

ST MELLITUS PARISH

Mass Times

Sunday at 11am

Wednesday at 10am

Confession by appointment only

The Presbytery, Tollington Park, N4 3AG

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COVID SECURITY AT CHURCH

DO

- ❖ Wear a face covering while at Mass
- ❖ Sit at a reasonable distance from those you do not live with
- ❖ Use hand sanitiser when you enter and when you leave
- ❖ Enter and leave through different doors
- ❖ Receive Holy Communion row-by-row
- ❖ Receive Communion on your hand only
- ❖ Light candles from pre-lit candles
- ❖ Place your offerings in the basket provided

DON'T

- ❖ Come to church if you are feeling unwell or have been asked to isolate



January 2022

Dear Friends, as you know I will be moving to Golders Green in a few weeks' time and Fr. Chinedu Udo will begin his ministry here on the weekend of the 29/30th January. My final Mass with you will be on Sunday 23rd January, but because of the concerns around Omicron, we won't be able to have a get together at this stage.

I want to express my heartfelt thanks not just for your gifts and good wishes at Christmas but for your support and care over the last 2 and a half years, especially as we endured the trials of lockdown. It was a wonderfully team effort to restore the organ, repaint the church, ensure COVID security and encourage one another to keep faith and hope alive. It's just a shame that we didn't have more time to get to know each other. But I am hopeful that Fr. Chinedu will be able to restore what has been lost and shepherd the community as you come out of COVID stronger in faith and ready for action. He will need your help and cooperation so please don't be shy to offer your skills, knowledge and time as he settles in.

May the Holy Spirit anoint St Mellitus Parish at this time of change!

With every blessing and prayer for you and your families, Fr Paul.

Thank you

SUPPORT YOUR PARISH

Because of COVID restrictions, our parish has suffered a loss of income, especially from your weekly offerings and we need to make up for the loss. So we ask you to seriously review how much you give and the way that you give your offerings which cover the day to day running of our parish.

- ❖ If everyone was to make a weekly offering of 1 hour's pay or at least **£5 per week** we can be more confident that we can afford our costs.
- ❖ The best way to help is to set up a standing order with your bank with these details:

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- ❖ If you use offertory envelopes, new boxes of envelopes are now available from the church after Mass. **BUT** we would rather you switched to a standing order.
- ❖ Perhaps you are able to make a one off donation to help us recoup our lost offerings. You can **donate online**, at www.rcdow.org.uk/tollingtonpark or give it to Fr Paul directly
- ❖ Always sign a Gift Aid form if you pay UK income tax

BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

Parents wanting to baptise their children need to be baptised Catholics, who attend church regularly and are known to the priest. For weddings, 6 months' notice is required and couples need to attend a pre marriage course and complete much paperwork.

You can contact us directly:
tollingtonpark@rcdow.org.uk

FIRST COMMUNION

We are planning for the school to provide a course for children at Christ the King, while the parish will run a course for children not at Catholic schools. More details coming soon...

COMBONI SISTERS

The sisters are so grateful for our ongoing support. Please keep donating your spare coins.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS

We have a large building and grounds to maintain, keep clean and tidy and we need volunteers to step up and help. In particular we need a "handy – person" to do minor repairs, gardeners to keep the garden tidy and weed free and cleaners to Hoover the church. We also need a **bookkeeper or accountant** to help us keep our finances in good order. If you can commit to helping with these essential jobs, please contact us.

READERS, MINISTERS AND STEWARDS

We would like to invite our existing readers and anyone who would like to read at Mass to make contact so we can arrange a rota and training if necessary. The same goes for our Ministers of Holy Communion. Please fill in the sign-up sheet in the porch today.

KNOW ANY MUSICIANS?

We invite anyone who has musical or singing skills to offer your talents at our Sunday Mass. Please speak to us asap. As you know our organ needs to be played regularly by trained organists and students. If you have contacts who'd like to practise on it, or who might be able to play for our Sunday Mass, please put them in touch us.

JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP

The next JP meeting will be on Monday 10th January at 7.30pm. We invite all who are interested in promoting Justice and Peace Action in our parish and community to join us. Contact Jo at jo.bownas@btinternet.com for more details.

