



THE CHURCH of the HOLY APOSTLES  
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**10th December 2023 – The Second Sunday of Advent– Year B**

**TIMES OF MASSES**

**Weekday Masses**

Monday-Friday 9:30am

**Saturday Mass** 10.00am

**Sunday Masses**

Saturday 6:00pm Vigil Mass of Sunday

Sunday 9.00 am

10.30am Family Mass

12.30pm in Spanish

**Confessions**

Saturday 5pm to 5.30pm

Or by arrangement

**Morning Prayer (Lauds)**

Monday—Friday 9:15am

Sunday-8.30am

**Adoration & Benediction**

Wednesday after 9.30am Mass &

Saturday after the 10am Mass

**Liturgy & Mass Intentions**

<b>Sat 9th December</b> Advent feria <b>Followed by Adoration &amp; benediction</b>	10:00am  6pm (Vigil)	Manuel de Freitas (RIP)  Elio Romano (RIP)
<b>Sun 10th December</b> + 2nd Sunday of Advent	9am  10.30am	John & Josie McDermott (RIP)  Pro Populo
<b>Mon 11th December</b> Advent feria	9.30am	Carmen Sanchez (Intentions)
<b>Tue 12th December</b> Our Lady of Guadalupe	9.30am	Kathleen Fox (Intentions)
<b>Weds 13th December</b> St Lucy, Virgil & Martyr <b>Followed by Adoration &amp; benediction</b>	9.30am	Ann Castle (Intentions)
<b>Thurs 14th December</b> St John of the Cross Priest & Doctor	9.30am	Mary O'Connor (RIP)
<b>Fri 15th December</b> Advent feria <b>(Friday abstinence)</b>	9.30am	Michael Pigott & Family (RIP)
<b>Sat 16th December</b> Advent feria <b>Followed by Adoration &amp; benediction</b>	10:00am  6pm (Vigil)	Fr Pat (Intentions)  Pro Populo

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**Prepare the Way:** We are now in Advent and every year on the second Sunday of Advent, the Church asks us to ponder the words and deeds of St John the Baptist. John reminds us of the need to prepare for the coming of Christ with self-reflection and repentance. When it comes to people's lists of favourite saints, he probably would not top anyone's. He's an unsettling Old Testament type of prophet who comes on the scene proclaiming, according to the Gospel, a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

Yet, the Church says that we need to hear John's message. The season of Advent is not the season of Christmas. Before we rush to the joy of Christmas, before we receive the great mystery of God with us, we must prepare. We should set aside time to examine our spiritual lives, look with honesty at ways in which our lives are out of balance, reassess self-destructive behaviours, and try to bring about more harmony in ourselves, in the community and in the world. By acknowledging our failings and downfalls, we are washed clean by the grace of God and prepared for the animating fire of the Holy Spirit. How are you embracing repentance this Advent?  
**Fr Chinedu**

# Announcements

**Please pray for Robert Brown & Charles Bellord** who died recently. Funeral details later. **May they rest in peace.**

**Repository**; will be open this weekend. They have a good supply of Christmas Cards, gifts etc. Please support them.

**The 2023/24 Confirmation programme** will commence with an enrolment Mass next Sunday 17th December at the 10.30am with Bishop Nicholas Hudson, followed by a meeting for Parents & Confirmation candidates immediately afterwards in the Hall.

**Thank you to the SVP** and helpers for a wonderful Christmas Buffet last Monday. A great time was had by all.

**A big thank you to Holy Apostles singers**, led by Tom and Simon Au, in carol singing for Amnesty International on Tuesday, raising a record-breaking £494.09 for Human Rights worldwide. Pictures on Amnesty Westminster and Bayswater Website, :

<https://www.amnesty.org.uk/groups/westminster-bayswater>

**Our Christmas Schedule** is attached to this weeks newsletter. Please do take time to read it and mark the dates in your diaries.

**Christmas Offertory**: Please also find attached to this weeks newsletter an envelope for your Christmas offering.

**Altar Servers training**: On Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 5pm, there will be an Altar Servers training session in the Church. It is very important Altar Servers attend this session if they wish to continue to serve. Parents of Servers under 18, please come with your child to this training session as there will be a new form to fill out. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact James or Sarah, our parish secretary.

**Parish Advent Carol Service**: On Sunday the 17th December at 3pm in the Church for a hour of Christmas music lead by our folk group, followed by refreshments in the hall until 5pm.

**Advent Penitential Service**: Monday 18th December at 7pm with 4 to 5 priests available to hear confession.

**Flowers for Christmas**: We would welcome donations towards the cost of the Christmas tree and flowers for Christmas. Put your donation in one of the envelopes on the seats in church, write in space "Flowers" and sign it if you are a tax payer thank You.

**Shopping for Presents?** Be original and meaningful!

Check out the **Refractory**. They turn all those blister packs you bring for recycling into products. Explore at :

<https://shop.myrefactory.com/product-category/products/>

**Cafod** has gifts that keep on giving throughout the year! Locate them at <https://cafod.org.uk/> These are just 2 suggestions of the many charities that help make giving a grace!

**The standing orders including GYE & one off donations for November came to £5663 The Loose plate including Dona contactless payments for November was £2666.58 & the Offertory envelopes for November came to £953.45. Thank you all very much indeed.** If you wish to make a payment direct to our Bank Account these are the details: **WRCDT Pimlico** Sort code 40-05-20 A/C no: 81308416 Address: HSBC 69 Pall Mall, London SW1Y 5EY, REF: Collection/Your surname.... **Or use our contactless card machines.**

**The best way to support the parish is by standing order**, you can download a standing order form from our website –just click the "Donate" button at the top of the screen, or Sarah at the parish office can give you a form.

**Christmas Cards for Fr Pat**:

Several people have asked where to send cards for Fr Pat. Please do drop them off or post them to the Priest's House, we will make sure he receives them.

**Justice & Peace Bidding Prayer**: Heather, George and James Pratt Family— Acceptance of others— We pray that we can accept people for who they are, not what others want them to be. Help us to look at everyone through Gods eyes, don't judge people as God says love thy neighbour as you love yourself.

**The SVP** are distributing **over 10,000 Vinnie Packs** containing cold weather essentials to the homeless this winter. Please could you consider sponsoring packs at a suggested donation of £4.20 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 so much for your support.

**Action Prayer**: Preparations! In our readings this weekend, we hear "Prepare a way for the Lord..."

It's that time of the year when all different kinds of preparations are being made by the three Abrahamic religions, as well as secular ones. As Catholics we're probably participating in both religious and popular celebrations. Our **Action Prayer** is to endeavour a short daily acknowledgement to Mary and Joseph regarding their preparations for the birth of their baby. If there are children doing an Advent calendar, ask them to think about what preparations Mary and Joseph might have been making each day on the countdown to Christmas. Let your motto be: *Keeping the reason for the Season!*

**Pope Francis monthly intentions for December 2023**

**For persons with disabilities**: We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.