

Offertory Collections:

Sunday 16th December 2012

Envelopes: £ 680.03

Loose: £ 348.67

Standing Orders £ 580.00

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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MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

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 & Josephine & Justin Ddungo RIP
Monday 24th December CHRISTMAS EVE	6:00 pm Mass (Children) 12:00 Midnight MASS	Michael Costin RIP (Anniv) For The Parish
Tuesday 25th December The Nativity Of the Lord	8:30 am Mass 11:00 am Mass	Eddie & Bridie Gorman RIP James Morrissey RIP
Wednesday 26th December St Stephen, The First Martyr	10:00 am Mass	For the Altar Servers
Thursday 27th December St John, Apostle & Evangelist	9:15am Mass	Mr India RIP (Anniv)
Friday 28th December The holy Innocents, Martyrs	9:15 am Mass	Martin McCarty RIP
Saturday 29th December St Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr	Confessions 11-12:00noon or by appointment 6:00pm (<i>Vigil Mass for Sunday</i>)	
Sunday 30th December <i>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary &</i>	6:00pm: (Sat. Vigil Mass) 8:30am 10:15 am 12:00 Noon	John Mazzone Intentions Christou Family Intentions For the Parish Bishop Adrian Ddungo RIP

Fourth Sunday of Advent Sunday, 23rd December 2012



'About her glowed such joy' @intercom

Mary is sometimes described as the first evangelist, as she was the first to bring the good news of Jesus to others. In that first visit to Elizabeth, she becomes 'the model for those in the Church who set out to bring Christ's light and joy to the people of every time and place' (Pope John Paul II).

The joy of that visit and its implications for us is beautifully captured in Ruth Mary Fox's poem 'Carrying Christ'.

Into the hillside country Mary went
Carrying Christ, and all along the road
The Christ she carried generously bestowed
His grace on those she met. She had not meant
To tell she carried Christ. She was content
To hide His love for her. But about her glowed
Such joy that into stony hearts love flowed,
And even to the unborn John Christ's grace was sent.

Christ in His Sacrament of love each day
Dwells in my soul a little space and then
I walk life's crowded highway, jostling men
Who seldom think of God. To these I pray
That I may carry Christ, for it may be
Some would not know of Him except through me.

From the kindness and generous love of God, our Saviour appear appeared.

Titus 3:4

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:

Ugoala family, Florence McGrath, 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 Connolly, Lil Traynor, Myrtle Hughes, Lillian Appino, Michael Oladipo 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: Michael Costin, Josephine & Justin Ddungo, Rudi & Beryl Genovese, Martin McCarthy, 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: Dennis Madlangbayan, Julia Rodriguez Hernandez, Jo Scott, Fr. Christopher Hamilton-Gray, Bob Bourke, Edmond Hyland,
"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 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, there will be a rehearsal on the 24th December at 4:30 pm.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2013

Children age 14 or above (Year 9 or above) may now apply. Application forms are available after the Mass.

MARRIAGE HELP

Stress in your marriage? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. For confidential information about Retrouvaille or to register for their programmes please visit their website: www.retrouvaille.org.uk; call or text 0797 338 0443 or email info@retrouvaille.org.uk

QUESTIONS PEOPLE ASK

Q. Easter is supposed to be the high point of the Church's year. How is it that Christmas seems to mean more to people?

A. In the realm of theology Easter is the most important feast but it seems to pass over the heads of many people. Christmas appeals more powerfully to the human heart. The Christmas story touches the familiar world of family, birth, animals, travelling, looking for accommodation, rejoicing and rejection (Herod). It brings the story of God's intervention into human history with the naming of Roman rulers and local bosses. It locates the incarnation in places that can be visited to this day. Christmas appeals to the child within each of us. @Intercom

ALTAR SERVER'S MASS

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

RCIA is underway...

Next meeting will take place on Thursday 17th January at 7:30pm in the Meeting Room.

It is not too late to join this group of individuals who are considering a journey toward communion with the Catholic faith. The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) prepares the individual to receive the sacraments of the Church at Easter Vigil, thus, enter into full communion with the Catholic Church. If you would like to find out more about this process, feel free to come to the above meeting with Herman or call Fr. Gideon at 0207 6073594 with any questions.

A big thank you.....

To Jim and Marie Dorian for installing lights and decorating the Christmas Trees in the church.

PARISH CHRISTMAS DRAW 2012 RESULTS

£400 - Number - 00187

V. Dela Cruz

£300 - Number - 04974

Mrs. R. Kalathara

£200 - Number 07919

Mrs. Bridie Kemp

£100 Number - 06587

Mrs. Colbourne

CONSOLATION PRIZES (Bottle of Wine)

Stephen Barrow - Number - 01233

Mr/Mrs Rogers - Number - 01396

Mark Nunn - Number - 04366

Mr. J. Campbell - Number - 11793

The Christmas Draw made £1,840.

Thank you for all your support.

Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year!

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 19th January at Our Lady & St Joseph (Balls Pond Road).

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

On this Christmas Day we come to peer into the stable and see the generous love of God. We come to see our Saviour the child Jesus. Let us give praise and thanks for this beautiful gift of Love.. Fr. Gideon