

Parish News

Collection 11 December 2022 amounted to £1,115.00.

Collection 18 December 2022 amounted to £1,531.06.

Standing orders for November amounted to £3,410.00. Thank you for your generosity in whatever way you give.

A BIG THANK YOU to all who supported and helped with the **Parish Christmas International Party**. Despite the loss of water supply to many earlier in the day, everyone managed to have a wonderful evening. It was lovely to see so many of you join together and celebrate, at this very special time of the year.

Christmas Offering Envelopes are available on the table as you leave church today. Your Christmas offering goes towards paying the stipends of your priests.

Donations for 'Christmas Offering' along with 'General' and 'Crib' donations and payment for 'Candles' can be made on our contactless terminal located at the back of the church.

Christmastide 2022 and New Year 2023. 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. Please take one home with you and share it with friends and family. This Information can also be found on our parish website at: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/willesdengreen/>

The 'Tree of Light' is in place opposite the Lady Chapel. The 'Tree of Light' is a perfect way this Christmas, after another difficult year, to remember a loved one who has passed away, to wish someone good luck for the New Year or for any other intention you may wish to pray for. Please bring your own completed label with you, to attach to the tree.

Crib Offering 2022. 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.

Epiphany of the Lord is on Friday 6 January 2023. Masses will be at 9:30am and 7:00pm. Bishop John Sherrington will be celebrating the 7:00pm Mass on this day.

THANK YOU - Good Shepherd Company from the Holy Land (Bethlehem) would like to thank all those who supported their recent sale of olive wood carvings. £1,500 was raised. This money will be used 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.

Parish Newsletter. All notices for the weekly newsletter should be received no later than 12 noon Wednesdays. Please take your newsletter home with you after Mass and share it with friends and family. It can also be viewed online at: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/willesdengreen/parish-newsletters-2022/>

Diocesan News

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for December 2022. For voluntary not-for-profit organisations: We pray that volunteers and not-for-profit organisations committed to human development may find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international co-operation.

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.

Catholic Listeners is a new confidential helpline launched this year during Holy Week. The service, part of the Diocese of Westminster, is for those who are returning to the Faith as well as to support those who need someone to talk to. Although not a counselling service, there is a professional team trained in signposting callers to other services/agencies. Please email: catholiclisteners@gmail.com or telephone 0800 4480704.

Mass Intentions Week commencing 25 December 2022

Saturday: **Christmas Eve**

6:30pm	Celebrants Intentions	Ints
10:00pm	Celebrants Intentions	Ints

Sunday : **Christmas Day**

9:00am	Celebrants Intentions	Ints
10:30am	Celebrants Intentions	Ints
12 noon	Celebrants Intentions	Ints

Monday	10:00am	Celebrants Intentions	Ints
Tuesday	9:30am	Domnic Fernandes	Ints
Wednesday	9:30am	John & Josephine Savage	RIP
Thursday	9:30am	Kathleen Scully	RIP
Friday	9:30am	Jimmy O'Connor	RIP
Saturday	9:30am	Vincent Carlos Murray	RIP

Accepting Contactless Donations



You will find our DIGITAL COLLECTION PLATE, contactless terminal at the back entrance of the church. Just use your contactless debit/credit card or smart phone/device to make a donation.

Simply choose the amount you wish to donate and hold your card onto the reader. You can also opt-in for Gift Aid to increase your donation by 25%. If you are a UK taxpayer then donating with Gift Aid means that we can claim an extra 25p for every £1 received.

Contactless donations are simple to administer, secure and convenient. Payment can also be made for Candles and for your 'Christmas Offering' and 'Crib' donations.