

Parish News

Collection 25 December 2022 amounted to £3,075.19.

Christmas Offering Collection 2022 amounted to £2,488.00.

Standing orders for November amounted to £3,410.00.

Thank you for your generosity in whatever way you give.

THANK YOU to everyone who spent so much time and effort making the church look so beautiful for the Christmas Masses and to those who made them such prayerful yet joyful liturgies.

May God Bless you and your loved ones and we wish you all a most happy and Holy Christmas and best wishes for the New Year.

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. The crib will remain in church until Candlemas (The Presentation of the Lord): 02 February.

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.

Gift Aid. The parish has received £17,453.85 in Gift Aid for the last financial year 21/22. These monies make a significant difference to our parish finances, and don't cost you, or the parish, anything extra. In order to claim Gift Aid, donors simply have to sign a Gift Aid declaration form and donate via envelope or by standing order. If you can help the parish by Gift aiding your donations please contact the parish office.

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. Chaplains visit the wards during the week and provide an on-call service in case of emergencies.

Parish Newsletter. 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/>

Please pray for Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

At the end of the General Audience on Wednesday, 28 December, Pope Francis asked for "special prayers" for Benedict XVI "who is very ill."

Let us pray.

Almighty and Eternal God,

You are the everlasting health of those who believe in You.

Hear our prayers for your sick servant Benedict for whom we implore the aid of

Your tender mercy,

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Diocesan News

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for January 2023. For educators: We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

SVP Vinnie Packs cold weather essentials for the homeless. To sponsor a pack at £4.10 each please send your donation to Vinnie Packs, PO Box 72264, London SW1P 9EZ, cheques payable to SVP or via BACS to Nat West S/C 60-60-04, A/c Nr 46088237.

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.

Right To Life UK. "Mary pondered all of these things in her heart. Let us join Mary in reflection, especially on the precious gift of human life at all stages and how society might better support mothers. Lord hear us".

Mass Intentions Week commencing 1 January 2023

Saturday:	6:30pm	Celebrants Intentions	Ints
	12:00 midnight	Celebrants Intentions	Ints
Sunday :	9:00am	Celebrants Intentions	Ints
	10:30am	Lorraine McGee	Ints
	12 noon	People of the Parish	Ints
	6:30pm	Celebrants Intentions	Ints
Monday	10:00am	Kathleen & Tom Barry	Ints
Tuesday	9:30am	Peter Manning	Ints
Wednesday	9:30am	Holy Souls	RIP
Thursday	9:30am	Clare Rigley	Anniv
Friday	9:30am	Kathleen Rigley	Ints
	7:00pm	Conceicao Coutinho	RIP
Saturday	9:30am	Michael Philps	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.