



THE CHURCH of the HOLY APOSTLES
 On Winchester Street,
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29th December 2024 – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

TIMES OF MASSES

Weekday Masses

Monday-Friday 9:30am

Saturday Mass 9:30am

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 at 5pm

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Liturgy & Mass Intentions

Sat 28th December THE HOLY INNOCENTS Martyrs	9.30am 6pm (Vigil)	Bridie Walsh (Intentions) Dora Avendano (RIP)
Sun 29th December +The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph	9am 10.30am	Raymond Osbourne (RIP) Pro Populo
Mon 30th December Sixth day in the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord	9.30am	Norah Loftus Neuman (RIP)
Tue 31st December Seventh day in the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord	9.30am	Fr Pat Brown (Intentions)
Weds 1st January SOLEMNITY OF MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD	10am	Fr Chinedu & Fr Charles (Intentions)
Thurs 2nd January Saints Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen	9.30am	Peggy Stephens (Intentions)
Fri 3rd January The Most Holy Name of Jesus	9.30am	Frances Doyle (Intentions) <i>(Friday abstinence)</i>
Sat 4th January Christmas Feria	9.30am 6pm (Vigil)	Freddie Maes (Intentions) Roberto Reineiro (RIP)

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH: It is tradition to celebrate the solemn feast of the Holy Family of Nazareth on the Sunday immediately following our celebrations of the birth of Jesus at Christmas. It is a time when we can reflect on the quality of our own family life in the light of the Church's 'First Family'. While the Holy Family is often considered a unit unto itself, throughout their earthly lives, Mary, Joseph and Jesus encountered many people and doubtless looked to some for support and guidance. At the temple, Anna and Simeon joined Mary and Joseph in rejoicing at the child's birth, and also in anticipating the trajectory of his life and his role within the history of salvation as a light for the revelation to the gentiles and glory for God's holy people – Israel.

As part of the Body of Christ, we are also members of the Holy Family of God. At times our role might be to tend the young, the sick, or the elderly in our own biological family units. At other times, we might be privileged to offer support to a young or struggling family. St Paul reminds us how we are to tend the bonds of love that unite us in Christ, by putting on, 'as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other...' In this way, we offer our lives to God in thanksgiving and help to build and nurture his Holy Family. May the Holy Family of Nazareth intercede for us. Jesus, Mary and Joseph - Pray for us. **Fr Chinedu**

Announcements

FINANCE: The standing orders including GYE & one off donations for November was £4278. The Loose Plate for November came to 1599.58, the Contactless collection for November was £800.50 & the Offertory envelopes for November came to £759.50 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.

SANCTUARY CANDLE- INTENTION THIS WEEK IS for: Joanna Ridley (Intentions)

MASS ON NEW YEARS DAY Wednesday 1st January 2025 is at the later time of **10am.**

THANK YOU for your kind cards, greetings and generous offerings. May God, bestow on you a New Year's celebrations of deep communion and sharing in the warmth of God's love with the members of your family and your friends and a 2025 filled with his graces and blessings. May all of us, like Mary and Joseph, listen for God's direction in our lives and be open to God's prompting so that we may experience the love of Christ in this coming year!

Fr Chinedu & Fr Charles

New to the Parish? If you are a new parishioner, please come to the presbytery and collect a parish registration form to register. Presbytery reception is situated at the Priests' House at 47 Cumberland Street.

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 to support their work with disadvantaged children and families. This will help provide mental health services, family support and emergency grants for vulnerable children in our Diocese. Offerings for this may be placed in the candle box by the crib. For more information visit - www.cathchild.org.uk

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

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: From: Catherine MacGillivray – For our Essential Workers -We pray for essential workers that we don't add to the challenges of their work by our rudeness or anger when things beyond their control go wrong .

ACTION PRAYER: This weekend we hear of various children, including Jesus, and the relationships they have with God and their parents.

Today's gospel is interesting from the perspective that even at 12yrs Jesus was aware of his fuller parentage and demonstrated he wanted to get on with his father's work. After being found in the temple he lived under Joseph and Mary's authority growing in Wisdom. That's remarkable from multiple directions and probably deserves a contemplation. Most often in the West, children today have an extended childhood and are least likely to want to follow in their parents' footsteps. How do we nurture our children to grow in Wisdom? Our **Action Prayer** is a meditative prayer with Christ and let's ask that very question! Perhaps let's discuss what we can do on a daily basis to encourage our children and the children around us to be more aware of others and discover the multi-faceted gift of Wisdom.

POPE FRANCIS MONTHLY INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY 2025
For the right to an education

Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.