

## Presbytery

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**ST MARY MAGDALEN  
CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
DECEMBER—MONTH OF  
THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
22 DECEMBER 2019  
4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
YEAR A

## Mass Times

Monday: 9:30am

Tuesday: 9:30am, 6:00pm, vigil  
Mass with Nativity play and carols  
(First Mass of Christmas), 11:00pm

Wednesday: 9:00am, 10:30am,  
12 noon

Thursday: 12 noon

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

## 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

Monday & Tuesday:

10:00am—10:30am

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

I wonder how many of us are dreaming of a white Christmas, along with Bing Crosby. I'm sure the younger ones among us would love such a thing, but the forecast suggests they will be disappointed. We all have our dreams: people dream of winning Strictly, or of travelling the globe. Very famously, Martin Luther King had his dream of an America where all races would be equal.

Joseph the Carpenter must have had his dreams also – maybe of many sons following in his footsteps as a carpenter. But all his dreams must have changed by the holy dream he had which we have heard about in the gospel. Once Joseph heard that Mary was pregnant, his dreams must have been dashed. As a man of honour, he would divorce her quietly. And then comes the holy dream: the angel commands him to take Mary as his wife and to raise the Child as his own.

Joseph's dream is a dream of love, of God's love for us, God being born among us as Emmanuel. Our dreams are important to us—they may not be quite on the scale of Joseph's or even Dr King's. But, please, dream of the person that God wants you to be.

Monsignor Roger.

**Those who have died recently:** Margaret Dillon, Fr Bernard James Crowe, Mary McNamara

**Those who are sick:** Stewart Samaden, Elfriede Singleton, Mary Gavahan, Michael O'Shea.

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Denis Mulligan, Ciaran Mallon, Mollie Moriarty, Patrick Moriarty, Jeremiah Moriarty, John Guckian

**Those Baptised:** Airabella Mae Arrojado Mustafa, Florence Marie Walsh Snodin

## Parish News

**Collection.** Last week's collection was £1472.29 (excluding standing orders). Standing orders for November amounted to £2,882.00. Thank you for your generosity.

**Sanctuary Furniture.** Thanks to a generous bequest in a former parishioner's will, the parish has been able to commission and purchase bespoke new furniture for the sanctuary. It has been designed to reflect the 1930's style of the architecture of the church, and uses the IHS monogram from the tabernacle plinth. The old sanctuary furniture has found a new home in the beautiful chapel of the Convent of Jesus and Mary Infant school, where it will be well used.

**Thank you from *Pact* (Prison Advice and Care Trust) and *Caritas* for the Christmas gifts for prisoners' children.** Thank you to all those who contributed gifts for children visiting their loved ones in prison this Christmas. You should all be very proud of the joy you will bring to families in the next few weeks.

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

**Christmas Offering Envelopes** are available on your benches this weekend. Your Christmas offering is not taxed by the Diocese and was traditionally your Christmas gift to the clergy.

**Ashford Place.** The monthly collection of non perishable food stuffs only, for Ashford Place, takes place this weekend.

**Children's Nativity Play.** This will take place within the 6:00pm Vigil Mass (First Mass of Christmas) on Tuesday 24 December 2019. We are looking for as many children as possible to take part and all are welcome. We also need parents/carers to help prepare the children for the play. Last rehearsal will take place in the church on Tuesday 24 December 2019 at 4:30pm. Please leave your details with the parish office if you can assist in any way. Thank you.

**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.

**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.

### Roman Catholic Nursery, Infant, and Primary School

**Applications.** On 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.

**Epiphany of the Lord** is on Sunday 5 January 2020.

**What happens if you go into hospital?** In light of strict data protection rules it is essential that on entering hospital you indicate that your details or those of your relative are to be passed to the Roman Catholic chaplain. Also state that you or your relative would like the Roman Catholic chaplain to visit you. He will be available for a week and provide an on-call service in case of emergencies.

**Newsletter.** Please take your newsletter home with you after Mass and share it with family and friends. Please note that this will be the last newsletter until 5 January 2020.

## Funeral Notices

Reception and Requiem Mass of the late Anthony Boris Haussman will take place on Monday 23 December 2019 at 11:00am followed by burial at Alperton Cemetery at 1:00pm

May he rest in peace

## Diocesan News

**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 Vinnie 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

### 4th Sunday of Advent

**First Reading:** Isaiah 7:10—14

**Psalm Response:** Let the Lord enter! He is the king of glory.

**Second Reading:** St Paul 1:1—7

**Alleluia Verse:** The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel, a name which means 'God-is-with-us.'

**Gospel:** Matthew 1: 18—24

### Christmas Day Alleluia Verses:

6:00pm: I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.

11:00pm: Today a Saviour has been born to us; He is Christ the Lord.

9:00am & 10:30am: This day new light will shine upon the earth: the Lord is born for us.

12 noon: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

## Parish Diary

Monday

7:00pm

Prayer Group—Annexe