



THE CHURCH of the HOLY APOSTLES  
On Winchester Street,  
Postal Address: 47 Cumberland St, Pimlico,  
London SW1V 4LY

Website [www.holyapostlespimlico.org](http://www.holyapostlespimlico.org)



7TH January 2024 – The Epiphany of The Lord– 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

Registered Charity No 233699

#### Parish Priest

Fr Chinedu Udo

0207 834 6965-Extension 3

[chineduudo@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:chineduudo@rcdow.org.uk)

#### Priest in residence

Fr Charles Soyombo

[chadshow@yahoo.com](mailto:chadshow@yahoo.com)

#### Parish Sister

Sr Margaret Donnelly

#### Parish Secretary

Sarah Harcher

0207 834 6965 -Extension 2

[pimlico@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:pimlico@rcdow.org.uk)

#### Hall Manager

Mr Jan Bidaud

0207 834 6965 Extension 4

Mobile: 07717 566605

[janbidaud@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:janbidaud@rcdow.org.uk)

#### Parish Primary School

St Vincent De Paul , Morpeth

Terrace, SW1P 1EP

School Head Teacher

Mr N Scott-Cree 0203 351 5990

## Liturgy & Mass Intentions

<b>Sat 6th January</b> Christmas feria <b>Followed by Adoration &amp; benediction</b>	10:00am  6pm (Vigil)	Barbara Peters (RIP)  Maria Wazyolrag (Intentions)
<b>Sun 7th January</b> + The Epiphany of The Lord	9am  10.30am	Mario Bannaccioni (RIP)  Pro Populo
<b>Mon 8th January</b> The Baptism Of The Lord	10.00am	Neil & Eddie McEnery (RIP)
<b>Tue 9th January</b> feria	9.30am	Elio Romano (RIP)
<b>Weds 10th January</b> feria <b>No Adoration &amp; benediction</b>	10.00am	Funeral Mass for: Mary Phyllis Ferrin (RIP)
<b>Thurs 11th January</b> feria	9.30am	Sr Margret Donnelly (Intentions)
<b>Fri 12th January</b> feria <b>( Friday abstinence)</b>	9.30am	Theresa Potrac (RIP)
<b>Sat 13th January</b> Blessed Virgin Mary <b>Followed by Adoration &amp; benediction</b>	10:00am  6pm (Vigil)	Bridie & Michael Corraine (Intentions)  Mary O'Connor (RIP)

**Gold, Frankincense & Myrrh:** Nearly everyone will agree that Christmas celebrations takes a lot of energy and preparations: where is the best position to put the Christmas tree, should the light be flickering or still, what is the best way to assemble the crib? And most importantly, should baby Jesus be in the Crib before Christmas Day, or perhaps should the Magi or three kings be around the Crib before Epiphany. The temptation to all these attention to details is that we can miss the point of what Christmastide is all about. Christmas expresses the unconditional love of God towards humanity.

At the first Christmas, God reached out to humanity by revealing Himself to us through the vulnerable little tiny baby Jesus. God took flesh and became a human being (Incarnation). That is the first Epiphany or manifestation (revelation) of Christmastide.

The second Epiphany or manifestation is what we celebrate today; the baby Jesus' fate was symbolically revealed by God through the Magoi (Magi). These Magi were a group of scholars or wise men who were gifted by God to interpret dreams through astrology. What they saw has never been seen before; hence, they came to pay homage to Jesus with Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh. Gold for Jesus' Kingship, Frankincense for His high priestly office; to offer Holy Sacrifice, and Myrrh for His Death and Resurrection; that His body will not decay. As we move into the new year, let us make our new resolutions, perhaps like the Magi to give our time to the Lord in prayer and to deepen our faith and love this new year. **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.

**REPOSITORY:** The repository is open this weekend & the next few Saturdays. They have a good supply of Confirmation & First Communion cards & gifts, please support them.

**CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES:** meet on Saturday 13th January at 2pm in the Church hall . Please do keep them in your prayers.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CHILDREN AND PARENT** meet next Sunday 14th January immediately after the 10.30am Mass.

**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](mailto: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.

**JUSTICE & PEACE BIDDING PRAYER – Mary Gilhooly-Safety for Refugees-**We pray that God will enlighten the hearts and minds of those responsible for putting refugees on unsafe transport to stop and they realise the impact of their wrongdoing and stop endangering lives.

**ESCORTED PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK & CO MAYO, 10<sup>TH</sup> 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](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com)

**WORRIED ABOUT THE CLIMATE CRISIS?** The Westminster cathedral Interfaith group meet on Wed Jan 17 at 1.30 p.m. in the Hinsley room. We will be studying chapters 1 and 2 of *Laudate Deum* Pope Francis' exhortation to COP28. Copies can be bought at St Paul's bookshop or found at [https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost\\_exhortations/documents/20231004-laudate-deum.html](https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations/documents/20231004-laudate-deum.html) All are welcome and there is no charge.

**Action Prayer:** Our readings this weekend refer to the nature of God and how Jesus is affirmed to be the Son.

In John's reading, "...there are three witnesses, the Spirit, the water and the blood, " These three witnesses speak of the Triune nature of God, the Trinitarian Doctrine. There are several analogies to help us understand the three *persons* in one God. Do we relate to one of the *persons* more than the others? Our **Action Prayer** this week is to do a bit of an internal audit. During prayer, our conversation with God, perhaps ask to be more aware of how we relate to the three *persons*. Do we have a favourite? Do we address all three? Which situations favour which *person*? This week we are being more aware of our relationship with God

## POPE FRANCIS MONTHLY INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY

2024

### For the Gift of Diversity in the Church

Pope Francis calls for prayers to the Holy Spirit “to help us recognize the gift of different charisms within Christian communities and to discover the richness of various ritual traditions within the Catholic Church.”