Bibi Khan on behalf of the Wightman Road Mosque has sent their Best Wishes for the New Year to the congregation at St Mellitus. You'll recall that their Imam comes to pray with us on Remembrance Sunday each year?

Bibi is the 1st female President of that Mosque Community, and I read In the Ham and High that she had been given the MBE in the New Year's Honours List for services to local government and social cohesion. She insists that the MBE was really for her father, "Mr Alli", now deceased, and it certainly is ALSO for him, but Bibi herself is mover-in- chief up in Wightman Road these days: every bit a worthy heir! We are so pleased for you, Bibi, and for your community.

PEACE SUNDAY 16th January 2022

We are united in our prayer and longing for peace - in our families, our neighbourhood, our country and our world. This year Pope Francis invites us to reflect on his theme for world peace day: 'Education, work and dialogue between generations: tools for building lasting peace'. How can all generations here at St Mellitus get active the work of peace-making?

Sadly, we have to postpone the All Nations Mass but please say a prayer for peace anyway on 16 January, remember the places round the world where there is fighting, and pray for organisations working for peace such as Pax Christi. They need our support. You can find out more, and donate here: <https://paxchristi.org.uk/peace-sunday-2022>



THE SYNOD AT ST MELLITUS

St Mellitus Synod Gathering 9 January – NOW ON ZOOM 4pm -5.30 pm

Sadly, we have had to cancel the face-to-face synod event planned for this Sunday, given the high levels of COVID at present. Instead, there will be a zoom event on the same day, Sunday 9 January, at 4pm - 5.30pm. And everyone is invited! The previous zoom synod event, and the weekly group after Wednesday Mass during Advent, have resulted in some really rewarding conversations, and we would love more people to have this experience.

At the zoom meeting, open to all parishioners, we will be listening to each other talking about the joys and sorrows of being catholic; about who is included in 'our Church' and who is left out; and about what we think might need to change in our ways of doing things in our Church.

The zoom link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81883510141> and you can click on the link at, or just before, 4pm to join the

meeting. Or you can go to your own zoom account and enter the meeting ID:

Meeting ID: 818 8351 0141

Looking forward to seeing you there! *Jo Bownas*

Wednesday Synod Meetings:

18 members of St Mellitus came to 1,2,3 or all 4 of the Synod Meetings after the Wednesday Mass during Advent. We all shared freely, and everyone listened respectfully. There were 3 focuses: Community, Participation and the Church's Mission.

Listening hard myself, I heard that:

- people in St Mellitus think of community as being found both INSIDE the church at Mass, but also OUTSIDE amongst the local people. That Catholics are often better at the first than the second.
- many parishioners love to be asked to contribute to the Liturgy - as ministers of the Word, of Communion, of Music.
- some people can feel unwelcome or excluded by some Church discipline.
- the Mission that Jesus gave to the Church was to live-up to his command to Love one Another.
- the way to discover what the Church's Mission is, is to see how Jesus lived, served and treated people.

It was a real privilege to hear parishioners' honest thoughts. I look forward to the next time: during Lent, perhaps? *Sr. Elizabeth*



Please Pray for...

- ✘ All of our sick and housebound parishioners and all in care homes, hospitals and hospices:
- ✘ Our children, parents and staff at Christ the King School
- ✘ All who have died recently: Inelfa Zanna, Jonathan Rene, Rose Hollingworth
- ✘ Those whose anniversaries are in this month



Public Mass Intentions	
<i>Mass will be celebrated in private for all other intentions</i>	
Sunday 9 th January	11am Inelfa Zanna RIP
Monday 10 th January	11.30 am Funeral Service Jonathan Rene RIP
Wednesday 12 th January	10am Mervyn & Myra Stevenson RIP 6.30pm Funeral Mass for Inelfa Zanna RIP
Sunday 16 th January	11am John Reilly, Chris Parker & Bridie McGahern RIP
Wednesday 19 th January	10am Parishioners
Sunday 23 rd January	11am Jack & Aileen Lunnis RIP
Wednesday 26 th January	1pm Requiem Mass for Rosa Hollingworth RIP
Sunday 30 th January	11am Parishioners
Wednesday 2 nd February	10am Parishioners
Sunday 6 th February	11am Jose Dias Anniv
Wednesday 9 th February	10am Parishioners