

# LITURGY, CONFESSION & MASS TIMES

Sun 8th December	+ SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT <b>Mass 11am</b> - Luke Feerick RIP (Anniv) + Jane Nadal (Anniv) RIP <b>Mass 6.30pm</b> - NO MASS Baruch 5:1-9, Philippians 1:3-6; 8-11, Luke 3:1-6, ( <a href="#">page 84</a> )
Mon 9th December	THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN <b>MARY Mass 9.30am</b> - Celebrants Intention
Tues 10th December	Advent Feria <b>Mass 9.30am</b> - Christine Simons Intentions
Wed 11th December	Advent Feria <b>Mass 9.30am</b> - Kathleen Bradley RIP
Thur 12th December	NO MASS
Fri 13th December	Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr <b>Mass 9.30am</b> - Kathleen Bradley RIP
Sat 14th December	Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church <b>Mass 10am</b> - Celebrants Intention (followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament) <b>+ THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> <b>6.30pm Vigil Mass</b> - Celebrants Intention
Sun 15th December	+ THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT <b>Mass 11am</b> - <b>Mass 6.30pm</b> - Zephaniah 3:14-18, Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:10-18, ( <a href="#">page 87</a> )

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# Saint Mellitus

A Parish of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Westminster

Year B + SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 8th December  
2024

**Advent** means coming. During the Advent season we reflect on the past coming of Jesus into our world two thousand years ago as a little baby, the daily coming of Jesus through the Sacraments, through the Holy Bible and through the worshipping community and the future coming (Second Coming) of Jesus at the end of the world. Today's readings remind us that the past, present and future comings of Jesus into the world are the fulfilment of the saving plan of God.

### Novena to the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

A novena is a powerful devotion of prayer, said over nine consecutive days, asking God and the saints for special graces. Please pray the novena at home. May these prayers bring us many graces, especially as we begin the holy season of Advent. We will pray for a number of special intentions and you could also decide upon your own personal intentions for the novena.

*Father, you prepared the Virgin Mary to be the worthy Mother of your Son. You made it possible for her to share beforehand in the salvation of your Son, Jesus Christ, who would bring life by His death, and kept her without sin from the first moment of her conception. Give us the grace by her prayers ever to live in your presence without sin. We ask this through the same Christ our Lord.*

*Amen.*

### PARISH CALENDAR - SAVE THE DATES

**Sunday 12 January** – next Parish Forum after 11am Mass. Save the date. Come and have your say.

**ST. MELLITUS COMMUNITY DROP IN PROJECT:** 13th January 2025.



## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The sick and the housebound: All of our sick and housebound parishioners, all in care homes, hospitals and hospices including Catherine Goba, Kathleen Bradley, Fr James Mallon and to all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.



### Christmas Mass Times 2024

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December - Penitential Service at St Mellitus Church, 6.30pm**

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December (Advent feria)**

**NO MASS at 9.30am**  
**Christmas Eve VIGIL MASS: 9pm**

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Day**

### THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

**11am Mass**

***\*\*\*Daily 9.30am weekday & weekend Mass times resumes from Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> December 2024 \*\*\****

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> December**

**NEW YEAR'S EVE VIGIL MASS: 9.30pm**

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025**

### SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD:

**11am Mass**

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> January:**

**NO MASS**

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January:**

**9.30am Mass**

***\*\*\*Daily weekend & weekday Masses resume as normal\*\*\****



### SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

**BAPTISMS:** To book a Baptism for your child please speak to any of the priests after Mass. For an application form please collect from the parish office.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025:** If your child is in year 3 or above, application forms can be collected from either the parish office or after mass from the Sacristy room. **The first lesson will take place today, Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December, after 11am Mass.**

**CONFIRMATION 2025:** Registration for new Confirmation applicants, the young adult must be in year 9 or above. Application forms can be collected from either the parish office or after mass from the Sacristy room. Further information of when classes will begin, will soon follow.

