

Saturday 2nd December	10am Graham Vaggers RIP 6pm People of the Parish
Sunday 3rd December 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	10am Mary Doyle RIP and Rose Fox RIP 4pm Rosary and Benediction 5.30pm Oliver McCormack RIP
Monday 4th December St John of Damascus	No Mass
Tuesday 5th December	10am Salvatore Sciangula RIP
Wednesday 6th December St Nicholas	10am Holy Souls
Thursday 7th December St Ambrose	10am Ana Delores Cardenas RIP 10:30am To 1pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday 8th December IMMACULATE CONCEPTION	10am In Thanksgiving for Donor 10:30am To 1pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6:30pm (Latin Mass) Apple Grace and Isaac
Saturday 9th December St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin	10am Graham Hill RIP 6pm Christina Zidlo
Sunday 10th December 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	10am Pat Browne RIP 5:30pm People of the Parish

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL WHO ARE SICK INCLUDING:
Jaime Molina, Jennifer Kirwin, Fr. David, Natalie Pell, Michael Hoskins, Colin Smitherman, James Gledhill, Bernadette Marchetti, Nigel Pell, Paul Gismondi, Victoria Monaco, Callum Jamieson, Tom Bailey, Jason Moreno, Shirley Monaco, Christiana Boothway and Gemma Morgan.

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	£727.89
Contactless	£194.88
Standing Orders	£400
Total	£1322.77
Second Collection for SMA Fathers	£873.18

Thank you for your generosity

OUR LADY QUEEN OF HEAVEN PRIMARY SCHOOL
Victoria Drive, London SW19 6AD
Tel: 020 8788 7420
Head Teacher: Jeremy Tuke BA Hons PGCE
www.ourladyqueenofheaven.wandsworth.sch.uk

This is a School Voucher Sunday

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.

Contacts
Parish Priest : Fr. Philip de Freitas
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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)

For Catholics, the new Liturgical Year commences with the **First Sunday of Advent**, opening the Advent season. In this new Liturgical Year, the Church not only wishes to indicate the beginning of a period, but the beginning of a renewed commitment to the faith by all those who follow Christ, the Lord. This time of prayer and path of penance that is so powerful, rich and intense, endeavours to give us a renewed impetus to truly welcome the message of the One who was incarnated for us. In fact, the entire Liturgy of the Advent season, will spur us to an awakening in our Christian life and will put us in a 'vigilant' disposition, to wait for Our Lord Jesus who is coming:

'Awaken! Remember that God comes! Not yesterday, not tomorrow, but today, now! The one true God, "the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob," is not a God who is there in Heaven, unconcerned with us and our history, but he is the-God-who-comes 1

The Season of Advent is therefore a season of vigilant waiting, that prepares us to welcome the mystery of the Word Incarnate, who will give the 'Light' to the womb of the Virgin Mary, but essentially this time prepares us not only to welcome this great event but to incarnate it in our lives. We could say that the true light enters the world through the immaculate womb of Mary but it does not stay there. On the contrary, this light flows out into our dark, obscure, sinful lives to illuminate them, so that we can become the light that illuminates the world. For this reason, let us live this time of waiting not only to celebrate a historical memory but to repeat this memory in our lives and in the service of others. To wait for the Lord who comes, means to wait and to watch so that the Word of Love enters inside us and focuses us every day of our lives.

As Saint John Henry Newman reminded us in a homily for the Advent Season: "Advent is a time of waiting, it is a time of joy because the coming of Christ is not only a gift of grace and salvation but it is also a time of commitment because it motivates us to live the present as a time of responsibility and vigilance. This 'vigilance' means the necessity, the urgency of an industrious, living 'wait.' To make all this happen, then we need to wake up, as we are warned by the apostle to the Gentiles, in today's reading to the Romans: 'Besides this you know what hour it is, how it is full time now for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed' " (Rm 13:11).

We must start our journey to ascend to the mountain of the Lord, to be illuminated by His Words of peace and to allow Him to indicate the path to tread (cf. Is 2:1-5). Moreover, we must change our conduct abandoning the works of darkness and put on the 'armour of light' and so seek only to do God's work and to abandon the deeds of the flesh (cf. Rm 13:12-14). Jesus, through the story in the parable, outlines the Christian life style that must not be distracted and indifferent but must be vigilant and recognize even the smallest sign of the Lord's coming because we don't know the hour in which He will arrive (cf. Mt 24:39-44).

