

Saturday 19th December	10am 6pm	Celine Pinto People of the Parish	PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL WHO ARE SICK INCLUDING: Christopher Browne, Clifford Browne, Peggy Frost, Marlize Gauci, Shirley Monaco, Jaime Molina, Jennifer Kirwin, Fr. David, Natalie Pell, Michael Hoskins, Colin Smitherman, James Gledhill, Amanda Dearling, Florisa Di Valentino, Bernadette Marchetti, Paul Gismondi, May Ranns, Jane Sullivan, Victoria Monaco, Callum Jamieson, Tom Bailey, Barry Mc Corkall, Anthony Lydekker and Maria Green. Please pray for all those who have died recently.
Sunday 20th Deceember <small>4th Sunday of Advent</small>	10am 12 Middyay 5.30pm	Domenico, Maria Grazia and family Daniel Thompson Dave Lloyd and family	
Monday 21st Deceember <small>St Peter Canisius</small>	10am	No Mass	
Tuesday 22nd December	10am	Bzowski Family	Together the Catholic parishes of Barnes, East Sheen, Ham, Kew, Mortlake, Putney, Richmond, Roehampton and Wimbledon Common form Mortlake Deanery.
Wednesday 23rd December	10am	Mary Stewart and Family	
Thursday 24th December	10am 6pm 10pm	Bridget Giblin and Victor David Clark Alan Newill RIP Private Ints	WEEKLY COLLECTIONS To meet our budget we need £1,600 each week Sunday's offering was £583.49 Standing Orders £250 Total £833.49 Second Collection for Peter's Pence £74.96 Thank you for your generosity
Friday 25th De- cember NATIVITY OF THE LORD	10am 12 Middyay	Liana Lloyd RIP People of the Parish	
Saturday 26th December St Stephen	10am 6pm	Mr Ahfat RIP John and Kathleen Naughton RIP	
Sunday 27th December <small>Holy Family</small>	10am 12 Middyay 5.30pm	Trevor Downs and Susan People of the Parish Charles and Enio Desa Dec'd family RIP	There will be a second collection this weekend for The Apostleship of the Sea

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PARISH VOUCHER SYSTEM
Those people who will require a school reference when applying to a Catholic School need to participate in this. By signing the vouchers the parish keeps a record of your mass attendance which is referred to when signing school reference forms.

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Happy Christmas to Everyone

Thank you for all the cards and presents we have received. God bless **Frs. Philip, David and Sr. Pat**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In these last days of Advent the liturgy invites us to contemplate in a special way the Virgin Mary and St Joseph, who lived with unique intensity the period of expectation and preparation for Jesus’ birth.

Today, I would like to turn my gaze to the figure of St Joseph. In today’s Gospel St Luke presents the Virgin Mary as “a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David” (see Lk 1: 27). The Evangelist Matthew, however, places a greater emphasis on the putative father of Jesus, stressing that through him the Child belonged legally to the lineage of David and thus fulfilled the Scriptural prophecy that the Messiah would be a “son of David”.

But Joseph’s role cannot be reduced to this legal aspect. He was the model of a “just” man (Mt 1: 19) who, in perfect harmony with his wife, welcomed the Son of God made man and watched over his human growth.

It is therefore particularly appropriate in the days that precede Christmas to establish a sort of spiritual conversation with St Joseph, so that he may help us live to the full this great mystery of faith.

Beloved Pope John Paul II, who was very devoted to St Joseph, left us a wonderful meditation dedicated to him in the Apostolic Exhortation *Redemptoris Custos*, “The Guardian of the Redeemer”.

Among the many aspects on which this Document sheds light, the silence of St Joseph is given a special emphasis. His silence is steeped in contemplation of the mystery of God in an attitude of total availability to the divine desires.

In other words, St Joseph’s silence does not express an inner emptiness but, on the contrary, the fullness of the faith he bears in his heart and which guides his every thought and action.

It is a silence thanks to which Joseph, in unison with Mary, watches over the Word of God, known through the Sacred Scriptures, continuously comparing it with the events of the life of Jesus; a silence woven of constant prayer, a prayer of blessing of the Lord, of the adoration of his holy will and of unreserved entrustment to his providence.

It is no exaggeration to think that it was precisely from his “father” Joseph that Jesus learned - at the human level - that steadfast interiority which is a presupposition of authentic justice, the “superior justice” which he was one day to teach his disciples (see Mt 5: 20).

Let us allow ourselves to be “filled” with St Joseph’s silence! In a world that is often too noisy, that encourages neither recollection nor listening to God’s voice, we are in such deep need of it. During this season of preparation for Christmas, let us cultivate inner recollection in order to welcome and cherish Jesus in our own lives.

