



THE CHURCH of the HOLY APOSTLES  
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### 3rd December 2023 – The First 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 2nd December</b> Blessed Virgin Mary Followed by Adoration & benediction	10:00am  6pm (Vigil)	Fr Pat (Intentions)  Emma & Peter Gannon & the deceased members of the Gannon Family RIP)
<b>Sun 3rd December</b> + 1st Sunday of Advent	9am  10.30am	Pro Populo  Margaret McKerrow (RIP)
<b>Mon 4th December</b> Advent feria	9.30am	John Hopkins (RIP)
<b>Tue 5th December</b> Advent feria	9.30am	Eileen Furness Ramaker (RIP)
<b>Weds 6th December</b> Advent feria Followed by Adoration & benediction	9.30am	Lelia Boohan (Intentions)
<b>Thurs 7th December</b> St Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor	9.30am	Mary Moran & Family (Intentions)
<b>Fri 8th December</b> The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary (No Friday abstinence)	9.30am	The Holy Land
<b>Sat 9th December</b> Advent feria Followed by Adoration & benediction	10:00am  6pm (Vigil)	Manuel de Freitas (RIP)  Elio Romano (RIP)

#### 2023 -2024 YEAR OF PRAYER

**Pope Francis' Catechesis on Prayer, arranged for each liturgical week First Week of Advent - Sunday 3rd December 2023:** For this Sunday's Mass in our second scripture reading (1 Cor 1: 3-9), St Paul thanks God for all the graces the Corinthian church has received through Christ: "I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ ..." Pope Francis teaches the importance of thanksgiving to God in prayer in his catechesis given on 30th December 2020. In this catechesis he starts by reflecting on the ten healed lepers, only one of whom came back to say thanks (Lk 17:13 ff). There is a major division between those who thank and those who do not. Francis challenges us as to whether we really see ourselves as being given gifts, or only have a sense of entitlement (a sense of, "I am owed this"). A sense of thanksgiving always grows when there is true encounter with Jesus. *(Pope Francis' catechesis on prayer by Fr Rob Taylerson)*

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# 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 and for the and next weekend .They have a good supply of Christmas Cards, gifts etc. Please support them.

## **Confirmation for Teenagers at least 14 years of age or in School**

**Year 9 :** The 2023/24 Confirmation programme will commence with an enrolment Mass at 10.30am on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2023 with Bishop Nicholas Hudson, followed by a meeting for Parents & Confirmation candidates. The teenagers need to collect an application form and return it to Sarah by **TODAY Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December .**

**Christmas Buffet:** The SVP will host a Christmas Buffet tomorrow Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 1pm in the Hall, to which all are welcome. Donations to the SVP. As well as the buffet there will be a professional singer leading Christmas Carols etc.

**Carol Singing at Pimlico Station for Amnesty International:** On Tuesday 5th December from 5pm to 6.30pm in the ticket hall. All are welcome. Contact Fleur Brennan for more information at [fleur.brennan@lineone.net](mailto:fleur.brennan@lineone.net)

**Advent day of recollection for Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Group Coordinators & Catechists.** On Saturday 9th December at 3pm in the Parish Hall finishing with 6pm Mass. Talks by Fr John Hemer, a Scripture Scholar at Westminster Diocesan Seminary Allen Hall in Chelsea. Please see notice in the porch for further information. **It would be helpful to know numbers attending so please let Sarah know if you are coming.**

**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.

**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.

**The Passage** is taking part in the Big Give Christmas Challenge this year. That means that **all donations through the Big Give will be doubled until 12 noon on the 5<sup>th</sup> December** via this link: [Home for Christmas. Home for life. \(biggive.org\)](https://www.biggive.org)

**Justice & Peace Bidding Prayer:** Connie Jennings– World Cooperation to maintain food supplies— We pray that our world leaders hear the Holy Spirit's call for world to have cooperation and our leaders understand the need to keep food on all our tables

**The standing orders including GYE & one off donations for October came to £5853 The Loose plate including Dona contactless payments for October was £2336.57 & the Offertory envelopes for October came to £844.98. 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 Divine Mercy Apostolate,** London is holding a Divine Mercy Advent Reflection 2023 at Sacred Heart RC Church New Priory Quex Road Kilburn London NW6 4PS on Sunday 10 December 2023 from 2:30 pm\_to 5:30 pm led by the Marian Fathers. The Retreat will include teachings on the Message of Mercy, Stations of the Cross, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All Welcome. Please call Millie on [07957594646](tel:07957594646) for more information

**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.

**Looking for a room for our lovely French baby-sitter, from mid-February 2024** as our joyful family has grown.

She will be a kind presence in your home and can help with house-sitting or pet-sitting. She will be with our family every weekday afternoon and about once or twice a week in the evenings. If you are interested, or know a trusted friend who might be, please contact Louise on 07901 584 694.

**Action Prayer:** "Stay Awake!" Our readings this weekend are reminding us to be alert because we don't know when Our Lord is coming...

Jesus' request to his disciples to stay awake happens more than once in the bible! He was well aware of our human flaws and how our minds, and hearts, can wander even when we mean well. What does *staying awake, being alert* mean? What do we need to be aware of? Our **Action Prayer** this week will be to ask God those two questions, preferably in a contemplative state. Most likely the answer will become clear when you least expect it! Remember last week's gospel "what you do to the least of these...". Personally, and collectively how do we measure up to Jesus' two commandments?

**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.