



THE CHURCH of the HOLY APOSTLES
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24th & 25th December 2023 – The Fourth Sunday of Advent– Year B & Christmastide

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

Sat 23rd December Advent feria	10:00am 6pm (Vigil)	Ann Heffernan (RIP) Sarah, James & Con Boohan (RIP)
Sun 24th December + 4th Sunday of Advent	NO 9AM MASS 10.30am	Julia & Jacqueline O'Connor & Louise Andrews (RIP)
CHRISTMASTIDE Christmas Vigil Mass Christmas Mass during the Night	6pm (Vigil) 10pm	Sarah Harcher (Intentions) Pro Populo
Mon 25th December Christmas Day + The Nativity of the Lord	9am 10.30am	The Castle Family (Intentions) Fr Chinedu (Intentions)
Tue 26th December St Stephen (The First Martyr)	9.30am	Jan Bidaud (Intentions)
Weds 27th December St John (Apostle & Evangelist)	9.30am	Martina Kehoe (RIP)
Thurs 28th December The Holy Innocents (Martyrs)	9.30am	Eileen McFeeley (Intentions)
Fri 29th December St Thomas Becket (Bishop & Martyr)	9.30am	Raymond Osbourne (RIP)
(No Friday abstinence) Sat 30th December 6th Day in the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord	10:00am 6pm (Vigil)	Theresa Potrac (RIP) Angela Waring (Intentions))

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Announcements

HAVE A BLESSED CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR:

Christmas, it's the 'most' busiest time of the year? Wait ... that's not how the song goes, is it? Of course not! Christmas is the most wonderful time of the year, but the truth of the matter is that it probably is the busiest time as well ... still ... let's try to find time to reflect on the reason for the Season. The birth of Jesus in Bethlehem represents the victory of light over darkness, joy over sadness, hope over despair, love over hatred, peace over conflict, gratitude over misery, obedience over disobedience, and order over chaos.

The birth of Jesus Christ, Son of God, son of Mary, brings profound goodness to our world – each year and all year. And it happened because Mary and Joseph listened for God's direction in their lives, and were open to God's prompting. We pray and hope that these Christmas days will bring us the happiness and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ. And may we share that Christmas gift with others every day by word and deed.

Thank you for your kind cards, greetings and generous offerings. May God, bestow on you a Christmas of deep communion and sharing in the warmth of God's love with the members of your family and your friends and a 2024 filled with his graces and blessings.

Fr Chinedu & Fr Charles

FINANCE: 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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: **Mary Phyllis Ferrin** whose Funeral will be at 10am on Wednesday 10th of January 2024 **May she rest in peace.**

WE WISH ALL OF YOU GOING AWAY OVER THE CHRISTMAS PERIOD: _safe travel, Merry Christmas & a happy New Year, come back safely to us.

ADVENT CAROL SERVICE: Thank you to the Folk Group who lead the singing & the members of our PPC who provided the Refreshments, it was a joyful way to prepare for the Nativity of our Lord. £95 was raised for our Ambulance Fund.

FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS: Thank you for the donations received & to Gabby and her team for the beautiful arrangements not only at Christmas but all year.

CRIB DONATIONS FOR THE CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY: From now until Candlemas all donations for the Crib will be given to the Catholic Children's Society. The donation box is by the candles near the Crib.

ESCORTED PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK & CO MAYO, 10TH MARCH 2024. £899.00 pps. Price includes flight, 10kg hold luggage, 5 nights' in 4* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Lunch on three days. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock, Galway City, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick & Ashford Castle. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact Patricia or Natali on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

JUSTICE & PEACE BIDDING PRAYER: Maggie Mc Nally-Understanding Refugees— Dear Lord let us have mercy upon all refugees. Help us to understand their plight and hardships. Help us not to turn them away as pariahs.

ACTION PRAYER: Christmas Eve! Our readings this weekend remind us that God is all powerful and can do anything!

Mary's words "...let what you have said be done to me." Is it submission or acceptance? Or both? Do we accept God's Divine Will from duty or love? Or both? Our **Action Prayer** is to enjoy Christmas, whatever our circumstances. Thanking God for the present of Jesus. Thank Mary and Joseph for their fortitude to carry out Divine Will. A way we may want to express our thanks, is to help another to celebrate. Perhaps drop off some food to the homeless, or invite someone who is alone to your home. Or do some random act of kindness that will bring joy to another! Happy Christmas!

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.

