

CHURCH OF ST JAMES

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Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday Vigil	6pm	Tim and John Sheehan RIP anniversary
Sunday 22 nd December	8am	ints of family & friends of Hilary O'Brien
	10:30am	George & Helen Saxby RIP anniv
	12.15pm	Special Intention
	4.30pm	Carol Concert, followed by refreshments, retiring collection for SPEAR
	<i>Children should not hold lit candles</i>	
Monday 23 rd December	9am	Special Intention (MM)
Tuesday Christmas Eve	10 – 11am	Sacramnt of Reconciliation
	5.30pm	Children Nativity Mass
	11.30pm	Carols leading into Midnight Mass
Wednesday Christmas Day	8am	The parish
	10.30am	The parish
	NO 12.15 MASS	
Thursday 26 th December St Stephen's Day	10am	private intention of friends & relatives (PB)
Friday 27 th December	10am	Tim Finnegan RIP anniversary
Saturday 28 th December	9am	Eamon Lawlor RIP
	9.45-10.45am	Sacrament of Reconciliation

Feast of the Holy Family

Saturday Vigil	6pm	Margaret Posgate RIP
Sunday 29 th December	8am	Joseph McKenna RIP
	10:30am	Christopher Bermingham RIP (J O'S)
	12.15pm	Patrick Compton RIP

THANK YOU FOR YOUR RECENT OFFERINGS

Total £2,005.01 (Cash £553.16 Envelopes £402, Standing Orders £1,049.85*) *average Jan-June figure 2019
Refreshments £28.55, Christmas Lunch Collection £547.50

IN YOUR CHARITY Please pray for the repose of John White who died recently. John frequently attended Mass here. His funeral is currently scheduled to be from St James's at 11am on on Friday 10th January.

- Childrens' Christmas Eve Mass at 5:30pm; the rehearsal Tuesday 24th Dec @ 4pm. For more details about your child taking part, email beckyhamilton01@hotmail.com
- PLEASE COMPLETE the Christmas Rotas for readers, Eucharistic ministers and altar servers. Lists in the porch. There are still some important gaps. Having enough Eucharistic Ministers for the children's Mass and for the 10.30 mass on Christmas Day is essential for the smooth running of these occasions. Also we need an extra altar server to act as boat boy/girl. It's a really easy job and needs no experience. They just have to stay awake!
- CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH Your support has been absolutely brilliant. Apart from the collection and offers of help last weekend we have subsequently received some very generous donations.
- CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CHOIR . Rehearsals for ½ hr on Sundays at 9.30 and Mondays at 4.30 Volunteers needed!
- CHRISTMAS GIFTS There are still a number of gifts to be collected and delivered. Please make sure they are collected this weekend.
- ADULT 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 Other days can be added on request. Rehearsals are for 45 mins.

COUNTERS ON MONDAY MORNING We need URGENTLY a new counter for our team who undertake the vital task counting the collection on a Monday morning. This takes about 2 hours from about 8am, and is essential work for the parish. Please contact Jame Leigh or Fr Ulick

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

FIRE SAFETY ADVICE In the light of a recent fire in a church in south London where a child was hurt, we have been asked to bring the following to the attention of the parish. "It is important that: 1. Real flame candles should not be used by young Children. 2. If a Nursery or Primary School are holding Nativity Plays, Carol Services or Children's liturgies, please advise them not to use real flame candles. 3. If candles are to be used during processions by the Altar Servers, please allow sufficient distance between them and only by the older more experienced Altar Servers. 4. Candles should not be placed in the Crib or on or near any flammable material.

As we approach Christmas please take some time to brief your volunteers / Fire Wardens on the following: What to do in the event of an emergency as per your emergency evacuation plan. Fire extinguishers and blankets are in their respective locations. Fire exits are unlocked and clear. There are no veils or flammable fabrics / material on or near the Candle stands." *Volunteers to assist at the Carol Concert and four Christmas Masses greatly needed.*

FIRE EXITS ARE THROUGH THE MAIN WOODEN DOORS OF THE CHURCH AND THE EMMANUEL CENTRE INTO RADNOR ROAD.

IF YOU WISH TO BE CONFIRMED IN 2020 you should be in year 9 or above and you need to write a personal note to Fr Ulick stating your wish to be confirmed.

BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION OF ADULTS If you are thinking about 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,) and on the table by the tv screen. Monies in the purple publications tin in the porch on the righthand side as you go in please.

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 7930 909005

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. 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. **FOOD BANK URGENTLY NEED FOOD ITEMS IN ORDER OF NEED: UHT MILK (1 LITRE), LONG LIFE FRUIT JUICE, SUGAR, MASHED POTATO (PACKET), RICE, TINNED FRUIT/PUDDINGS (400GMS), TINNED MEAT, COFFEE, JAM/MARMALADE, BREAKFAST CEREALS**

PEACE SUNDAY is celebrated on 19th January. Visit www.paxchristi.org.uk or phone 020 8203 4884.

Caritas Westminster is recruiting at least one **Representative for Social Outreach** from each parish to help communication between the Parish and Caritas to support and grow charitable activities. They will help to display posters, flyers, speak in Masses, learn about new tools and models for social action and share best practice between parishes. If you would like to become a Caritas Representative, please first obtain consent from your Parish Priest, then contact us on 020 7931 6077 or email caritasreps@rcdow.org.uk