish Office.

**MARRIAGE:** If you are planning to marry, we can only start the paperwork needed by the diocese 6 months prior your wedding day. Whether you are marrying in the UK or abroad we need minimum 6 months' notice, especially if we need to arrange a marriage course. Please do not leave it to the last minute!

### **\*\*\* 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.

#### **INVOCATION OF OUR LADY – THE MEMORARE**

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To you I come, before you, I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in your mercy, hear and answer me.

#### **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*)



<b>JANUARY 2024</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>MASS INTENTION</b>
<b>Saturday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	7 pm Vigil Mass	Peter Newman – 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary
<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup></b> <b>+THE EPIPHANY</b> <b>OF THE LORD</b>	8 am Mass 9:30 am Family Mass 11:30 am Mass 5:30 pm	- Thanksgiving Simao & Conceiao Felicula Fernandes - RIP Larry McGrandles - RIP
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup></b> <b>THE BAPTISM OF</b> <b>THE LORD</b>	9 am 9:30 am Mass 7 pm Mass*	<b>Prayer of the Rosary</b> School Mass Elisha Fernando - Thanksgiving
<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	9 am 9:30 am Mass 7 pm Mass*	<b>Prayer of the Rosary</b> Fr Mark, Clement & Trevor – RIP Eliza Alphonso-RIP + John & Shirley-Wedding Anniversary
<b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	9 am 9:30 am Mass 7 pm Mass (Novena)	<b>Prayer of the Rosary</b> Lewis, Mary & Felix – RIP Sr Carman Noronha - RIP
<b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	9 am 9:30 am Mass 7 pm Mass*	<b>Prayer of the Rosary</b> Verrell Fernandes – Birthday Roque & Rita Albuquerque
<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	9 am 9:30 am Mass 7 pm Mass*	<b>Prayer of the Rosary</b> Sebastian Pereira, Mervin Nonis, Devika Pereira Joe Rupasinghe – RIP (32 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary)
<b>Saturday 13<sup>th</sup></b> <i>St Hilary</i>	9:30 am Mass 10-10:45 am 7 pm Vigil Mass	Bernadette Oumba <b>Adoration &amp; Confessions</b> Jimmy Martin – RIP - Recently Deceased
<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup></b> <b>+SECOND SUNDAY</b> <b>OF ORDINARY</b> <b>TIME</b>	8 am Mass 9:30 am Family Mass 11:30 am Mass 5:30 pm	Annette de Mel – RIP (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary) Anthony & Pauline Treanor - RIP Rigobert Yindou Larry McGrandles - RIP

\*Mass will be celebrated in the Martyrs' Chapel, please use the Car Park Entrance.

**Let us pray for the sick people of our Parish**

Catherine Jennings, Ann Duckmanton, and Grace Gauci.

**Let us pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time**

Emily Tolman, Irene Guilfoyle, Fr John Kersey, Marcella Tregar, Tony Treanor, Graham Garrod, Teresa Emmerson, Kathleen Blackford, Michael Keating, Pauline Treanor, Evelyn Margaret Jasman, Anne Doyle, Reginald Vaz, Nick McDermott, Otello Papini, Antony Gauci, Erik Mart Peters, Edward Dagg

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**7 JANUARY:** Confirmation Class after 9:30 am Mass

**8 JANUARY:** Feast of the Baptism of the Lord and end of Christmastide

**11 JANUARY:** Training for New Readers at 7:30 pm

**12 JANUARY:** Altar Servers Training at 3:45 pm

**14 JANUARY:** FHC Class after 9:30 am Mass

**18 JANUARY:** Anniversary of Birth of St Justin Russolillo

**21 JANUARY:** Confirmation Class after 9:30 am Mass

**21 JANUARY:** Columban Fathers Mission Appeal and Second Collection

**23 JANUARY:** Finance Committee Meeting (PFC Members Only)

**28 JANUARY:** FHC Class and Parents' Meeting after 9:30 am Mass

**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: WRCDT 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.