

VINNIE PACKS

The SVP (Society of St Vincent De Paul) are distributing **11,500 Vinnie Packs** containing cold weather essentials to the homeless this winter. Please consider sponsoring packs at a suggested donation of £3.70 per pack? Donations can be sent to **Vinnie Packs, PO Box 72264, London SW1P 9EZ** with cheques made out to SVP or by bank transfer to Nat West sort code **60-60-04, account no. 4608 8237**. Thank you for your support.

MISSIO BOXES

If you have a red Missio box which is getting full, please bring it next time you come to the church. Boxes can be brought to the church up until **Sunday 6 December**.

MISSIO CALENDARS 2022

Now available in the lobby

WALK WITH ME - ADVENT BOOKLETS

A journey of prayer and contemplation for Advent and Christmas with reflections of the daily and Sunday liturgy for the season. Booklets are available in the church lobby - £1.00 each

ADVENT CALENDARS FOR CHILDREN

Are also available in the lobby with suggestions for activities each day during Advent and Christmas. These are free to take (1 per child)

CAFOD WORLD GIFTS

Catalogues are now available in the lobby. Why not pick one up and this Christmas give your loved ones a gift that makes a real difference.

The gifts aren't just for Christmas

CAFOD world gifts make the perfect gift for all occasions, so keep your catalogue and order any time.

1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR C

Jeremiah 33:14-16 1 Thessalonians 3:12 - 4:2 Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are still in need of volunteers to help clean the church. If you can spare 2 - 3 hours once or twice a month, either on a Wednesday (any time) or Friday (mid-morning or afternoon), or early Saturday morning, please contact the parish office or speak to Fr Agustin.

We also need some more readers and stewards for the Sunday 11.30am Mass. If you can help, please contact the parish office or speak to Fr Agustin.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Christmas cards are now available from the Repository at the back of the church.

If you would like to buy something from the Repository, please speak to the steward in the lobby.

LITURGY TIMES THIS WEEK

Masses will be offered for the following intentions:

Saturday	27	Mass	6.30pm	Cecil Fonseca RIP
Sunday	28	Masses	9.30am	A Private Intention Ann Jordan RIP (Anniv)
			11.30am	All Souls
Monday	29	Mass	10.00am	All Souls
Tuesday	30	Masses	10.00am	Brennan & Doherty families
Wednesday	1	No Mass		
Thursday	2	Mass	10.00am	In Thanksgiving
Friday	3	Mass	10.00am	People of the Parish
Saturday	4	Mass	6.30pm	Evelyn Elisabeth Silva RIP

2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday	5	Masses	9.30am	Bridget McHugh RIP (Anniv)
			11.30am	Olive and Tommy Bradley RIP

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Saturdays 5.00pm - 6.00pm and Mondays after the 10.00am Mass (10.30am - 11.00am)

Confession: Saturday 5.00pm - 6.00pm

Please pray for: John McCarthy, John Lyne, Rebecca Sullivan, Hannah Tran, Mary Dykes, Clare Ashton, Gigi Reale, Jo Dearlove, Malgorzata Myrkowa, Terril Park, George Brum, Chris Keeffe, David Newbert, Teresa Oatway, Stanley Cummins, Avit Castillo, Avelina Pelaez Siddiqi, Marlene Lock, Michael Delaney, Maria Wales, Suzanne Acton, Carl Bryan,
for those who died recently: Remo Losi, Timothy Mulcahy, Margaret Rattray, Blanca Crisanti, Elsa Robertson, Teresa Gannon, Carlos Pereira, Anne Wilson, Barbara Czaykowska, John Preston, Stefania Browne, William Swords, Mariano De Gregorio, Bridget Rozario.

and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time: John Hogan, Julie Thomas, Angela Beaney, Gwendoline Hughes, Richard Travers, Sheila O'Connor, Tim Hillier, Mary O'Reilly, Ann Leung Ki Fun, Michael Feighery, Virginia Robbins, Mary Young, Eileen Elston, Bridie Reynolds, Raymond Carter, Margaret Walsh, John Burke, Anna Sleater, Ann Jordan and Bridget McHugh.

Lord God, your Church joyfully awaits the coming of its Saviour, who enlightens our hearts and dispels the darkness of ignorance and sin. Pour forth your blessing upon us as we light the candles of this wreath: may their light reflect the splendour of Christ, who is Lord for ever and ever.



