

ST. MARY OF THE ANGELS CATHOLIC CHURCH, BAYSWATER



29 November 2020

Thought for the Week:

“In what we so often think of as a terribly jaded age, there is a deep hunger for something beyond: a hunger to be reminded that this life is only a beginning, that all of the pain and suffering will one day be

washed away; a hunger for support in this life so that we can go through this pilgrimage achieving some kind of serenity and peace; a hunger for a spiritual life that is best reflected in prayer. This is what Advent is about: the spirit of prayer.”

Cardinal John O'Connor

FORTHCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Our Church remains **open for prayer** from 8am till 6.30pm every day, and the Blessed Sacrament is exposed during most of that time. As from this Thursday we celebrate Mass at 12 noon every weekday and Saturday, and at the weekend: Saturday 6pm, Sunday 11am and 6pm. Confessions can be heard before and after each Mass.

For information about Sacramental Preparation for **First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion**, please contact Margaret Wickware at margaretwickware@rcdow.org.uk

If you or anyone you know is **short of food**, we have some spare in the Fr. Michael Centre. Please contact Fr. Keith or the parish office.

This **Christmas** we will have Mass on Christmas Eve at 6pm for families and children, and at 9pm (“Midnight Mass”) with a service of readings and carols at 8.30pm. On Christmas Day there will be Mass at 11am and 12.30pm.

There will be a short **Advent Service** led by our Filipino friends on Sat. 19 Dec. at 6pm. On **New Year's Eve** we will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 11pm and Mass at Midnight. On **New Year's Day**, the Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God, we will have Masses at 12 noon and 6pm, both with music.

We invite those in Year 9 or above who would like to receive the **Sacrament of Confirmation** next year to hand in their names to Fr. Keith. We will be

holding classes on Tuesdays at 6pm beginning Jan. 12th.



There will be two **Concerts** in the Church during Advent: a children's Piano Concert on Saturday 12 Dec. at 1pm, and a Harp Concert at 5pm on Sunday 20 Dec. All are welcome to both.

OTHER NOTICES

‘**Journey into Advent**’ with the Irish Chaplaincy: a zoom service on Friday, December 4th 4pm, with readings, reflections and Taizé music. Contact: eddie.gilmore@irishchaplaincy.org.uk

Depaul UK Nightstop Depaul UK is appealing for volunteers to host **young homeless people** at this difficult time. All young people are assessed and checked before any placements are arranged, and Depaul UK are responsible for supporting the young people on their long term needs, including finding them permanent accommodation. Hosts are reimbursed for the expenses they incur, and are provided with toiletries to offer to any Nightstop guests staying. For more information, email: nightstopuk@depaulcharity.org.uk

Operation Christmas Elf Caritas Westminster is partnering with PACT to provide **gifts for prisoners' children**. This year, they are unable to receive physical presents so are asking people to send £10 book tokens. Tokens should be ordered online and sent directly to Operation Elf, Pact, 29 Peckham Road, London SE5 8UA by 23rd November. For more details go to <https://www.prisonadvice.org.uk/news/operation-elf>

Facemasks for the Homeless Each year the SVP provide **Vinnie packs** which go to the homeless during the winter months. This year, face masks will be included in the pack. Caritas Westminster are

inviting volunteers to sew them at home and send them in by the 30th November to Caritas SEIDs Hub, Empire Way, Wembley, HA9 0RJ. For details and a suggested pattern visit <https://www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/how-to-make-facemasks-for-the-homeless-1100.php> SEIDs

As we prepare for a Christmas like no other, **Jesuit Refugee Services UK (JRS)** is pleased to launch JRS Refugee Gifts: virtual charity gifts to delight your loved ones and support destitute refugees in the UK at the same time. There are a wide range of gifts for you to choose from baby essentials to Post Detention Support, all of which will help bring joy this Christmas. Find out more: <https://www.jrsuk.net/news/jrs-uk-launches-refugees-gifts/>

JRS UK will be holding their **Advent Service** on



Tuesday 8th December, 7pm. There will be music, readings and a chance to gather in prayer and celebration of the season. The event will be taking place online this year and will be streamed on the JRS UK Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/jesuitrefugeeserviceuk

Christmas can be a very difficult time for those JRS UK accompany and this year will be even more so with the isolation caused by the pandemic. JRS are expanding it's **Christmas Card Appeal** this year and encourage you to write a message of support. If you would like to write a Christmas Card to a refugee facing destitution or someone held in immigration detention and spread a little joy this Christmas, you can find out more: <https://www.jrsuk.net/news/christmas-card-appeal-2020/>

Caritas Westminster invites you to join us on Tuesday evenings for a special fortnightly forum, designed for and by **young adults**, to discuss **topical social issues** and how best to tackle them, utilising the Young Christian Workers' 'See, Judge, Act' methodology. The forums will run Tuesday

evenings, fortnightly, 6.30pm - 7. 30pm. The list of our proposed topics for the next few weeks is as follows: Homelessness (1/12/20). If you would like to attend, email josephkilsby@rcdow.org.uk

The Passage is raising funds through the Big Give from 12 noon Tues 1st December – 12 noon Tues 8th 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 (can be company, individual or trust) 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). For more information ring Andrew Hollingsworth 020 75921886 andrew.h@passage.org.uk. Please generously give online at <https://tinyurl.com/PassageBigGive>

Westminster Caritas writes: Please do not forget the hundreds of people rely on generous donations from our parishioners. This includes the need for hygiene items, toilet paper, sanitary products etc, as well as sealed packages of dry food, tins, and long-life milk etc. Foodbanks also welcome donations of money - please give what you can. Please also consider if you could spare some time to volunteer – perhaps by driving to collect food for a foodbank – or simply by looking out for your neighbours. Contact cfc@rcdow.org.uk or call 020 7931 6077 to add your name to a list of people who would be willing to help respond.

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