

Offertory Collections:

Sunday 25th November 2012

Envelopes: £ 518.02
Loose: £ 354.80
Standing Orders £ 590.00

Your generosity enable us to pay the parish bills. Thank you!!!

JUST MOVED in TO THE PARISH?

Welcome. Please register by completing a registration form from the office. Thank you.

PLANNED GIVING (OFFERING)

It is deciding how much of your income to regularly give to the work of your Parish. This will help us **budget** for the years ahead.

STANDING ORDER

It is not always possible to attend Mass in your own parish every week, like when you're on holiday. The most effective way to give is via a standing order from your bank account. All you need to do is fill in our Planned Giving Form, sign it, and return it to the office.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES 2012-2013 Gift Aid? It's worth it!

It is important to **gift aid** your offering to the church (envelopes or standing order). This means that the government will top up your offering by 25p for every £1. at no extra expense to you, the giver. You have to be a UK taxpayer to qualify and you have to fill in a declaration form. For more information, please call the office or ask Fr. Gideon

The Voice of Eden Grove



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First Sunday of Advent (C) Sunday, 2nd December 2012

A lesson in courage

"Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen".

What a strange way to enter Advent, the countdown to the joyous feast of Christmas. What is it we are to stay awake for? Why are we to be brave and why do we need strength?

A story of remarkable bravery found its way into our homes in recent months when news broke that 14-year-old Pakistani girl Malala Yousufzai had been shot and seriously wounded by gunmen as she travelled on a school bus.

The teenager had been involved in campaigning for education for girls and had been aware that her life was at risk, yet so strong was her belief in what she was doing that she defied the threats and continued her campaign. Speaking shortly after the shooting, as Malala was treated in hospital, her father Ziauddin Yousufzai said, "we will focus even more on our work with more strength."

We may not ever have had the opportunity to display such a level of courage. But we are called at all times to be brave and strong, and to be ready to stand up for what we believe in. Today's Gospel calls us to live a life that will allow us to "stand with confidence before the Son of Man"; to hold our heads high. What a goal to set ourselves as we enter Advent! @intercom

QUOTES:

See, days are coming...when I will raise up a righteous branch for David; as king he shall reign and govern wisely, he shall do what is just and right in the land.-

Jeremiah 23:5

No one has the right to sit down and feel hopeless. There's too much work to do.

-Dorothy Day

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

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| Sunday 2nd December First Sunday of Advent | 6:00pm: (Sat. Vigil Mass) 8:30am 10:15 am 12:00 Noon | Elizabeth Ann Rainsford RIP (Anniv) Timothy Kelly RIP (Anniv) Tom Hartigan RIP Tony Di Popolo (Anniv) |
| Monday 3rd December St Francis Xavier, Priest | 9:15 am Mass | Theresa Roche RIP |
| Tuesday 4th December Advent Feria | No Mass Today | |
| Wednesday 5th December Advent Feria | 9:15 am Mass | Jane Maltby Intentions |
| Thursday 6th December Advent Feria or St Nicholas, Bishop | 9:15am Mass | Fr Lamont Hamilton RIP |
| Friday 7th December St Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor | 9:15am Mass | Fr Joseph Kalathara RIP |
| Saturday 8th December Immaculate conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary | Confessions 11-12:00noon or by appointment 6:00pm (Vigil Mass for Sunday) | |
| Sunday 9th December Second Sunday of Advent | 6:00pm: (Sat. Vigil Mass) 8:30am 10:15 am 12:00 Noon | Bill Devereux RIP (Anniv) For the Parish Richard Hyland RIP UCM's intentions |

We ask for your charitable prayers for those who are sick, recently deceased and those whose anniversaries are at this time.

For the sick and the housebound:

Christine Eisene, Joseph David, Margaret Cooney, Nicola Jacques, Deignan Family, Margaret Hughes, Mary Egan, Charlie Pattison, Jo Scott, Ann Harvey, Anne Conway, Cooke Family, Peter Finn, Colman Connolly, Lil Traynor, Myrtle Hughes, Lillian Appino, Michael Cole, Mrs. Sarah Lane, Nessa Healy, Anne Franklin, Mary Morrissey, Roy Barton, James McNamara, Patrick Enright, Ernie Fisher, Celia Donovan, Nancy Doyle, Erin Connor, Julia White, Mary Barry, Mrs. E. Toson, Ana Shaw, Pauline Hunt, , and **all who are sick and housebound in the parish.**

Anniversaries: John O'Rourke, Elizabeth Ann Rainsford, Timothy Kelly, Mary Rosina Moran, Patrick Loughney, Bill Devereux

Please Pray for the Recently

Dead: Fr. Christopher Hamilton-Gray, Bob Bourke, Edmond Hyland, Frank Hall, Betty Carroth, *"Eternal rest grant unto them Lord, and let your light shine upon them. May they rest in peace."*

MILLERS FUNERAL CATHOLIC UNDERTAKERS
Essex Rd. 020 7226 3886

A DAY WITH MARY

St Mary of the Angels,
Bayswater Sat 15 Dec

BAPTISM: To book a baptism for your child, please contact **Herman** at the parish office at least 6 months before the Baptism date. In keeping with the Diocesan Policy, at least one parent or guardian of the child needs to supply us with their Baptismal Certificate and the child's Birth Certificate. God parents **must** be Catholics. Parents and god parents have to attend a meeting with the catechist.

