

CHURCH OF ST JAMES

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First Sunday of Advent (Year A)

Saturday Vigil	6pm	William Harrison int
Sunday 1 st December	8am	dec'd relatives of clare Montgomery
	10:30am	Angela Lloyd RIP anniversary
	12.15pm	Josephine Nangle RIP
Monday 2 nd December	9am	decid relatives of Reynolds, Lind, and Parsons families
	12pm	Funeral of Brian Nangle (Fr Gerry Devlin: celebrant)
Tuesday 3 rd December [St Francis Xavier]	9am	Sr Paula Thomas b'day intention
Wednesday 4 th December	9am	Eucharistic Service
Thursday 5 th December	9am	Michael Sampson RIP and other family members
Friday 6 th December	9am	Robert and Anna Clafferty
	7pm	St Catherine's School Alumnae Carol Concert
Saturday 7 th December [St Ambrose]	9am	dec'd members of the Wright family
	9.45-10.45	Sacrament of Reconciliation

Second Sunday of Advent

Saturday Vigil	6pm	Christine Brett RIP anniversary
Sunday 8 th December	8am	dec'd members of Reynolds, Lind and Parsons families
	10:30am	Eileen Bernard RIP anniversary
	12.15pm	Special Intention

THANK YOU FOR YOUR RECENT OFFERINGS

Total £1,888.98 (Cash £542.23 Envelopes £296.90, Standing Orders £1,049.85*) *average Jan-June figure 2019

Photo Sessions £40, Refreshments £23.12, Christmas Fayre £2,472.89

IN YOUR CHARITY Please also remember in your prayers the late Brian Nangle whose funeral will be at St James on Monday 2nd December at 12 noon. Fr Gerry Devlin will be the celebrant.

MANY THANKS to all who helped at the Christmas Market. Much hard work went into its preparation and to the clear up afterwards. It was a delightful social and happy event for the parish, and a special word of thanks to Christine Smith to co-ordinated the event.

ON THIS FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT we are pleased to present the first of our new altar frontals designed by Ann Keay, a local artist.

Childrens' Christmas Eve Mass at 5:30pm; the rehearsals on: Saturday 14th Dec @ 10.30am; Saturday 21st Dec @ 10.30am; Tuesday 24th Dec @ 4pm. For more details about your child taking part, email beckyhamilton01@hotmail.com

CHRISTMAS GIFTS That time of year is fast approaching where we once again get to be God's little helpers. The Christmas gift project is here, and we need your help to bring some joy to those who are house bound or living in group homes. Soon we will present our list of names of those that need our hearts and company and in 2 weeks after Mass, you will be able to sign up to help or by contacting Rachel: rachelleigh.barbosa@gmail.com or on 07495 659264 Thank you for your support '....whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' Matthew 25:40. Rachel will speak at Masses this weekend about the sign-up of their presents and their delivery

" ... CO-RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE COMMON GOOD MAKES IT MORALLY OBLIGATORY TO PAY TAXES, TO EXERCISE THE RIGHT TO VOTE ..." *Catechism of the Catholic Church p483-4,*

"The citizen is obliged in conscience not to follow the directives of civil authorities when they are contrary to the demands of the moral order, or contrary to the fundamental rights of persons or to the teachings of the Gospel." SS 2242

A GENERAL ELECTION HUSTINGS will take place at Teddington Baptist Church 17 Church Road, Teddington on Tuesday 5th December at 7.30pm. Questions may be submitted to Mrs Elizabeth Hick by Sunday 1st December on

E ejhicks@btinternet.com giving your name and church affiliation.

Have your say in the future of our national community. The Emmanuel Centre will be a polling station. There a statement from the Bishops of England & Wales printed on the back of the Mass sheet.

COUNTERS ON MONDAY MORNING We need a new counter for our team who undertake the vital task counting the collection on a Monday morning. Please contact Jame Leigh.

CHRISTMAS CHOIR Rehearsals for the carol concert on Dec 22nd and for Midnight Mass will be in the Emmanuel Centre on Sundays at 11.30 and Mondays at 7.30 starting on Dec 1st. Other days can be added on request. Rehearsals are for 45 mins. **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CHOIR**. Rehearsals for ½ hr on Sundays at 9.30 and Mondays at 4.30 starting on 1st Dec. Volunteers needed!

THE CHOIR We always welcome new members to our 10.30 choir. If you are interested please ring Joanna or just turn up!
Contact 07968 419894 or joanna.saunders@btclick.com

ST CATHERINE'S SCHOOL ALUMNAE CAROL CONCERT takes place this Friday from 7 to 8pm. It will be followed by wine and mince pies in the Emmanuel Centre. If you'd like to attend please E cgoldman@stcatherineschool.co.uk or Tel 020 3261 0142.

