

BAPTISM: baptisms should take place as soon as possible, preferably within weeks of the birth. Those wishing to have their child baptised, please contact the parish office to register for the course of instruction.

PILGRIMAGE TO OBERAMMERGAU 30 Sept – 6 Oct 2020, led by Fr. Peter. Proposed Itinerary and Application Forms from Parish Office (8 862 2100). Price guaranteed until 31 December 2018. Tickets may be purchased after this time but price may change. Discount of £30 per person on tickets booked by 14th December. Please see insert for further details.

RISE THEATRE Company have released a DVD play of ‘Romero – Heartbeat of El Salvador’ to mark the Canonisation of **Oscar Romero**. Pls see posters in porches or www.risetheatre.co.uk

RIGHT AND LEFT: A VIRTUS CONVERSATION at the Benedictine Institute, 74 Castlebar Road on Tues 11 Dec 7-9pm, facilitated by Lea Misan. Donations of £10 for salaried, £5 unsalaried to Charity - Act for Change.

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT on Sat 22 Dec at 7.30pm. An evening of Christmas Carols & readings performed by Ealing Abbey Choir & Orchestra conducted by Christopher Eastwood. Tickets on Sale in the Bookshop porch on 1/2nd, 8/9th & 15/16th Dec. Pls see posters for further info.

Cake Sale will take place on Sun 9th Dec and **not** this Sunday 2nd as advertised.

SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS PARTY – St. Benedict’s SVP invite you to join them for music, food, bingo and lots of fun on Wed 5 December, 2.15-3.45pm in the Cloisters, St. Benedict’s School, 54 Eaton Rise. Pls call 020 8862 2000 or email seniorschool@stbenedicts.org.uk

THE PASSAGE: Plant Sale will be held at the Charity Stall of the Christmas antique & vintage market in The Avenue, W13 (near Waitrose) on Sat 8 Dec. Raffle tickets for Christmas Hampers will also be on sale.

PETROS SINGER’S Christmas Concert **Hodie!** (celebrating music written specifically for Christmas Day) Sat 15 Dec at 7.30pm St. Peter’s Church, Black Lion Lane W6 9BE Tickets £17/£15/£5.

EALING CHURCHES WINTER NIGHT SHELTER Ealing Abbey will be hosting the Winter Night Shelter on 6 Friday evenings, from 4 Jan to 8 Feb 2019 incl. Information/training dates on 1 & 8 December, 2-3pm in the Bulbeck Room.

WESTMINSTER YOUTH MINISTRY annual Mass at St. Dominic’s, Belsize Park, 3 pm on Saturday 8th Dec, led by Bishop John Wilson. Young people from all parishes welcome. For more information see the website: www.dowym.com

BOOK CIRCLE next meets at 8.15pm on Wed 12th December in the coffee bar to discuss *The girl who fell from the Sky* by Simon Mawer. All welcome.

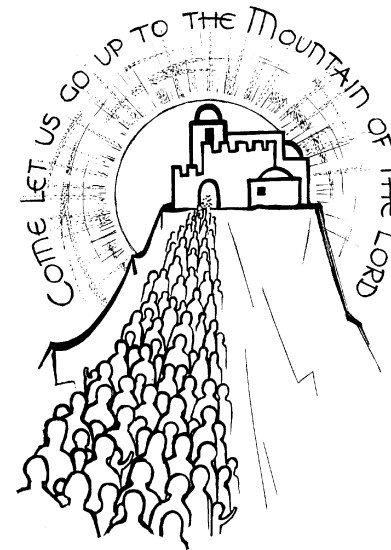
FLOWERS: to arrange for flowers to be placed in the church at Christmas, in memory of loved ones or in thanksgiving, please contact the parish office. By tradition flowers are not placed in the church during the season of Advent.

RETURNING TO THE CHURCH? Our Landings group may provide you with the welcome you need. Call 07949 089202 for further information.

EALING ABBEY COUNSELLING SERVICE: a non-denominational counselling service offering 1:1 and couples’ counselling at 1a Montpelier Avenue. For appointments call 020 8998 3361 or email: counselling@eacs.org.uk

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT: our parish offers a confidential bereavement support service for anyone who would like help in their grief. Please telephone 020 8862 2167 or 020 8862 2160 where you can also leave a message.

2nd December 2018



**1st Sunday of Advent
Year C**

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Divine Office

The Monastic Liturgy of the Hours

		Weekday	Saturday
Matins	Sunday	6.00 am	6.30 am
Lauds		7.35 am	7.35 am
Terce	7.35 am	9.00 am	
Vespers		6.35 pm	5.30 pm
Compline	6.00 pm	8.00 pm	
Vigil			7.30 pm

Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday:	10-11am, 4-5pm, 7-7.25pm
Thursday:	8.00-8.30 pm

Rosary

After 9.15am Mass
Monday-Saturday

Sunday Mass

8.00 am	(Latin 1 st Sunday of the month)
9.00 am	(with children’s liturgy)
10.15 am	(Family Mass in Abbey Hall)
10.30 am	(Choral Mass)
12 noon	(Sung Mass)
7.00 pm	(Young People’s Mass)

Weekday Masses

7.00 am	(with the Monastic Community)
9.15 am	(8.45am Friday in term-time)
6.00 pm	

Saturday Mass

7.00 am	
9.15 am	(with the Monastic community)
6.00 pm	(Vigil Mass of Sunday)

THE SEASON OF ADVENT

begins this Sunday: Vespers at 5 pm with blessing of candles and procession and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. All welcome: gather by the font. Please see the separate leaflet with details of special events during this time.

