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DECEMBER—MONTH OF
THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
1 DECEMBER 2019
1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
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Mass Times

Monday— Thursday:

9:30am

Friday: 9:30am & 6:30pm

Saturday: 9:30am, 6:30pm (Vigil
Mass of Sunday)

Sunday: 9:00am, 10:30am,
(includes Children's Liturgy),
12:00 noon, 6:30pm

Sinhalese Mass

Last Sunday of the month: 4:30pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday—Friday:

One hour before
morning Mass

Saturday: 8:30am—9:30am
5:30pm—6:15pm

First Friday (Holy Hour):

7:00pm—8:00pm

Confessions

Saturday: 10:00am—10:30am
5:30pm—6:15pm

There is a lot of fear around at the moment. Some are fearing a government led by Mr Johnson; others are fearing a government led by Mr Corbyn. There is a fear of Brexit and what it might bring, there is a fear of what Remain might bring. There is fear of climate change, fear of China, of Mr Putin and/or Mr Trump. The prophet Isaiah knew these fears—when he was writing, the tiny nation of Israel had much to fear from the major powers around it like Assyria and Babylon. And yet the message in our first reading today is one of hope, of hammers being transformed into ploughshares. Isaiah's faith in God gave him hope where we might have expected to find fear.

It may be very hard for some of us to find hope in daily life. I want to share with you a couple of ways I find hope in this troubled world. The first is in the three schools which I visit fairly regularly—our two parish schools and a Catholic secondary school. In our children and young people I find tangible reasons to hope as I listen to them talk with enthusiasm about their own futures and how they plan to make the world a better place.

The other place I find hope is in our worshipping community here around the altar. I know for some of you it can be a real struggle to get to Mass—maybe the whole family doesn't come; maybe there are less than enthusiastic children to get ready; maybe you're not feeling too well—but you are here and your prayerful presence should give hope to the others around you as it does to me.

Monsignor Roger.

Those who have died recently: Archbishop Gregorios,
Danny Mulvenna, William O'Rourke, John Joyce, Anne McHugh

Those who are sick: Stewart Samaden, Brendan Howard, Martin Dolan

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Evelyn & Tom Dunne, John Boland, Edward Leeson, James McGrath, Cathy Kirwan, Benedict Tugbobo

Those Baptised: Leonardo Del Mistro

Parish News

Collection. Last week's collection was £1,902.07 (excluding standing orders). Standing orders for October amounted to £2,193.00. Thank you for your generosity.

Thank You from Ashford Place. "I would like to say a very sincere thank you for the food, which you collect and deliver to us every month. This food makes a huge difference to the lives of those who are homeless and disadvantaged. We are deeply grateful for your kindness and generosity." Danny Maher CEO.

Roman Catholic Nursery, Infant, and Primary School

Applications. On 2, 3, 9, December and 4 January 2020, Monsignor Roger will be available to sign the Certificate of Catholic Practice for those who attend Mass here every week and have done so for some years. Newer parishioners should bring a letter from their previous parish. Please telephone the parish office between 10:00am and 2:00pm, Tuesday to Thursday, to make an appointment.

The Convent of Jesus and Mary Infant School and Nursery 21

Park Avenue, London, NW2 5AN, warmly invites you to the annual Christmas Fair on Saturday 7 December 2019 between 12 noon—4:00pm. All are welcome to this incredible fundraising event. Please come along and ask friends and family too. The event includes: Santa's Grotto, festive music, face painting, arts and crafts, festive gift stalls games, bric-a-brac, kid's tombola, bottle tombola, raffle and auction and much much more.

Advent and Christmas 2019 and New Year 2020. Leaflets giving the times of Masses and other services over this period are now available in the racks at the back of the church or in the porch.

Christmas Rotas. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and readers should indicate their availability on the lists at the back of the church today. Servers should check with their parents and then indicate their availability on the list in the sacristy. Thank you for your ministry throughout the year.

Crib Offering 2019. This Christmas our crib offering will be donated to the Catholic Children's Society to support their work with disadvantaged children and families. This will help provide family support, emergency grants and mental health services for vulnerable children in our Diocese.

Catholic Mothers have produced a beautiful diary for 2020 which are now on sale in the repository at £19.75 each (which includes a 10% discount). With Christmas only 31 days away why not purchase one for your mum or your nan. I'm sure they'll love it.

Repository. Advent calendars, Advent candles, wreaths, cribs, Christmas cards, Mass bouquets, Christmas story books, church art calendars, cribs, candles, selection of cards to suit all occasions and religious items are on sale now in the Repository. The Repository is open before and after all Sunday Masses including the Saturday vigil.

Parish Newsletter. Any notices for the weekly Sunday newsletter should be given to the Parish Office by Wednesday noon. Please take your newsletter home with you after Mass and share it with family and friends. Thank you.

Funeral Notice

Reception of the late Danny Mulvenna takes place on Tuesday 3 December 2019 at 6:30pm and the Requiem Mass takes place on Wednesday 4 December 2019 at 11:00am followed by burial at Willesden New Cemetery at 12:15pm

May he rest in peace

Diocesan News

The Passage is raising funds through the 'Big Give' from 12 noon Tuesday 3 December—12 noon Tuesday 10 December to support its work helping homeless people this winter. Double your donation, double your impact. This is a matched giving scheme for online donations. If someone (can be company, individual or trust) gave £10 online matched giving of £10 would bring the Gift up to £20 (and for individuals to £22.50 with Gift Aid with higher rate tax relief it may cost the donor less than £10). For more information please telephone Andrew Hollingsworth on 020 7592 1856 or email andrew.h@passage.org.uk. Donate at <https://bit.ly/2KJ29hH>.

Vinnie Packs. The SVP are distributing 11,500 Vinnie Packs containing cold weather essentials to the homeless this winter. We invite parishioners to donate £3.50 for each pack. Donations can be sent to Vinne Packs, PO Box 72264, London SW1P 9EZ with cheques made out to SVP or by bank transfer to Natwest, sort code 60-60-04, account number 46088237. Thank you.

Readings at Mass

1st Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Isaiah 2:1—5

Psalm Response: I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.'

Second Reading: St Paul 13:11—14

Alleluia Verse: Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.

Gospel: Matthew 24:37—44

Parish Diary

Monday	7:00pm	Prayer Group—Annexe
Wednesday	8:00pm	<i>Pioneers</i> —Annexe
Thursday	7:30pm	<i>Padre Pio</i> Group—Annexe
Friday	7:00pm	Holy Hour—Church
Saturday	3:00pm—5:00pm	"The Feast London" —a Catholic prayer meeting of the Light of Jesus Family—Annexe