With these words, the Church hallows the circle of greenery and candles placed on our sanctuary during Advent. Formed in a **circle**, an ancient symbol of God who has neither beginning nor end, the **wreath** proclaims life in the midst of the seeming death of winter. Its **candles** proclaim that Christ, who is to come again, is the **light** that no darkness can extinguish. With each week of Advent we light one more candle and the darkness retreats just a little further. This reminds us of what and who it is we wait for during this season: the kingdom of God in its fullness and the coming of the one who will banish all darkness for ever.

HONOURING SUNDAY

On Thursday November 19th, at a conference in Leeds, the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales issued a statement for all Catholics entitled "Honouring Sunday",

In it they remind us that "The Sunday Eucharist is a gift; as God's holy people we are called to praise and thank God in the most sublime way possible. When the Church speaks of the Sunday obligation, it reminds us that attending Mass is a personal response to the selfless offering of Christ's love".

However, the Bishops also acknowledge that "for some people there may be certain factors which hinder attendance at Sunday Mass. The pandemic is clearly not over. The risk of infection is still present. For some, there is legitimate fear in gathering together. As your bishops, we recognise that these prevailing circumstances suggest that not everyone is yet in the position to fulfil the absolute duty to attend freely Sunday Mass".

And so they call upon each one of us to "look again at the patterns which we have formed in recent months with regard to going to Mass on Sundays. This would include consideration and reflection about what we might do on Sundays, such as sports or shopping, or other leisure and social activities. This review, and the decisions which arise from it, fall to every Catholic and we trust this will be done with honesty, motivated by a real love for the Lord whom we encounter in the Mass.

The Sunday Mass is the very heartbeat of the Church and of our personal life of faith. We gather on the 'first day of the week', and devote ourselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers (Acts 2:42). The Eucharist sustains us and spurs us on, renewing our gratitude and our hope. When we say 'Amen' to Christ in receiving his Body and Blood, we express the love of God which is deep within us, and at the end of Mass, when we are sent forth, we express our love for our neighbour, especially those in need. These two dimensions reveal the full meaning of our faith. We are gathered together and sent out, we pray and are fed, we worship and we adore; these are intrinsic to our lives as those baptised into Christ.

Here at St John Fisher, we continue with our efforts to make the church as safe a place as possible. We also thank you for taking personal responsibility by ensuring you sanitise when you enter and leave, wear a face covering, and leave some space between yourselves and those you don't normally spend time with. As the weeks progress, we hope to see more of our parishioners return "to praise and thank God in the most sublime way possible".

Copies of the full statement issued by the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales are available in the lobby.

HOLY HOUR AND CONFESSIONS ON SATURDAY

Holy Hour on Saturday evenings has now resumed. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from **5.00pm - 6.00pm** and you are welcome to come during that time to pray. During that time Fr Agustin will also be available to hear Confession in the room at the back of the church. There is no need to book in advance for confessions on Saturday. For confession at any other time, please contact the parish office.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS

Last Week: Envelopes £ 495.00 Loose Plate £ 204.27 Standing Orders £ 429.85 Total £ 1,129.12

ADVENT GIVING 2021

Let's prepare ourselves well during Advent, first and foremost thinking about others, especially those in need. This year we will be supporting 4 charities - PACT, Ealing Foodbank, Mary's Meals and The Catholic Children's Society. Times are hard, but please think about the charity or charities you would like to help this year and be as generous as you can.

Charity 1 - PACT (Prisoner Advice and Care Trust) - Operation Elf

Operation Elf is Pact's annual campaign supporting prisoners to give a Christmas gift to their child. With your help, they can make the festive period a little brighter for families across England and Wales.

Every year more than 200,000 children experience the distress and heartache of having a parent in prison. Christmas can be a particularly painful time, but with your help they can make a big difference.

This year, by purchasing an extra gift card during your Christmas shop, we can make sure a prisoner can give a gift to their child to buy something they really want...

Step 1: Buy a gift card to the value of £10 that we can be sent to a prisoner's child.

