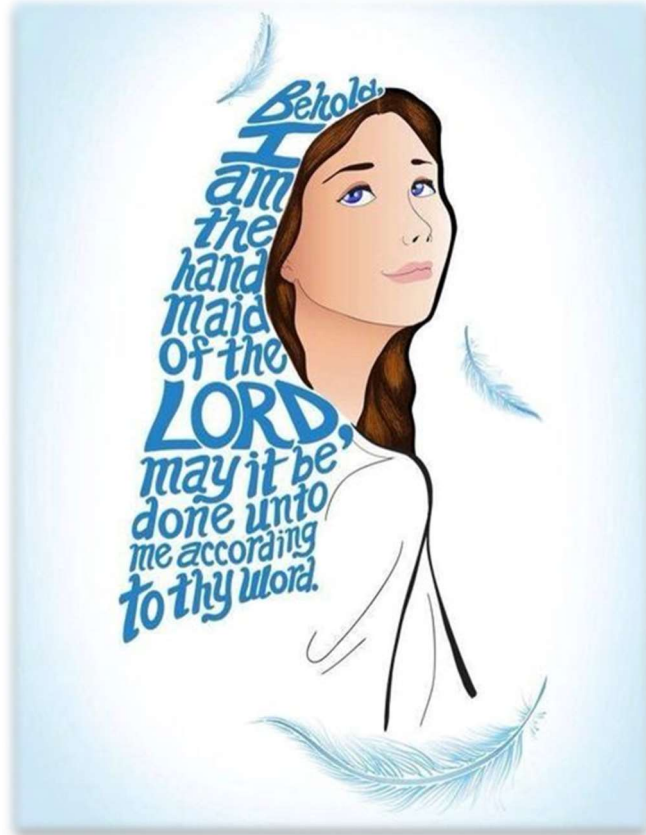


20<sup>th</sup> December 2020 – 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16      Romans 16:25-27

**Luke 1:26-38**

*“I am the handmaid of the Lord”*



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Fr. Tebin Francis CMI

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**Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> December 2020 – 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Mass: 9.30am, 11.00am (Live streaming only) & 12.30pm  
4.00pm: Tamil Mass

**Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> December**

Mass: 9.30am (Live streaming only)

**Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> December**

Mass: 6.30pm

**Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> December**

Mass: 9.30am (Live streaming only)

**Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> December – SEASON OF CHRISTMAS**

Mass: 5.00pm (Vigil Mass), 8.00pm & 11.00pm (midnight Mass)

**Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> December – THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD  
(CHRISTMAS)**

Mass: 9.00am, 10.30am and 12noon

**Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> December – ST STEPHEN, THE FIRST MARTYR**

Mass: 9.30am (Live streaming only)

6.30pm Vigil Mass of Sunday

**Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> December 2020 – THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS,  
MARY AND JOSEPH**

Mass: 9.30am, 11.00am (Live streaming only) & 12.30pm  
4.00pm: Syro-Malabar Mass (Malayalam)

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The Church will be open for Mass with  
restrictions on the number of parishioners allowed at one time.

Live Streaming on [www.ChurchServices.tv/wembley1](http://www.ChurchServices.tv/wembley1)

## WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK

Domingo Fernandes, Margaret Fay and Mary Toussaint that the Lord may lay His healing hands on them and bring them His peace

### THE GOD WHO SPEAKS - YEAR OF THE WORD 2020 - SUNDAY MEDITATIONS, 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)

**Meditate:** The angel of the Lord brought Good News to Mary as he does to us “the Lord is with you”. As we finish this year, we might think that God has forgotten us or perhaps he has been busy with other things. The God who became man through Mary has committed his life to ours, never to let us go. Now we need to look for him, perhaps in a different Christmas to the ones we are used to.

**Act:** Prompted by the angel’s words, Mary went to visit her cousin; perhaps at this Christmas time you might contact some relation, neighbor or friend, or even visit them, if it is safe to do so.

## CHRISTMAS MASS

- 6 Masses will be celebrated at Christmas as follows:
  - 24-Dec: **5.00pm** (Vigil Mass), **8.00pm** and **11.00pm** (midnight Mass)
  - 25-Dec (Christmas Day) **9.00am**, **10.30am** and **12noon**.
- Please come on foot if at all possible. Elderly and disabled people will be given preference in the car park.

## ANNOUNCEMENT FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES

Due to the increased numbers who will want to attend Mass at Christmas, there will be 6 Masses, as detailed above, instead of the normal 4 in previous years. However, to comply with Government regulations, a face mask and 2m social distancing are mandatory thus very significantly reducing the number permitted in the church and the overflow Centres. Consequently, when the Church and Pastoral and Marian Centres are completely filled according to the rules, no additional parishioners will be permitted to enter and will be advised to return home. Please observe the directions of the Parish Stewards.

The Church Car Park will be reserved for elderly and disabled parishioners only. Additional free car parking spaces will be available at the Empire Way site on 24th December (Christmas Eve) from 4.00pm and all morning on Christmas Day until 2.00pm.

