

### FEASTS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: St John Damascene  
Wednesday: St Nicholas  
Thursday: St Ambrose  
Friday: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Saturday: St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin

### PARISH DIARY

Monday 3.30pm First Holy Communion session 2  
Tuesday 8.00pm Parish Prayer Group

### OFFERINGS

First collection	Gift Aid	£401.85	Loose	£761.40
Retiring Collection	Gift Aid	£109.55	Loose	£46.05

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Grace Gibbs, Simon Leo, Paul & June McMahon, Michael Boyle, Eileen Hurley, Elizabeth O'Daley, Ellen Basci, Joan Gallagher, Kay Kennedy, Stephane Patten, John Sewter, Ryan Morison, Kay Williams, Keith Fraser, Ronnie Xavier, Marie Eley, Christopher Browne, Mary Wallace, Rosa Vitolo, Elsie Malone, Anna O'Brien and Brian Towler.

### ANNIVERSARIES

Ernestine Hannah Emerson, Vanda Cocco, Charles Selwood, Nellie Scaplehorn, General Jaeme Arrospide, John Fabriek, Philippa Armstrong, John Whelan, Isabel White, George Terence Dove, Mary Vivian, Lenord McIlbalton, Hugh McFaul, Joseph O'Connell, Barbara Croucher, Thomas Conway, Elizabeth Watson, Lugrece Chianta, Dino Rega, Michael Little, Margaret Patrick, Olive Burrett, Paddy Coughlin, Elizabeth Ann Moon, Mary Cockerell, Frederick Seymour, Hermine Gollob, Michael Murphy, Pauline Dubri, Darren Hickey, Ernest Joseph Mead, Frank Sewell-Knight, Nora Duffield, Hilda Duckett, John Smith, Vivien Braby. +++ May they rest in peace +++

### Christmas gifts and supplies

The Christmas cards and calendars are still on sale in the cloister after the masses this weekend. Shop now before supplies run out.

### School News

The school PSA regrets that it will not be selling Christmas trees this year.

### Parish Prayer Group

The **Parish Prayer Group** meets every **Tuesday at 8.00pm** in the church for rosary, prayer and intercession. All parishioners are most welcome to join us.



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Deacon Robert Beresford

**PLEASE NOTE NEW EMAIL ADDRESS**

*Please visit our website regularly  
to keep abreast of important  
current issues.*

### MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 3rd December 2017

First Sunday of Advent (B)

Saturday	9.30am	Private Intention
	6.30pm	Eamonn Hickey RIP
Sunday	9.00am	John Needham RIP
	10.30am	Connie Dunne RIP
	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Monday	<b>11.00am</b>	Requiem Noah Bourne
Tuesday	9.30am	Marie Andradi
Wednesday	9.30am	Mandy Donohoe
Thursday	9.30am	Holy Souls
Friday	9.30am	Joan Walsh RIP
Saturday	9.30am	Eamonn Hickey RIP
	6.30pm	Fr Emmanuel Esukpa MSP RIP
Confessions:	Saturday 10.00-10.30am, 18.00-18.15pm and at call	
Exposition:	Saturday 10.00-10.30am	
Baptisms:	By previous arrangement	
Marriages:	Six months' notice required - Diocesan rule	

The morning mass on **Monday 4th December** will be a requiem at 11.00am. There will be no 9.30am mass.

As Fr Vitalis has already stated, we will sing an opening hymn and a recessional hymn at the 9.00am Sunday mass, starting this Sunday (the First Sunday of Advent). Please remember to pick up a hymn book as you come in.

## PARISH NOTICES

### Parish staff

The Parish is seeking to recruit a paid Parish Administrator, an unpaid Parish Treasurer and a Housekeeper. For full details see the parish website [www.stagathaschurch.org.uk](http://www.stagathaschurch.org.uk). Please note the closing date for applications is tomorrow – **Monday 4th December**.

### First Holy Communion preparation

Session 2 – Lord Have Mercy – will take place on **Monday 4th December** at **3.30pm**. The children will then break for the Christmas holidays. Classes will resume on **Monday 8th January**.

### Christmas Eve Christingle Service

Christmas is coming.... which means that we are getting closer to our **Christingle Service**. This is a very special way of celebrating the real meaning of Christmas with all our friends, family and the whole St Agatha's community. **Actors** – Years 3–6 only; **Readers** – Year 6 and secondary school children. The younger children are invited to dress up as a shepherd, king, angel, donkey etc

If your child wants to take part and act, or do a reading please sign the poster at the back of the church from **Saturday 25th November**. The deadline is **Sunday 10th December**, so please sign up asap. (NB Please leave a mobile number and email address and we will notify you of your child's part the following week). Please make sure you are available on the rehearsal dates below before you sign up.

**Parent volunteers** – If there are any parents who would like to help with dressing the children, make-up, lighting or rehearsing with the actors or readers we are very keen to hear from you too! Please sign up at the church or email Helen Mennis [helenmennis@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:helenmennis@blueyonder.co.uk) or Louisa Collyer-Hamlin [louisacollyerhamlin@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:louisacollyerhamlin@yahoo.co.uk)

### Rehearsal dates & Christingle-making

**Sunday 17th December** Costume fitting and giving out readings – **11.30 – 12.30pm (after 10.30 mass)**.

**Saturday 23rd December** Practice in church **10.30 – 12.30pm**, **Full dress rehearsal and Christingle making** in the Cloister. All ages are welcome to join us in the Cloisters to make our Christingles & have a drink and biscuit. (Mums & Dads especially welcome! We'll even give you a cuppa!)

**Sunday 24 December** Christingle Service **4.00pm** (costumes & make-up from **3.00pm**). Warning: the church will be very full. If you don't want to stand, arrive early.

### Walk with Me

The booklet of daily readings and inspiring reflections for Advent – **Walk with Me** – is now available at the back of the church. There is one copy for each family. Please take one – there is **no charge**.

### Church Pre-Christmas Spruce Up

We have a tremendous team of helpers in this church who work very hard to keep our Church and Grounds beautiful all year round for which we are very blessed and grateful!! Can we please ask for 'EXTRAS' (volunteers to come and help with our twice yearly spruce up both inside and outside in the in church grounds, to boost the efforts of our regular team by tackling jobs like brass cleaning and ironing of altar cloths etc... in time for our special Christmas celebrations!..) This year our dedicated morning will be on **Saturday 9th December**. There are a variety of indoor and outdoor tasks that need to be taken care of and we hope that both male and female parishioners will be willing to give up a few hours of their time to help us. There is a sheet on the notice board just inside the front door for volunteers to sign up please. (Even if you can only spare an hour or two, Fr Vitalis will be delighted!) All teenagers will be made especially welcome, together with those aged 11 – 13 (accompanied by an adult please) but for safety purposes, sadly, no smaller children.

### Christmas Lunch for More Mature Parishioners

The Christmas lunch for our more mature parishioners will be held on **Wednesday 6th December** at **12.30pm** in the Cloister. If you plan to attend, please sign up on the list in the church porch.

### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Course

The RCIA course is intended for adults who are seeking to be baptised and for Christians baptised in another denomination who would like to become Catholics. If you fall into either of these categories please contact Fr Vitalis as soon as reasonably practicable so that he may put your name down to start the course in January. The Rite of Election will take place in February.

### A Day with Mary

There will be a Day with Mary on **Saturday 16th December** at Sacred Heart Church, Edge Hill, Wimbledon, SW19 4LU, starting at **10.45am**. The day will include the Angelus, sung litany, mass in honour of Our Lady, rosary and exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. For more details see the poster on the notice board.