Dear Parishioner,

As we celebrate the First Sunday of Advent we are already being exhorted to buy things for Christmas. Christmas lights have appeared in many shopping places. We would be overlooking this very important season in the Church's year if we allowed ourselves to be distracted by Christmas publicity and preparations. Advent should be the time when, firstly, we remember Christ's "Second Coming", that is his coming at the end of time. It is only during the "Octave", i.e. the eight days before Christmas, that we begin to consider his coming as a baby at Christmas. So while we may have to start making some material preparations for Christmas, we need to remind ourselves that we are not simply preparing for a special day or days of busy hospitality and socializing nor, even, simply, to see a baby in a manger. We are going to meet Our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, who wants us to be his disciples following him to glory – and not without persecutions, as St. Mark reminds us in his Gospel. One of the ways in which we can prepare is by availing ourselves of the Sacrament of Reconciliation at least once during Advent. We might ask ourselves, "How am I following Christ to glory?"

We have been reminded of the persecutions that Christians face today in some parts of the world, particularly the Middle East last Wednesday, when "Aid to the Church in Need" asked us to keep that day as "Red Wednesday". We might think of refugees and remember that it is very hard thing to have to uproot oneself from familiar surroundings, family, friends, and a way of life. It is even worse when, as for many of these people, they are without most or all of their possessions and have little or no money. Sometimes they are forced to flee to places whose language they cannot speak. We must remember that Christ was born in deeply insecure and apparently unpropitious surroundings. We can give thanks to God for such wellbeing as we enjoy and try to make some sacrifice for others in some particular way this Advent.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Timothy

Please pray for those who died recently, including: Georgia Hanna & Eileen Simson
and for those who anniversaries occur at this time, including: Ursula Downs, Agnes Keating, Giles Carson, Alan Outten, Eleanor Shulldham, Stella Smith, Phelim Martin, Shirley Divers, Gerald Valvona, Gladys Bush, Anthony Quinn, Magdalena Cole, Sonya Longfield, Juanito Villa Solis, Theresa Sandhu, Lucy Gostwick, Herman Hutler, Ann Bishop, Vincent Bifulco, Margaret Keenan, Marjorie Morrell, George Rumford, Brian Taylor, Monica McDowell, Henryk Bucia, Philip Lawrence, Joseph Geenty, Eric Lambert, Noreen Matthews & Genowefa Cwiczek.

Sunday 2nd December – 1st Sunday of Advent

WELCOME DESK for new parishioners after Masses this Sunday.
SECOND COLLECTION for SVP (the Society of St. Vincent de Paul).
TICKETS FOR CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT on sale in Bookshop Porch
CONFIRMATION GROUP 3.15 pm in the hall.
ADVENT VESPERS at 5.00 pm with the abbey choir and monastic community.

Monday 3rd December – St. Francis Xavier

PARISH AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED GROUP meets at 7.00 pm in the coffee lounge – all welcome. For enquiries telephone Annie on 020 8991 1081.
BRIDGE CLUB at 7.00 pm in the Bulbeck Room.
BINGO in the hall at 8.00 pm: all welcome.

Tuesday 4th December

TODDLERS' CLUB at 9.45 am in the parish hall.
SENIOR CITIZENS' SOCIAL CLUB at 1 pm in the coffee bar.
TUESDAY CATECHESIS for children attending non-Catholic schools 4-5 pm
MEDITATION GROUP at 6.30 pm in the Bulbeck Room.

Wednesday 5th December

CARE MASS at 11.00 am in the Bulbeck Room.
LAY PLAINCHANT CHOIR at 6.40 pm in the Bulbeck Room.
TEENSTAR 7.30 to 9.00 pm in the parish house, 2 Marchwood Crescent.

Thursday 6th December

TODDLERS' CLUB at 9.45 am in the parish hall.
LECTIO DIVINA at 10.00 am in the Bulbeck Room
MEDITATION GROUP at 11.15 am in the Bulbeck Room.
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT 8.15 to 9 pm.

Friday 7th December – St. Ambrose

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT 9.45 am-12.30 pm (Newman Chapel).
MARY AND THE ANGEL (the Annunciation): the first in a series of three evenings of reflection for Advent by Sr. Bernadette Hunston SCJA: in the parish hall – refreshments from 7.30 pm, then prompt start at 7.45, ends 8.45. All welcome
CONFESSIONS 5.30-6pm

Saturday 8th December – The Immaculate Conception of Our Lady

ADVENT PARISH RETREAT: What does Christmas mean for me and call me to be?
Led by Sr. Bernadette 10.15 am to 4.00 pm in the parish hall. Cost £12 including lunch.
Please book with the parish office.
CATHOLICISM for seekers and those wishing to join the Catholic Church from 10.30 am in the Bulbeck Room and Coffee Bar.

Sunday 9th December – 2nd Sunday of Advent

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT: Tickets and Cake Sale in the Bookshop porch