## SEA SUNDAY:

Today is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them, we would not have most of the items we buy in the shops. Today’s second collection is for Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea) the catholic church’s

official maritime welfare agency. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually.

For an appeal from Bishop Paul Mason, and a video showing some of what Stella Maris does, please visit [www.stellamaris.org.uk/SeaSunday](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/SeaSunday).

This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work. To donate, please visit: [www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate) or text ‘SEA’ to 70460 to donate £5. Stella Maris is dependent on voluntary donations, so please give generously. Thank you.

## APPLICATION FORMS FOR FIRST COMMUNION

The application forms for prospective candidates for First Communion (for both Catholic and non- Catholic schools), Confirmation and RCIA for 2021 can now be downloaded from St Joseph’s Parish website and then completed before being handed in as hard copy to the Parish Office along with copy of Baptism certificate.

## SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Confirmation ceremonies have been set and arranged as follows:

- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan 6:30pm Sr. Elizabeth Vanita Julie
- Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan 9:30am Ivon Sabina Carmen
- Friday 29<sup>th</sup> Jan 6:30pm Regina Natty Evania
- Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> Jan 9:30am Pauline Rolvy
- Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> Feb 9:30 am Sr. Nancy Cherry Espy

The details as per the previous handout which each candidate and parent have seen remains. Please note due to restrictions, only 6 persons including the candidate and sponsor can attend the ceremony. Candidates with who are siblings will be contacted individually by Carl to confirm the ceremony date. No changes to the above dates can be made. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

## DONATIONS AT CHRISTMAS

Special white envelopes are available in the church porch for those who donate by standing order or do not have planned giving envelopes and who wish to gift aid their Christmas contribution. Please fill in your details as required, insert your donation and place your sealed envelope in the normal collection bag.

## ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE

The Advent Penitential Service will be held on **22<sup>nd</sup> December** after the **6.30pm** Masses. Eucharistic Adoration will follow the Masses and confessions will be heard by our priests during this time.

## THE CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

The Christmas giving tree is placed in the Church porch. Please use the labels on the tree to bring the gifts for the poor and needy. Please do not wrap your presents with gift paper but place them into the big box by the sanctuary.

### **CRIB OFFERING 2020**

Since March the Catholic Children's Society (CCS) has provided emergency food and essentials, as well as mental health services, for over five and half thousand children and their parents/carers. These families have faced desperate situations due to the Coronavirus pandemic. Our parish will therefore be donating our Crib Offering to support this important work. Due to COVID-19, a special page has been set up at [www.cathchild.org.uk/crib](http://www.cathchild.org.uk/crib) where you can make a donation. Please be generous.

### **WESTMINSTER YEAR BOOK: 2021**

Available from the Repository. Price £4.50.

### **GETTING MARRIED IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THIS COUNTRY**

You need to contact one of your priests at least 6 months BEFORE the proposed date of the marriage- and provide a recent copy of your Baptism Certificate (dated within 6 months of the proposed marriage), and a copy of your Confirmation Certificate.

### **GETTING MARRIED IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH ABROAD**

In addition to the information requested above, you will also need a letter of freedom from this Diocese, which may be obtained through your Priest.

### **ROSARY**

Join St Joseph's RC Church, Wembley for **MARIAN DEVOTION** online daily at **7:30pm**. It is very simple - Download Zoom on your laptop or phone. You do not have to register, just put in your name, meeting ID and password as below and you can join your Church at prayer. Meeting ID: **726 5689 3653** / Password: **9pXAep**  
Link: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/72656893653?pwd=Zm5QWGorZ3RaTlI1VGpuemFlc3YvUT09>

In these uncertain and worrying times we need to spend time in prayer. All parishioners are invited to join in.

### **FOODBANK DONATIONS**

Grateful thanks to all those who have contributed to this cause which has received a much needed boost in the last few weeks. Please continue to support this important appeal for those who are disadvantaged including children at this critical time of need. As before, non-perishable food and toiletry donations are badly required. If cash donations are preferred, they should be placed in a sealed envelope, labelled **FOODBANK**, and dropped in the presbytery letterbox.

### **PARISH REGISTRATION**

The form for registering in St Joseph's Parish is now available on the website. Please download, complete all the Sections, and drop it through the letterbox. If you would

like a personal box of envelopes for your weekly donation at Mass, and you pay tax, you will need to fill in a Gift Aid Declaration form which is available in the parish office. You must come to the Presbytery, fill in the form and a box of envelopes will be given to you at the same time.

### **OFFERTORY ENVELOPES AND OTHER DONATIONS**

There will be a Collection Box at the exit of the Church – please put envelopes and donations as you leave the Church to facilitate the one-way system. Please no coinage at this time.

You can also visit: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/wembley/donate>

### **MASS INTENTIONS/OFFERINGS:**

Please email your Mass intention(s), with date(s) and time(s), for the Mass to [Wembley1@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:Wembley1@rcdow.org.uk). The name of the person requesting the Mass and a contact number is needed.