

Parish News

Collection 6 November 2022 amounted to £1,401.43. Standing orders for October amounted to £3,814.00. Thank you.

Confirmation 2023. There will be a first meeting in the church on Monday 5 December 2022 at 7:00pm, for Confirmation parents/ carers and candidates, who have registered. Dates, times and venue of both Confirmation sessions and parents' meetings will be provided at this meeting. We look forward to seeing you all there.

An email was sent earlier in the week to all parents/carers and candidates regarding this 'First Meeting' if you did not receive one can you please inform the parish office to ensure we have your correct details going forward.

Christmas International Party on Saturday 17 December 2022 from 6:00pm - 10:00pm at St. Mary Magdalen School Hall. Plenty of food and drink to tickle your palate, music to put you into the festive mood, prizes galore with raffle tickets and Santa to greet you all. A family evening to bring in the Spirit of Christmas!

Christmas Mass Times. Please note that Christmas Masses will be as follows:

- Saturday 24 December 2022—6:30pm Mass (First Mass of Christmas) with Nativity play.
- Saturday 24 December 2022—Carols at 9:30pm followed by Mass at 10:00pm.
- Sunday 25 December 2022, Masses at 9:00am, 10:30am and 12 noon. There is no evening Mass.

Any of the above Masses will fulfil the Christmas obligation. Christmas 2022 and New Year 2023 leaflets will be available next month.

Good Shepherd Company from the Holy Land (Bethlehem)

which is based in Nottingham, and whose goal it is to support and help the Christian families in the Holy Land to stay at work as olive wood carvers; one of the most important sources of income for them, as 90% of the Christians rely on this sale. By selling their products it helps to prevent the Christians from leaving the country in search of better work opportunities, as a test survey from the bishops of Jerusalem has highlighted there are only 41,000 Christians left in the area. The Good Shepherd Company will be at our church to sell the olive wood carvers products, on the weekend of the 10/11 December.

Parish Database. All parishioners, both old and new, should complete a parish registration form. If you have registered previously, and your personal contact information has changed, please complete another form as General Data Protection Regulations requires us to ensure all data held is up to date and accurate. Registration forms can be found in the rack in the side porch or at the back of the church. Completed forms should be posted through the door of the Presbytery. Thank you.

Parish Newsletter. All notices for the weekly Sunday Parish newsletter should be received no later than 12 noon on Wednesdays. Thank you for your cooperation.



HELLO CHILDREN!

Dear Children,
If you are in Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 or Year 6 we would love you to join us for our Children's Liturgy on Sundays. Come to the 10:30am Mass (during Term Time) and learn about the Gospel for the day, Mass and your Catholic faith. At the end of the session you will have a Learning Sheet to complete at home and return the following Sunday. You will, also, tell your parents/carers what you have been learning.

We look forward to seeing you next Sunday!

God Bless,
Mrs Chappet and Miss Cox

Diocesan News

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for November 2022. For children who suffer: We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

Operation Elf is the campaign by PACT, the Prison Advice and Care Trust, to enable prisoners to give a Christmas gift to their child. This year they are asking supporters to buy a gift card with a £15 value only. If you want to donate more please buy multiples of £15 cards. A good choice is a One4All gift card from the Post Office or online which can be used in lots of shops. No e-cards or e-vouchers as these are difficult to distribute. All cards need to reach PACT by 30 November ready for Christmas Family Visit days in December. Please send to: Operation Elf, Pact, 29 Peckham Road, London SE5 8UA.

SVP. The SVP are distributing over 10,000 Vinnie Packs containing cold weather essentials to the homeless this winter. Please could you consider sponsoring packs at a suggested donation of £4.10 per 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 no. 46088237. Thank you so much for your support.

Christmas Celebration. The annual Christmas Celebration concerts at Westminster Cathedral takes place on 20 and 21 December. For tickets visit: www.westminstercathedral.org.uk.

Mass Intentions Week commencing 20 November 2022

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| Saturday | 6:30pm | Brian McAlinden | Anniv |
| Sunday | 9:00am | Teresa McGovern | Anniv |
| | 10:30am | People of the Parish | Ints |
| | 12 noon | William O'Sullivan | RIP |
| | 6:30pm | Bill Mawn | Anniv |
| Monday | 9:30am | Holy Souls | RIP |
| Tuesday | 9:30am | Sean Gavigan | RIP |
| Wednesday | 9:30am | Holy Souls | RIP |
| Thursday | 9:30am | Holy Souls | RIP |
| Friday | 9:30am | Domnic Antonette | Ints |
| Saturday | 9:30am | Patrick O'Connor | RIP |