

Offertory Collections:

Sunday 9th December 2012

Envelopes: £ 598.10
Loose: £ 310.00
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

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Parish Office opening times: Tue & Friday: 10:00-2:30pm. Wed: 10:00 – 4:00pm

Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)

Sunday, 16th December 2012

Happy and tolerant

Today's readings supply us with a blueprint for the Christian life. First we have Paul telling us to be happy in the Lord and to let our tolerance be evident to everyone. He goes on to tell us not to worry, but to ask God with thanksgiving for anything we need, and assures us that if we do, the peace of God will guard our hearts and our thoughts.

To be happy, tolerant, thankful, peaceful, and not to worry – are these attributes that people would see in you? Are happiness and tolerance generally thought of as the hallmarks of a Christian life?

When boxer Katie Taylor won an Olympic gold medal for Ireland in August, there was great interest in the role her Christian faith plays in her life and her career. While of course being widely admired as tough and inspirational, there is also a peacefulness and humility to her manner. She is always thankful to God, comes across as secure and happy in her faith, and maintains a great openness to people – a fitting model of the Christian life spoken of by St Paul. Today's Gospel goes even further to offer some practical advice from John as he preaches the Good News in preparation for Jesus' appearance; we must share what we have with the person who has none, and we must be honest in our dealings with others. That is quite a lot to mull over in two short readings.

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MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

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
Monday 17th December Advent Feria	9:15 am Mass	Theresa Roche RIP
Tuesday 18th December	No Mass Today	
Wednesday 19th December Advent Feria	9:15 am Mass 7:00pm	Jan & Erica Conroy Intentions Parish Advent Reconciliation Service
Thursday 20th December Advent Feria	9:15am Mass 10:00am	Mr & Mrs O'Reilly RIP (Anniv) <i>School's Christmas Concert</i>
Friday 21st December St John of the Cross. Priest & Doctor	9:15am Mass	Gilbert Ero RIP (anniv) & Agostino Solari RIP (Anniv)
Saturday 22nd December Advent Feria	Confessions 11-12:00noon or by appointment 6:00pm (Vigil Mass for Sunday)	
Sunday 23rd December <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>	6:00pm: (Sat. Vigil Mass) 8:30am 10:15 am 12:00 Noon	Mollie McHugh RIP Beryl & Rudi Genovese RIP Ben Nevin RIP Vincent & Teresa Fernandes 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, Ann Harvey, Anne Conway, Martin & Margaret Cooke, Peter Finn, Colman Connoly, 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: Gilbert Ero, Agostino Solari, Ben Nevin, Bill Devereux, John O'Rourke, Elizabeth Ann Rainsford, Timothy Kelly, Pat Naughton, Ivy Ross

Please Pray for the Recently Dead:

Jo Scott, Fr. Christopher Hamilton-Gray, Bob Bourke, Edmond Hyland, Richard Hyland, Peggy Crane, Frank Hall, Mona Tuite.

"Eternal rest grant unto them Lord, and let your light shine upon them. May they rest in peace."

**MILLERS FUNERAL
CATHOLIC UNDERTAKERS**

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 13th January: Children's Session: "*Reconciliation II*". It starts with the **Mass at 10:15** and the SESSION finishes at 12:30pm. **Please bring and collect your children on time!**

**Christmas Children's Mass
Nativity play 24th December
at 6:00 pm**

If your child is interested in taking part of the Nativity play, please write his/her name down in the sheet at the back of the Church. There will be a rehearsal on Thursday 20th December at 5 pm and on the 24th December at 4:30 pm

NEW CATHOLICS (RCIA):

Anybody who would like to know more and explore the Catholic Faith, you are welcome to attend the next meeting which will take place on Thursday 13th December at 7:30 pm in the Meeting Room.

ALTAR SERVER'S MASS

Feast of St. Stephen, Friday, 26th December at 10:00am. All altar servers must attend this Mass on the feast of their patron saint.

QUESTIONS PEOPLE ASK

Q. How might one understand the difference between the merciful approach of Jesus and the drastic preaching of John the Baptist predicting doom and condemnation?

A. There are two ways of correcting people: the threat of punishment or the promise of reward. John the Baptist came from a people who expected a Messiah who would inaugurate a perfect society in which there would be no room for the sinner. Hence, he preached the urgency of total conversion before an impending judgment. The approach of Jesus was to give hope to the sinner. Instead of John's winnowing fan blowing away the empty chaff, he preferred to fan into flame some spark of goodness in a struggling sinner.
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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.

DIVINE MERCY ADVENT RETREAT SAT. 22nd Dec. 11AM-4:30PM: Walking towards the Light with Joseph
For more info: 020 8998 0925 (or see poster).

**PARISH CHRISTMAS
DRAW 2012**

The Draw will take place this Sunday 16th December after the 12:00Noon Mass. Please return your stubs and money this weekend.

**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.

Catholic GK Chesterton Society

GK Chesterton, well known Catholic author, journalist and public debater, also wrote a couple of plays. His last play, The Surprise, a fascinating Catholic story spun around a travelling playwright who creates a set of puppets to perform one of his plays, is to be shown on EWTN. The play is 2 hours long and can be seen on Saturday 22nd December at 12.30am, Sunday 23rd at 9pm or Wednesday 26th at 3am. You can watch EWTN online at www.ewtn.co.uk or on sky 589. For Chesterton prayercards etc see; www.catholicgkchestertonsociety.co.uk