



THE CHURCH of the HOLY APOSTLES
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31st December 2023 – The Feast of The Holy Family– 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

Sat 30th December 6th Day in the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord	10.00am 6pm (Vigil)	Theresa Potrac (RIP) Angela Waring (Intentions))
Sun 31st December + The Holy Family of Jesus Mary & Joseph	9am 10.30am	Ann Heffernan (RIP) Pro Populo
Mon 1st January Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God	10.00am	Anne Castle (Intentions)
Tue 2nd January Saints Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen Bishops & Doctors of the Church	9.30am	The Holy Land (Intentions)
Weds 3rd January Christmas feria Followed by Adoration & benediction	9.30am	Theresa Potrac (RIP)
Thurs 4th January Christmas feria	9.30am	Anne Austen (Intentions)
Fri 5th January Christmas feria (Friday abstinence)	9.30am	Adrian Goodall (RIP)
Sat 6th January Christmas feria Followed by Adoration & benediction	10:00am 6pm (Vigil)	Barbara PetersRIP) Maria Wazyolrag (Intentions)

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Today's feast offers us the image of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph to help us in our own family lives. The choice of date for its celebration is no doubt intended to coincide with the time of the year when we are most likely to be coming together in our own family units...for better or worse! It is a time when we can reflect on the quality of our own family life.

The Holy Family has commonly been used as an ideal example of the nuclear family. As we can see examples from Scripture, this idea may mislead us. The Holy Family went through the same trials and misunderstandings that affect any family then and now. What is helpful for us is to see how they reacted in such demanding circumstances. Throughout their lives, their guiding star was a strong belief in, and dependence on, God, the reference point to whom they all turned. In the midst of trials and tribulations in our families, may we like the Holy Family focus on God to guide and strengthen us. The mission of the family is identical to that of the Universal Church; to bear witness to the vision of Christ for the world. Today, in celebrating the Holy Family, we ask God's blessings on our own families. We pray for the eternal repose of souls of our deceased loved; may they be united with the Holy Family in Heaven.

Fr Chinedu

Announcements

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.**

MASS ON NEW YEARS DAY Monday 1st January 2024 is at the later time of 10.00am

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES: meet on Saturday 6th January at 2pm in the Church hall for their first class. Please do keep them in your prayers.

DO YOU HAVE A CHILD FOR BAPTISM? If so please contact Sarah & she will provide you with an application form to complete and return. (You can also download a form from our website). Once returned we will give you a date to attend a baptism preparation course & book the date of the baptism. pimlico@rcdow.org;

VOLUNTEERS: How about helping the parish as a New Year’s resolution? There a lot of opportunities for you to help at the Holy Apostles & get involved. Please check out the groups on our website or pick up a leaflet from the porch. Helping is a great way to meet your fellow parishioners and it really does build up our community so don’t be shy we need you!

SPONSOR BLESSED SACRAMENT LIGHT AT THE TABERNACLE IN MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE: This light burns day and night and is a candle within the red holder to remind people of Christ’s presence in the tabernacle. We invite people to sponsor it for a week in memory of a loved one living or dead and we will place their NAME flat on the back altar beside the light. People are invited to make a minimum donation of £10 for this, if they can afford it. (This can be Gift Aided). Contact Sarah to arrange a particular week.

Thank you for your kind cards, greetings and generous offerings. May God, bless you are your families & we wish you a happy & heathy New Year. **Fr Chinedu & Fr Charles**

JUSTICE & PEACE BIDDING PRAYER – Fleaur Brennan-Attributes Needed: We pray that God gives us the courage to speak truth to power, the strength to strive for peace and the inspiration to stand up for justice, always.

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

ACTION PRAYER: Promises. Our readings this weekend reviews promises from God to his people, the promise of Christ.

Abraham kept his faith in God and God indeed fulfilled his covenant with Abraham, as with Simeon. Promises made and kept on both sides. Our **Action Prayer** this week is to consider a New Year’s Spiritual Resolution. During the past year, we have often talked about how actions can be prayer. A few were: asking God that when we smile we be a conduit for Divine Love freely sharing with everyone, or when we finish the sign of the cross we extend an upturned open hand to signify we share all the graces God has given to us, or that every step we take we share Divine Love, or whatever else we have been inspired with. The point is having faith we can automatically share Divine Love, forgiveness, joy, hope etc. if we just ask God if it's his will and believe...

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.