THE NEXT PRIMARY SCHOOL TRANSFER 'surgery' for the signing of certificates of practice will be held in the Emmanuel Centre on **Tuesday 10th December** from 5.30 to 7pm. I am sorry for the change in dates. Where a child was baptised outside the parish Fr Ulick will need to see the certificate. Eligible applicant families will be regular worshippers at St James's.

BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION OF ADULTS If you are at all interested in being baptised and/or Confirmed into the Catholic Church, please contact Fr Ulick. The programme will run until Easter 2020.

THE CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD is faith formation for 3 to 6 yr olds and grounded in scripture and liturgy and formed by the Montessori education principles. For further details please contact us on stjamescgs@gmail.com or on 07561 204940.

NOISE IN CHILDREN'S CHAPEL We are delighted that so many children attend Mass here and use the chapel especially at 10.30. However would the parents please consider the sound level which can be very distracting for those in the main body of the church. The chapel is a children's space but it is also a place of prayer.

SOUL BISTRO is a chance for young adults [circa 18-30] to deepen and reflect on their faith and to dine together on homemade meals. Monthly meetings at Staines or Whitton. Contact staines@rcdow.org.uk and chiaraaletti@rcdow.org.uk

PARISH XMAS CARDS on sale 40p each in the porch (with envelopes.) Monies in the purple publications tin in the porch on the righthand side as you go in please.

St James's Catholic Primary School in Twickenham is a high achieving, vibrant school (rated 'Outstanding' by OFSTED), serving the parishes of St James, St Margaret's, St Francis de Sales and St Theodore's. Each individual child at St James's grows in the knowledge and love of Christ. In partnership with parents and the whole community, our purpose is to provide a high standard of education, giving the maximum opportunity to realise each child's potential. Applications should be made through the local Borough Council and a Supplementary Information Form (SIF) should also be completed and returned directly to the school. The SIF and our admissions policy can be downloaded from our website at <http://www.st-james.richmond.sch.uk/admissions/>. The closing dates for primary applications is 15th January 2020.

Baby & Toddler Group will meet this term between 10 -11.30 am in the Emmanuel Centre on the following date; Tuesday 17th December. All parents and carers are welcome to join us for tea, toys and friendly chat. For enquiries contact Jenny 07930 909005

The St Richard Reynolds Choir for Parents, Friends, Staff and Governors is now starting its Christmas repertoire and would love new members to join, in preparation for our Christmas concert on 18th December. Pieces include 'Have yourself a merry little Christmas', 'Jingle Bell Rock' and some classic Christmas carols. We rehearse 6.30-7.45pm at St Richard Reynolds on Tuesdays during term time, £4 per session or £35 per term, and have a good male/female balance. All are welcome, just turn up. For more info please contact Caroline Firman at c.firman@srrcc.org.uk.

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, STAINES. Headteacher Required for April 2020 or September 2020 Leadership scale L15-L21 (£59,118- £67,648)(Ofsted grade 'Good' Jan 2017. RE Section 48 Inspection 'Good' Religious Education. 'Outstanding' Catholic Life of the School, June 2019) Closing date: Wednesday 4th December at 12 noon Interviews: Tuesday 10th & Wednesday 11th December, Please call the school if you would like a copy of the Job Description and Person Specification. We encourage you to visit the school and look forward to meeting you. Please call 01784 453539 to arrange a visit or to request an application pack

The Passage is raising funds through the Big Give from 12 noon Tues 3rd December - 12 noon Tues 10th December to support its work Helping Homeless People this winter. Double your Donation, Double your impact. This is a matched giving scheme for online donations. If someone gave £10 online matched giving of £10 would bring the Gift up to £20 (and for individuals to £22.50 with Gift Aid with higher rate tax relief it may cost the donor less than £10). Contact: Andrew Hollingsworth 020 75921856 andrew.h@passage.org.uk Donate at <https://bit.ly/2KJ29hH>

PLEASE SUPPORT RICHMOND FOOD BANK BY USING THE DONATIONS BOX IN THE PORCH This Christmas, food banks in our network are braced for their busiest December yet. In the last few weeks, you've probably noticed more messages from us than usual - it's an unprecedented time for food banks, with constantly rising need. Christmas is only a few weeks away, and no doubt lots of people are already looking forward to the festive season. But for too many of us, it's becoming increasingly difficult, with more people than ever expected to need to use a food bank in the lead up to the festive period. Your support has made a real difference to people across the UK and if you can help any more in the run up to Christmas, we would really appreciate it.