MARRIAGE: -Make your arrangements with the priest at least six (6) months before your wedding date.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2012-2013

Tuesday 4th December: Parents and Children's Meeting 7:30– 8:30PM

Sunday 9th December: Children's Session: *"Lord, have Mercy"*. It starts with the Mass at 10:15 and the SESSION finishes at 12:30pm. **Please bring and collect your children on time!**

NEW CATHOLICS (RCIA):

If you know of anybody who would like to know more about the Catholic Faith or wants to be a Catholic. ***First meeting will be on Thursday 6th December at 7:30 pm at the Parish office.***

SVP

The SVP is distributing cold-weather "Vinnie Packs" packs containing a hat, gloves, socks, thermal blanket and toiletries to rough sleepers, and your donation is invited to cover the cost of £3 per pack. Please post to The SVP. c/o 46 Brunswick Court, Regency St, London SW1P 4AE.

DIVINE MERCY ADVENT RETREAT

Led by the Marian Fathers

English Martyrs Church, Chalkhill Rd. Wembley Park, Middx HA9 9EW

SAT. 8th Dec. 11:00AM-4:30PM: Walking toward the Light with Mary

SAT. 15th Dec. 11:00AM-4:30PM: Walking toward the Light with John the Baptist

SAT. 22nd Dec. 11AM-4:30PM: Walking towards the Light with Joseph

For more info: 020 8998 0925 (or see poster).

QUESTIONS PEOPLE ASK

Q. I am puzzled that the Gospel at the start of Advent is about the end of the world. What has this to do with preparation for Christmas?

A. Advent is a season preparing for the coming of Christ. The first focus of Advent is on the future coming of Christ, that is, at the end of each person's life. The Church's liturgical year begins by reminding us where the journey of life will finish. Our lives began with God our Creator and will return to God. It's like the line of a circle which ends precisely where it began. As Advent advances the liturgy taps into the spirituality of the Jewish people awaiting the Messiah. The last week before Christmas brings us to the people who would be associated with the birth of Jesus. @Intercom

The Passage The Big Give

Please support the work of The Passage working with Homeless People. Donate through The Big Give website between 10.00 a.m. on 6 December and 19 December and every £1 can be worth up to £2. There is an element of competition for full matching from The Big Give so if possible please give just after 10.00 a.m. on Thursday 6 December, Friday 7 December or Saturday 8 December.

<http://new.thebiggive.org.uk/project/13551>

PARISH PENANCE SERVICE

Wednesday 19th December at 7:30PM

Our Parish Community will celebrate Advent Penance Service on **Wednesday 19th Dec at 7:30PM**. Bring family and friends to experience the Lord's love and forgiveness. Opportunity for individual confessions.

PHILIPPINE Pre-CHRISTMAS MASS

(Simbang Gabi)

Saturday 22nd December at 6:00pm

(Sat. Vigil Mass). All are welcome. Refreshments at the Meeting Room after Mass.

PARISH CHRISTMAS DRAW 2012

The Draw will take place on 16th December after the 12:00Noon Mass. Please return your stubs and money before this date (if possible). Please help us sell these tickets by collecting more books from the office

Fr. Gideon P.P.

Questions Catholics Ask

WHAT IS THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION?

NONE of the four gospels mentions Mary's origins, and the words *immaculate conception* do not appear in scripture, yet the teaching that Mary was conceived without sin is essential to Catholic understanding. The early stories about Mary come from sources like The Birth of Mary, the Protevangelion of James, and The First Gospel of the Infancy of Jesus. While these documents didn't make the cut when the canon of scripture was set, they remain valuable windows into the way early Christians expressed their beliefs. One thing they make clear: The early church had a powerful sense that the incarnation-event bound Jesus and his mother in a singular, physical infusion of divine grace. That helps us appreciate why the Immaculate Conception represents a very early church understanding. Certain scripture passages point to the cosmic preparation of Mary for her role:

Genesis 3:15 (sin will be conquered by a woman); Luke 1:28 (Mary is favoured); Luke 1:42 (Mary is blessed among women).

There was a time when your life and your mother's were literally inseparable. For the sake of that time when Mary and Jesus shared life together in her body, why wouldn't God prepare the way?
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