

# ST. MARY OF THE ANGELS CATHOLIC CHURCH, BAYSWATER



🍷 **4/5 December 2021** 🍷

**Thought for the Week:** “If we approach nature and the environment without this openness to awe and wonder, if we no longer speak the language of fraternity and beauty in our relationship with the world, our attitude will be that of masters, consumers, ruthless exploiters, unable to set limits on their immediate needs. By contrast, if

we feel intimately united with all that exists, then sobriety and care will well up spontaneously. The ultimate purpose of other creatures is not to be found in us. Rather, all creatures are moving forward with us and through us towards a common point of arrival, which is God, in that transcendent fullness where the risen Christ embraces and illumines all things” *Pope Francis, Laudato Si*

## 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. We need some more volunteers to watch while the Blessed Sacrament is exposed. Please let Fr. Keith know if you could do one of these days.

Our **weekend Mass** schedule is: Saturday 6pm, Sunday 11am and 6pm. On weekdays and Saturdays Mass is at 12 noon. Confessions can be heard before and after each Mass. **Tea and coffee** are served in the Newman Room after the 11am Mass. If you would like to help with this, please speak to Richard Pearson.

Many thanks to all who helped organise our **Christmas Bazaar** this year, especially to Debra and her team of helpers.

Wednesday is the **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception**, and although it is not a holy day of obligation we shall have two Masses in the parish: 12 noon, a sung Mass with choir and organ, and 6pm, followed by our monthly devotions to St. Joseph. There will another **Parish Lunch** after the 12 noon Mass: please bring some food to share.

Next Saturday we will have our monthly **prayers for healing**, beginning with Mass at 12 noon.

Next Sunday there will again be **Children’s Liturgy** during the 11am Mass for all children up to the age of first communion.

Our **Christmas Lunch for Seniors** will be held this year next Sunday 12 Dec. after 11am Mass. Please put

your name on the sheet at the back of Church if you would like to come.

From Thurs. 16 Dec. to Thurs. 23 Dec. inclusive at



7pm we shall be celebrating an extra Mass, the **Misa de Gallo**, a traditional way of preparing

for Christmas among the Filipino community. All are welcome.

On Monday 20 Dec. we shall have a **rehearsal for altar servers** at 6pm. Many thanks to John Cassidy for leading this.

On **Christmas Eve** we have Mass at 6pm for families and children, and at 8.30pm a Service of readings and carols followed by “Midnight Mass.” On **Christmas Day** and Sun. 26 Dec. (the Feast of the Holy Family) there will be only one Mass, at 11am: **NO EVENING MASS** on either of these days. On **New Year’s Eve**, as before we will have adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 11pm followed by a Mass at Midnight.

We will be celebrating the **Sacrament of Confirmation** for our young people next July. If you would like to be confirmed, please speak to Fr. Keith after one of the weekend Masses. You need to be in Year 9 or above, that is, reaching the age of 14 by next summer. Preparation sessions will be held on Wednesday evenings in the New Year, beginning on Jan. 12.

Children who made their first holy communion this summer are now eligible to **serve on the altar**. Please speak to Fr. Keith. We will soon be beginning some training sessions for altar servers led by John Cassidy, and will be having an outing: please take a form asking where you would like to go on the outing.

Pope Francis’ prayer for the **Year of St. Joseph**, from Dec. 8, 2020 to Dec. 8, 2021: *Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us, too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.*

Check out **Fr. Keith’s new blog**:  
<https://holysmirk.co.uk/>

## OTHER NOTICES

The next **Notting Hill Churches Together Prayer Lunch** is in St Michael's in Ladbrooke Grove, W10 5SR, on Wednesday December 8th, at the usual time of 12.30pm-1.30pm Bring your own lunch.

Caritas Westminster is co-ordinating the diocese's response to **refugees newly arrived from Afghanistan**. In particular they are looking for:

- Anyone who can help find accommodation, including homes for large families
- Speakers of Pashtu, Dari or Farsi who could help with interpretations
- Teachers of English (ESOL)
- Co-ordinated groups of volunteers who can welcome and befriend Afghans arriving in your area. The response will need to be well co-ordinated and you will need to work with your local authority. Please contact Caritas Westminster Volunteer Service if you or the organisation you are involved in might be able to help: go to <https://www.caritasvs.org.uk/volunteer-to-support-afghan-refugees.php> or email [cvs@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:cvs@rcdow.org.uk)

For Christians, **Advent** is a season of joyful waiting; refugees are all too familiar with waiting for safe and secure status, but for them it is often lonely and filled with anxiety. What better time than Advent for us to find out more about the experiences of our refugee friends, to reflect prayerfully on their stories, and to respond financially to the **Advent appeal** of the **Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS)**. This appeal helps the JRS to raise funds which enable them to continue supporting refugees in a variety of ways, especially this year in meeting the costs of mobile phone top-ups for over 320 refugees for whom this is a vital need if they are to stay in touch with friends and family. Please take a prayer card from the back of Church and place your contribution in the envelopes there which you can post direct to JRS.

Are you a good listener? Do you enjoy helping others with their queries? Can you assist with finding basic information about a service or an organisation?

**Catholic Listeners Helpline Service** is staffed by volunteers who are trained and operate with the ethos of compassionate listening. All calls and the caller's needs are dealt with sensitivity and due diligence. Catholic Listeners is funded by the Cardinal's Appeal and operates in the Diocese of Westminster. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, email Ade for details at [catholiclisteners@gmail.com](mailto:catholiclisteners@gmail.com)

Caritas Westminster and the Jesuit Refugee Service are urging Catholics to write to their MPs about the **Nationality and Borders Bill**. The proposals in this Bill are unfair, unjust and will not work. They also do nothing to address the root causes of forced migration and trafficking. Find out more and how to respond here: <https://www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/nationality-and-borders-bill-caritas-westminster-response-1232.php>

**Online and Remote Volunteers needed, Marriage Care** is a Catholic organisation specialising in relationship support – providing counselling and marriage preparation throughout England and Wales. We are looking for volunteers who can spare just a few hours a week working from the comfort of their own home to help us support marriage and relationships. **Zoom Support:** Are you an expert on Zoom and would you like to use your tech-skills to help us run marriage preparation courses, training or CPD events online? **Remote Secretary:** Provide a vital service to counsellors and clients, taking last-minute cancellations calls and communicating changes as necessary. For more information please visit: [www.marriagecare.org.uk](http://www.marriagecare.org.uk) or email: [volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk)

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