By Pope Benedict XVI (Angelus 2005)

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PARISH NEWS

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES		
CHRISTMAS EVE Thursday 24th Dec	10am	Morning Mass
	6pm	Vigil—children’s Mass
	10pm	Mass during the Night
CHRISTMAS DAY Friday 25th Dec NATIVITY OF THE LORD	10am	Mass
	12 Mid-day	Mass NO EVENING MASS
Saturday 26th Dec St Stephen	10am	Mass
	6pm	Mass
Sunday 27th Dec Holy Family	10am	Mass
	12 Mid-day 5:30	Mass Mass
Monday 28th Dec Holy Innocents	10am	Mass
Tuesday 29th Dec St Thomas Becket	10am	Mass
Wednesday 30th Dec	10am	Mass
Thursday 31st Dec St Sylvester	10am 8pm	Mass Vigil Mass of Mary Mother of God Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10pm
New Year’s Day Friday 1st Jan Mary Mother of God	10am	Mass
		NO EVENING MASS

2021 Parish Directories are now available from the Repository

CHRISTMAS MASSES

This year because of COVID-19 we are restricted to 100 people per Mass. Therefore, please can we make use of the additional Mass on Christmas Day at 12 Middy. Please also remember that the Christmas Masses are an Octave so for 7 days after Christmas Day those masses are seen liturgically as Christmas Day. So if you can’t come on the 25th do come to one of the other masses following Christmas Day.

If you haven’t yet signed the sheet at the church entrance for the Christmas Masses please would you put your name down to indicate which Mass you will be attending.

Thank you

Fr Philip

CONFESSIONS—Weekend 19th/20th DECEMBER

Confessions will be available this weekend during the Masses. Do please make use of this opportunity.

First Holy Communion 2021

Application forms are now available from Fr Philip.

Additional Readers Required

If you would be interested in joining our team of Readers please let Fr Philip know. Training will be provided.

Mass Stewards Needed

As you are aware the guideline for the re opening of Churches say there needs to be stewards who supervise the covid-19 protection, thank God we have a good team but we urgently need more people, can you help? If so, you would be allocated either a weekend or week day Mass. Please let Fr Philip or one of the team know if you would like to help.

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Crib Offering to support the Catholic Children’s Society’s Crisis Fund

Since March the CCS has provided emergency food and essentials, as well as mental health services for over 5500 children and their parents/carers. These families have faced desperate situations due to the Coronavirus pandemic. One family were caring for their very sick child when the father lost his job. With no recourse to public funds they faced a bleak and uncertain future. CCs provided support with food and accommodation costs for several weeks, giving the father time to get a new job as a delivery driver. He said:

“You have kindly helped my family when we were at our lowest point. I can never thank you enough for the kindness you have showed us. You gave us hope during a very dark time. We will be forever grateful”

There are many more families in need of support and our parish will be donating our Crib Offering to support this important work. Every penny donated will be given out via CCS’s Southwark Crisis Fund to support local families in need. Due to Covid, a special page has been set up at www.cathchild.org.uk/crib where you can make a donation.

Act now and ask your MP to oppose introducing assisted suicide

The assisted suicide lobby have launched a large campaign to put pressure on the Government to reconsider the legalisation of assisted suicide.

It is vital that it is clear to the Government that the public want them to continue to hold strong against this pressure from assisted suicide campaigners and reject their demands.

Right To Life UK have set up an easy to use tool which will enable you to email your MP asking them to make it clear to the Government that it should not give into demands from the assisted suicide lobby to reconsider the legalisation of assisted suicide. It only takes 30 seconds to email your MP by visiting the link below:
<https://righttolife.org.uk/StopAssistedSuicide>

200 CLUB—COVID Suspension

Due to London being in Tier 3, the 200 Club will have to be suspended from January 2021 until further notice.

There are still Prizes waiting to be claimed. This could be You. Please do check after Mass with Helene, Jackie and Francis on a Saturday or a Sunday. If you can’t do this, then please ring Helene on 020 8788 9319. Thank you all for your great support and hope that the 200 Club can resume again when everyone who is shielding is able to be back again at Mass.

FREE BOOKS AND ITEMS

Due to the sad closure of Struan Convent next year there are various religious publications and other items available.

Please phone the convent if you would like any.
0208 394 5580

THE WINNERS OF LAST SUNDAY’S 200 CLUB		
1	127	Natascha Crundwell-Uberbacher
2	138	James O’Reilly

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