1 Pope Benedict XVI, *Celebration of First Vespers of Advent, Vatican Basilica, December 2006*—Excerpted om Dicastery for the Clergy

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PARISH NEWS

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Our Lady and St. Peter's church is organising a Christmas concert on the 15th December at 7pm. Carol had asked me to organise some children for the concert. There will be a practice on the 7th and 14th December after school at 3.40pm. 15th December at 5.30pm. Snack will be provided. If your child is interested, would you be able to contact me on 07866612865 ASAP.

Thank you,
Mee-Ling

NATIVITY PLAY

We are looking for some children to act in our parish nativity on the 24th December at 6pm. There will be some practises on Saturdays morning after 11am and also during the Christmas holidays. If your child is interested, message Mee-Ling on 07866612865.

Thank you,
Mee-Ling

Catholic Youth Services

There will be a second collection this weekend for Catholic Youth Services.

Person seeking room.

Young mother with an 18 month old child are seeking a room.

Finances are difficult so can help to care for an elderly person or housekeep. Please see Fr Philip if you can help.

Teas/Coffees after 10am Mass

There will be tea and coffee in the hall after the 10am Mass on Sunday

First Holy Communion 2024

Classes will start in January for next year's First Holy Communion children. Application Forms are available from Fr Philip after Mass.

Our Lady Queen of Heaven School

Key Stage 1 Children's NATIVITY PLAY, Thursday 14th December at 2pm

Elderly parishioners are invited to see the Our Lady Queen of Heaven Nativity play which will be held at the school at 2pm on 14th December. Please contact the school on 2028 788 7420 if you would like to attend or ask Fr Philip to book you a place.

GIFT AID SCHEME

If you are a taxpayer, for every £1 you give to the parish, we can get another 25p. Please speak to:
John O' Reilly 07977 538671.

Parish Hall—Bookings

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

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Christmas Fair - 10th December after 10am mass in the Parish Hall. Please do come along

Please kindly provide your donations for our Parish Christmas Fair - bottles, chocolates, biscuits, new gifts and new small toys. Donation bucket in the porch. Your help is much appreciated.

Raffle tickets are now on sale after each mass at £1 a ticket. Lots of prizes to be won: Christmas hamper, the Ivy voucher, £40 M&S voucher, Tower of Treats, Olive Garden voucher and more.

Join Our Lady and St. Peter's Pilgrimage Embark on a Spiritual Journey to Paris: The City of Lights!

• **Dates:** 10 & 11 February 2024 **Price:** £199 per person **Includes:** Half-board accommodation, guided tours, spiritual activities, and more.

Destinations:

Chapelle Notre-Dame - Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Immerse yourself in the divine presence at the Chapelle Notre-Dame, home to the miraculous medal. Witness the grace and blessings bestowed upon pilgrims for centuries.

The Basilica of the Sacred Heart Explore the majestic Basilica atop Montmartre, offering breathtaking panoramic views of Paris. Experience the spiritual tranquility within the sacred walls of this iconic landmark.

Highlights:

- **Spiritual Enrichment:** Deepen your faith through prayer, reflection, and shared experiences with fellow pilgrims.
- **City of Lights Exploration:** Discover the beauty of Paris, known for its art, culture, and history. From the Louvre to the Eiffel Tower, each moment is a masterpiece.
- **Culinary Delights:** Indulge in the flavours of French cuisine. Savor delicious meals and create lasting memories around the table.

Why Choose Our Pilgrimage?

- **Community Bonding:** Forge lifelong connections with members of your parish as you share this profound pilgrimage experience.
- **Seamless Logistics:** Our meticulously planned itinerary ensures a hassle-free journey, allowing you to focus on the spiritual significance of the pilgrimage.
- **Holistic Experience:** Blend spiritual growth, cultural exploration, and fellowship in a harmonious pilgrimage designed to nourish your mind, body, and soul.

Accommodation:

- **Overnight:** Enjoy comfortable half-board accommodation.

Come be a part of a journey that transcends time and space, connecting you to the divine in the heart of Paris. Join us on this pilgrimage of faith, love, and enlightenment.

NOTICE BOARD

Refugee Hosting

In Partnership with Housing Justice, Caritas Southwark is hosting an online information session **on 13 December 2023, 7.30-8.30 PM** for people interested in becoming a host for a refugee. Please email Caritas directly and they can forward the link to you. caritassouthwark@rcaos.org.uk

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