

Sunday 12th December 2021

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Saturday 11th December St Damascus I	10am Pat Browne RIP 6pm Judy Pires RIP
Sunday 12th December 3rd Sunday of Advent	10am Tony Browne 5:30pm May Ranns RIP
Monday 13th December St Lucy	No Mass
Tuesday 14th December St John of the Cross	10am Deceased family and friends of the O'Shea and Morley families
Wednesday 15th December	10am Loaiza Family
Thursday 16th December	10am Ranen Niblett
Friday 17th December	10:am Mary Rogers RIP 10:30 to 1pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6.45pm (Latin Mass) Rath-Tesouro Family Wellbeing
Saturday 18th December	10am Maria Edeko RIP 6pm People of the Parish
Sunday 19th December 4th Sunday of Advent	10am Wellbeing of Rose 5:30pm Edeltrud Shafer

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL WHO ARE SICK INCLUDING:

Shirley Monaco, Jaime Molina, Jennifer Kirwin, Fr. David, Natalie Pell, Michael Hoskins, Colin Smitherman, James Gledhill, Amanda Dearling, Florisa Di Valentino, Bernadette Marchetti, Nigel Pell, Paul Gismondi, Jane Sullivan, Victoria Monaco, Callum Jamieson, Tom Bailey, Barry Mc Corkell, Anthony Lydekker, Jason Moreno, Josephine Moreno and Tim Cronin.

Please pray for all those who have died recently.

Together the Catholic parishes of Barnes, East Sheen, Ham, Kew, Mortlake, Putney, Richmond, Roehampton and Wimbledon Common form Mortlake Deanery.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

To meet our budget we need £1,600 each week
Sunday's offering was £552.63
Standing Orders £400
Contactless Donations £108.50
Total £1061.13

Thank you for your generosity

OUR LADY QUEEN OF HEAVEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Victoria Drive, London SW19 6AD
Tel: 020 8788 7420
Head : Jeremy Tuke BA Hons PGCE
www.ourladyqueenofheaven.wandsworth.sch.uk

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.

This is a School Voucher Sunday

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Our Lady and Saint Peter
WIMBLEDON COMMON



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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)

Our Lady of Guadalupe - Guadalupe, Mexico (1531) Patroness of the Americas 12th December

The opening of the New World brought with it both fortune-seekers and religious preachers desiring to convert the native populations to the Christian faith. One of the converts was a poor Aztec Indian named Juan Diego. On one of his trips to the chapel, Juan was walking through the Tepayac hill country in central Mexico. Near Tepayac Hill he encountered a beautiful woman surrounded by a ball of light as bright as the sun. Speaking in his native tongue, the beautiful lady identified herself:

"My dear little son, I love you. I desire you to know who I am. I am the ever-virgin Mary, Mother of the true God who gives life and maintains its existence. He created all things. He is in all places. He is Lord of Heaven and Earth. I desire a church in this place where your people may experience my compassion. All those who sincerely ask my help in their work and in their sorrows will know my Mother's Heart in this place. Here I will see their tears; I will console them and they will be at peace. So run now to Tenochtitlan and tell the Bishop all that you have seen and heard."

Juan, age 57, and who had never been to Tenochtitlan, nonetheless immediately responded to Mary's request. He went to the palace of the Bishop-elect Fray Juan de Zumarraga and requested to meet immediately with the bishop. The bishop's servants, who were suspicious of the rural peasant, kept him waiting for hours. The bishop-elect told Juan that he would consider the request of the Lady and told him he could visit him again if he so desired. Juan was disappointed by the bishop's response and felt himself unworthy to persuade someone as important as a bishop. He returned to the hill where he had first met Mary and found her there waiting for him. Imploring her to send someone else, she responded:

"My little son, there are many I could send. But you are the one I have chosen." She then told him to return the next day to the bishop and repeat the request. On Sunday, after again waiting for hours, Juan met with the bishop who, on re-hearing his story, asked him to ask the Lady to provide a sign as a proof of who she was. Juan dutifully returned to the hill and told Mary, who was again waiting for him there, of the bishop's request. Mary responded:

"My little son, am I not your Mother? Do not fear. The Bishop shall have his sign. Come back to this place tomorrow. Only peace, my little son." Unfortunately, Juan was not able to return to the hill the next day. His uncle had become mortally ill and Juan stayed with him to care for him. After two days, with his uncle near death, Juan left his side to find a priest. Juan had to pass Tepayac Hill to get to the priest. As he was passing, he found Mary waiting for him. She spoke:

"Do not be distressed, my littlest son. Am I not here with you who am your Mother? Are you not under my shadow and protection? Your uncle will not die at this time. There is no reason for you to engage a priest, for his health is restored at this moment. He is quite well. Go to the top of the hill and cut the flowers that are growing there. Bring them then to me." While it was freezing on the hillside, Juan obeyed Mary's instructions and went to the top of the hill where he found a full bloom of Castilian roses. Removing his tilma, a poncho-like cape made of cactus fiber, he cut the roses and carried them back to Mary. She rearranged the roses and told him:

"My little son, this is the sign I am sending to the Bishop. Tell him that with this sign I request his greatest efforts to complete the church I desire in this place. Show these flowers to no one else but the Bishop. You are my trusted ambassador. This time the Bishop will believe all you tell him." At the palace, Juan once again came before the bishop and several of his advisors. He told the bishop his story and opened the tilma letting the flowers fall out. But it wasn't the beautiful roses that caused the bishop and his advisors to fall to their knees; for there, on the tilma, was a picture of the Blessed Virgin Mary precisely as Juan had described her.

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PARISH NEWS

CHRISTMAS EVE Friday 24th Dec	10am	Mass
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CHRISTMAS DAY Saturday 25th Dec	10am	Mass NO EVENING MASS
NATIVITY OF THE LORD Sunday 26th Dec Holy Family	10am 5:30pm	Mass Mass
Monday 27th Dec St John	10am	Mass
Tuesday 28th Dec Holy Innocents	10am	Mass
Wednesday 29th Dec St Thomas Becket	10am	Mass
Thursday 30th Dec	10am	Mass
Friday 31st Dec St Sylvester I	10am 8:00 to 10pm	Mass Mass followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10pm.
New Year’s Day Saturday 1st Jan Mary Mother of God	10am 6pm	Mass Mass



Thanks to Carol Blades for organizing the beautiful Christmas Carol Service last week. It was a great success.

CHURCH CHILDREN’S NATIVITY

If your child would like to take part in the children’s nativity on 24th December at 6pm please contact Mee-Ling on 07866612865 or email mee.w73@gmail.com

First Holy Communion 2022 Application Forms

This weekend is the last opportunity to return completed application forms. Classes for First Holy Communion will commence on Saturday 8th January. The First Holy Communion Mass will be on Sunday, 8th May 2022.

MASS INTENTIONS AND THE GIFT AID SCHEME

Please remember to Gift Aid your Mass Intention Donations if you are a taxpayer. For every £1 you give to the parish, we can get another 25p.

Parish Hall—Bookings

If you are planning an event and would like to use the New Parish Hall, bookings can be made by emailing bookingsolsp@gmail.com

CONFESSIONS will be heard before and after all Christmas Masses.

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CHRISTMAS FAIR 2021

A Big thank you to Louise Brown and friends who organized our Christmas Fair. It was a most enjoyable event which raised £850 for the Parish.



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