

Sunday 21st December 2025

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Saturday 20 December		Isaiah 7: 10-14; Luke 1: 26-38
Advent Feria	10am	Sr Pat Ints
	6pm	Farina family Thanksgiving
Sunday 21 December		Isaiah 7: 10-14, 10; Romans 1: 1-17; Matthew 1: 18-24
Fourth Sunday of Advent	10am	Deceased members of the Bzowski and Gacon families
	5:30pm	People of the Parish
Monday 22 December		I Samuel: 24-28; Luke 1: 46-56
Advent Feria		NO MASS
Tuesday 23 December		Malachi 3: 1-4; 4: 5-6; Luke 1: 57-66
Advent Feria	10am	Chrissy Williams bithday
Wednesday 24 December		II Samuel 7: 1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Luke 1: 67-79
Advent Feria		NO 10.00am MASS

THE WINNERS OF 14th December 200 CLUB		
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PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL WHO ARE SICK INCLUDING:
Jaime Molina, Jennifer Kirwin, Fr. David, Natalie Pell, Michael Hoskins, Colin Smitherman, Bernadette Marchetti, Nigel Pell, Victoria Monaco, Callum Jamieson, Tom Bailey, Jenny Schlegel, Bibiana Young, Gerard Briffa and Jason Moreno.

Please pray for all those who have died recently.
Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord and let light perpetual shine upon them

Wednesday 24 December Evening	6.00pm	Vigil Children's Mass Shirley Monaco RIP
Christmas Eve	8.45pm	Carols and Christmas Mass During the Night Father of Sr Marcella
Thursday 25 December		Isaiah 52: 7-10; Hebrews 1: 1-6; John 1: 1-18
The Nativity of the Lord	10am	Graham Hill RIP NO EVENING MASS
Friday 26 December		Acts 6: 8-10; 7: 54-59; Matthew 10: 17-22
St. Stephen, the First Martyr	10am	Anna, Christina, Alex and family
Saturday 27 December		I John 1: 1-4; John 20: 2-8
St. John, apostle and evangelist	10am	James and Lucy Teoh RIP
	6.00pm	Noreen O'Flaherty RIP, Ann Marchetti RIP and Liana Lloyd RIP
Sunday 28 December		Sirach 3: 2-6, 12-14; Colossians 3: 12-21; Matthew 2: 13-15, 19-23
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph	10am	People of the Parish
	5:30pm	Daniel and Helena O'Shea RIP

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)



The Dream of Saint Joseph (c.1636)

Philippe de Champaigne (1602-1674)

There is the famous quip that if you want to make God laugh tell him what you are going to do. When Advent started I thought I would do a number of things to mark what is a holy season. Life had other plans: succumbing to norovirus led to the cancellation of Masses; my non-attendance at the Christmas Dinner on Sunday 14 December (cue the playing of sad violins); and all my other thoughts just biting the dust. And do you know what? None of this matters. The Advent I experienced in 2025 was the one I was meant to experience, not the one I had planned. In Our Lady and Saint Joseph we witness the lives of two people always open to the will and voice of God. When Mary is told she is to be the mother of Our Lord she responds with a heartwarming, affirmative 'Yes': "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." (Luke 1: 38) Saint Joseph wonders what will happen to Mary and himself because "before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit." (Matthew 1: 18) Yet he was open to the prompting of the Holy Spirit and does "what the angel of the Lord commanded him..." (Matthew 1: 24) In the Gospels we never hear the voice of Saint Joseph; likewise Our Lady, the Mother of God, says very few words; but they should be the pattern for our discipleship: less noise; less our plans; more just eyes, ears and hearts open to the call of God. It is difficult, but it is the only way forward.

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PARISH NEWS

Christmas Readers

If you would like to read in church at any of the Christmas services please put your name down on the sheet in the porch of the church.

Message from Archbishop John Wilson

In his annual Christmas message, Archbishop John Wilson said: “The beautiful truth of Christmas is that because of God in Christ we are never lost. God chose to be near us, to stay close to us always, to draw us to himself, always. In his endless mercy, the Lord Jesus chose to love us, so we could know and believe that “God is love” (1 John 4:16). In turn, all the Lord Jesus asks of us is to not be afraid and to say yes to him, to draw close to him, to love him”.

You can watch and read the full message at rcaos.org.uk/christmasmessage2025.

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

If you are prevented from going to Mass because of illness or because you are travelling, please use the following prayer of St. Alphonsus Liguori to make an Act of Spiritual Communion:

“My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritu-ally into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.”

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MARRY

Please be aware that the Southwark diocesan policy on marriage states that at least six months’ notice of marriage is normally required at the parish closest to the Catholic party. This is to ensure paperwork and preparation can both be completed.

Mass Cancellations

Apologies for the cancellation of some masses but Fr Philip has been suffering some ill health this week.

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.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

To meet our budget we need £1,600 each week

Last Sunday’s offering was	£648.59
Contactless	£158
Standing Orders	£400
Total	£1206.59

Thank you for your generosity

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 LUNCH

Thanks to every one who made the event such a success



Our Lady Queen of Heaven Primary School Applications

The deadline for applying for a place in Reception class in September 2026 is **Thursday 15th January**. Please ensure you complete the school application form and return with copies of birth certificate, baptism certificate and proof of address as well as completing your online application form via your Local Authority by the deadline. For further information or to book a tour please contact the school on info@olqh.net or by phone: 0208 788 7420.

The deadline for applying for a place in Nursery in September 2026 is Friday 6th February. Please ensure your completed application form is returned along with copies of your child's birth certificate, baptism certificate and proof of address by the 6th February for consideration. For more information, please contact the school.

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