Choose one that gives lots of options to a child. Children are different! Some may want to buy chocolate, others popular toiletries, a book, or they may like to put it towards a new jacket. You can buy a **One4All gift card** at the Post Office or online - and this can be used in lots of shops. Otherwise, choose department store gift cards. **Both Tesco and Sainsbury's sell a variety of gift cards too.**

Please send actual gift cards and not e-cards or e-vouchers as these are difficult to distribute.

Step 2: Send your donation to Pact

If you buy your card(s) online, you can choose to have them delivered straight to Pact at the address below. Alternatively, you can send your card(s) in an envelope to:

Operation Elf
Pact
29 Peckham Road
London SE5 8UA

IMPORTANT:

Please make sure that your card(s) arrive with Pact by

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to allow their Christmas Elves to share them with mums and dads in prisons to then give to their children.

I want to donate more than £10. What can I do?

That's fantastic! If you would like to donate more than £10, please purchase multiple £10 gift cards. For example, if you would like to donate £30, please buy three gift cards to the value of £10 each - and send all three to Pact.

I want to donate less than £10. What can I do?

We're grateful for every donation - thank you for your support. If you would like to donate an amount less than £10, please try clubbing together with friends to buy a £10 gift card or [make a donation online](#).

Can I donate books and toys instead?

We kindly ask that you do not buy books or toys for a prisoner's child this year as Pact will be unable to distribute them.

If you would like to donate a gift card but need help in doing this, please contact the parish office for advice.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday 29th	Adult Catechesis	8.00pm	Parish Room
Thursday 2nd December	Adult Catechesis (Final session)	8.00pm	Parish Room
Friday 3rd	Synodal Pathway - Listening Group	After the 10.00am Mass	Parish Room
Monday 6th	First Holy Communion - Catechists' Meeting	7.30pm	Parish Room
Monday 13th	First Holy Communion - Parents' Meeting	7.30pm	Church

SYNODAL PATHWAY Further listening group - 3rd December

We will be hosting a further listening group on **Friday 3rd December at 10.30am after the morning Mass**. All parishioners are welcome to come along to the Parish Room to hear about the synodal pathway, listen and share.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME APPLICATIONS CLOSING SOON

Application Forms are still available for the next Confirmation programme here at St John Fisher. **Young people in Year 8 or above**, who feel ready to prepare for this sacrament, can apply. The programme will start in February 2022 with a mix of face-to-face and online sessions and the Masses will take place in October. If you would like to apply, please contact the parish office.

If you have requested a form, this must be returned by Monday 6th December, to be considered for the programme.

NURSERY & RECEPTION APPLICATIONS Certificates of Catholic Practice

If you are applying for Nursery/Reception places for September 2022, attend Mass at this parish, and need a Certificate of Catholic Practice for your child, Fr Agustin has appointments available on the following day:

Monday 6th December 6.30pm - 7.15pm

Please contact the parish office to book an appointment. The deadline for school applications is 15th January and Fr Agustin will be away after Christmas. Please do not leave it until the last minute.

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Charity 2 - EALING FOODBANK



Over the last few years we have supported Ealing Foodbank, which is part of the [Trussell Trust's](#) network of 428 foodbanks, working to tackle food poverty and hunger in our local communities, as well as across the UK. And a few months ago, a new client centre opened at St Nicholas' Church, here in Perivale, which is supported by volunteers from our own parish.

90% of the food distributed by foodbanks is donated by the public, which is why your food donations are absolutely vital, to enable them to give everyone referred to them, a balanced and nutritious supply of food.

How You Can Help

At Your Supermarket

Most major supermarkets collect for local foodbanks; Tesco Hoover Building and Asda Park Royal collect for the Ealing Foodbank, Sainsbury's in Alperton collects for the Brent Foodbank. Why not pick up a few extra items while you're shopping and then before you leave, place them in the collection boxes, usually near the store exit.

Bring Your Items to Us

You can also bring the items you would like to donate to the church, when it is open

What Should I Buy?

To make Christmas a little more special, below is the Christmas Wish List

The items below need to be donated by

Sunday 5th December



Christmas Puddings / Christmas Cake
Savoury Biscuits / Nuts / Dried Fruit
Boxes of Chocolates or Sweets
Selection Boxes of Biscuits

Diaries, Calendars or Notebooks
Toiletry Gift Sets (adult & children)
Children's Socks, Gloves or Scarves
Puzzles, Colouring Books or Card Games