

Offertory Collections:

Sunday 2nd December 2012

Envelopes: £ 631.17
Loose: £ 351.80
Standing Orders £ 623.00

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

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Second Sunday of Advent (C) Sunday, 9th December 2012



Setting the scene

How was your first week of Advent? How did you 'prepare a way for the Lord' this week?

Our preparations for Christmas start early. TV advertising aimed at children has been going strong since before Hallowe'en. The organised among us may have already ventured out to begin our gift buying, rooted out the tree decorations, or made the Christmas cake. We are seasoned experts at preparing for Christmas. Or are we?

When John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, his task was to 'prepare a way for the Lord', to 'make his paths straight', much as a messenger might do for a king. Do you remember the Olympic Torch relay last summer in preparation for the London 2012 Olympics? It simultaneously brought the message of the Games to the people, while also directing their attention forward to the main event.

John the Baptist had a two-pronged approach. While laying the groundwork for the arrival of Jesus, he also preached a message of repentance and forgiveness.

Amid the hustle and bustle of December and the run-up to Christmas, do we give ourselves a chance to prepare for the gift God is giving us this and every Christmas? What areas do we need to work on and what obstacles do we need to remove from our life so we are ready to welcome Jesus? It is not too late to make a straight path for the Lord to come into our lives. @Intercom

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sunday 9th December <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>	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
Monday 10th December Advent Feria	9:15 am Mass	Theresa Roche RIP
Tuesday 11th December Advent Feria or St Damasus I	No Mass Today	
Wednesday 12th December Advent Feria or Our Lady of Guadalupe	9:15 am Mass	Jane Maltby Intentions
Thursday 13th December St Lucy, Virgin & Martyr	9:15am Mass	Fr Christopher Hamilton-Gray RIP
Friday 14th December St John of the Cross. Priest & Doctor	9:15am Mass	Larry Wims RIP
Saturday 15th December Advent Feria	Confessions 11-12:00noon or by appointment 6:00pm (Vigil Mass for Sunday)	
Sunday 16th December <i>Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)</i>	6:00pm: (Sat. Vigil Mass) 8:30am 10:15 am 12:00 Noon	Nolan Nicholas RIP John O'Rourke RIP (Anniv) For the Parish Pat Naughton & Ivy Ross RIP

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, Jim Spencer, 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: Bill Devereux, John O'Rourke, Elizabeth Ann Rainsford, Timothy Kelly, Mary Rosina Moran, Pat Naughton, Ivy Ross,

Please Pray for the Recently

Dead: Fr. Christopher Hamilton-Gray, Bob Bourke, Edmond Hyland, Richard Hyland, Peggy Crane, Frank Hall, Betty Carroth, Vicky Courtney, Floss Madleyglove,
"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

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

Sunday 16th December: Children's Session: "*Reconciliation*". 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. Next meeting will take place on Thursday 13th December at 7:30 pm

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. 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. When John the Baptist baptised people, was it the sacrament of Baptism?

A. The sacraments as we know them did not exist before the ministry of Jesus. Baptism originally meant having a bath or a good wash. John was called the Baptist, the Bath-man, because he used a ceremony of washing by which people might express a moral conversion from the ways of sin. Jesus took this ritual washing to a new level when he told the disciples to baptise 'in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit'. Christians recognise this as the institution of the sacrament.

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PARISH PENANCE SERVICE

Wednesday 19th December at 7:00PM

Our parish community will celebrate Advent Penance Service on **Wednesday 19th Dec at 7:00PM.** Bring family and friends to experience the Lord's love and forgiveness. Opportunity for individual confessions.

School's Carol Concert in Church

Yr.4-6 will be singing carols after the morning Mass at **10:00am on Thursday 20th December.** Everyone is welcome.

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 Sunday 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.

UCM

Today we pray for the members of the Union of Catholic Mothers (UCM) in our Parish Church. The UCM's aim is to follow the full Christian ideal of marriage and family life. They embody the full ideals of marriage and family life to the full providing commitment, stability and security in the home, the church, the world. They help the poor, the homeless, the marginalised, the refugee, the ill and the weary, and they work to support those in need. The renewal of their vows will take place at 12:00 Mass.

Addiction and vulnerability at Christmas

Christmas, sadly, can be one of the most difficult times of the year for some people. The recovering alcoholic, and others who suffer from addiction, experience challenges which heighten their vulnerability to relapse, with testing consequences for themselves and their loved ones. Calix in London, a group for Catholic alcoholics in recovery. They are also praying for all at risk at this time of the year: perhaps you would join your prayers with theirs. Please See poster in porch. For more information please contact Calix on calixinlondon@btinternet.co.uk

DAY WITH MARY

Saturday 15th December at the church of St. Mary of the Angels, Bayswater.