**RCIA:** The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, is a process for adults who desire to receive any of the Sacraments; 'Baptism, First Holy Communion and or Confirmation'. If interested, please speak to either of the fathers for further information about joining this programme. This programme has already started at St Gabriel's parish. If anyone is interested, please speak to either of the fathers after Mass.

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION:** If you are planning to marry here or elsewhere, at least 6 months notice is required and you MUST contact a priest to register for a preparation course. Please speak to any of the priests after Mass.

**FINANCE, Giving by Standing Order:** Would you consider gifting your offering by Standing Order? If so, the payment details are: **HSBC Bank plc A/C Name: WRCDT Tollington Park: Sort Code: 40-05-20 & A/C No: 21264869 Gift Aid / Donating to the Parish:** If you are a UK Tax Payer and would like to support our Church with Gift Aid, details can be found here; <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/tollingtonpark/donate/>. Thank you for ALL your support.

**SICK & HOUSEBOUND:** Clergy and other ministers of Holy Communion are able and willing to visit those who are housebound. Please speak to any of the fathers or contact the parish office if in need.

### PARISH NEWS

**BIBLE SUNDAY:** On the **Second Sunday of Advent**, we are encouraged to discover more about the Bible. The best place to start is with the four Gospels and the best Gospel to read first is the Gospel of Mark. Mark covers all the essentials of the life of Jesus but does not require as much historical or theological background knowledge as the other Gospels. It is also the shortest of the Gospels.

**New Parish Mass books donation appeal:** From the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent we have started making use of the New Lectionaries and Mass Books. As we inform parishioners of this change, we would like you to note that these cost the parish £2500. Thus, we are open to any donation from willing parishioners to support the costs. Thank you for your generosity.

**ST. MELLITUS COMMUNITY DROP IN PROJECT, HOMELESS HUB:** We are working in partnership with Islington Council to run a Homeless Hub from our parish hall. The pilot project will involve guests coming Wednesday and Thursday between 10 am and 4pm to access a range of services. One thing we as a church can do is to provide food for them. If you are interested in finding out more about volunteering for food (cooking, serving, transporting or clearing away) please contact our parishioner Ronan via email; [ronancormacain@gmail.com](mailto:ronancormacain@gmail.com) or via telephone; 07904 364847. A WhatsApp group will be set up to

make contact as easy as possible. Thank you.

**WE SAY GOODBYE TO Fr Remigius Nduibusi CSSp** as he leaves this parish, returning home to Nigeria on 28<sup>th</sup> December 2024. His last Weekend Mass will be Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2024. After Mass we will be having a gathering in the Church hall to say thank you to Fr Remigius. It will be a chance for all parishioners to say their goodbyes. Fr Remigius, you have been truly inspiring. We thank you for your dedication to the parish and we are so grateful for all that you have done. **You will be missed!**

**CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR SALE** Packs of 10 Christmas cards for £1 are on sale after Sunday Mass in the month of December. All funds raised will go towards church resources. Thank you for all your support.

**LMO CHRISTMAS CONCERT: IS TODAY, Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2024 at 6.30pm** £15 on door, £12 in advance, free for U16s. All are welcome, please remember there is **NO EVENING MASS at 6.30pm tonight.**

**CAFOD, Advent Appeal:** This winter, CAFOD is providing a lifeline to families in Ukraine who have fled from their homes, are living in poor conditions and struggling to keep their families warm. £20 can buy firewood to keep a family warm, or food kits to keep families well fed. You can donate online at [www.cafod.org.uk/give/appeals/advent-appeal](http://www.cafod.org.uk/give/appeals/advent-appeal)

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for December 2024 .... 'For Pilgrims of Hope'** The definition of a pilgrim is one who journeys to a sacred place, and our challenge is to find our sacred place despite all the 'noise' around us. This month, Pope Francis invites us "...this Jubilee Year to strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope."

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