

# ST. MARY OF THE ANGELS CATHOLIC CHURCH, BAYSWATER



**20 / 21 November 2021**

**Thought for the Week:** “A spirituality which forgets God as all-powerful and Creator is not acceptable. That is how we end up worshipping earthly powers, or ourselves usurping the place of God, even to the point of claiming an unlimited right to trample his

creation underfoot. The best way to restore men and women to their rightful place, putting an end to their claim to absolute dominion over the earth, is to speak once more of the figure of a Father who creates and who alone owns the world. Otherwise, human beings will always try to impose their own laws and interests on reality.” *Pope Francis, Laudato Si, no. 75*

## 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.

To mark **November, the month of the Holy Souls**, we will, as in past years, offer a certain number of Masses in the Church for all your intentions for departed relatives and friends. Please write their names on one of the sheets at the back of Church and place the sheet in one of the envelopes along with your offering. The envelopes can be posted through the parish house letter box, handed in at the end of Mass, or brought to the parish office. A book with the names will be placed in front of the altar for each Mass.

This Friday 26 Nov. there will be no midday Mass. Mass will be at 6pm, followed shortly after 6.30pm by a showing of **Babette's Feast**, a Scandinavian film widely acclaimed as a parable of the Eucharist, in the Newman Room, with cheese and wine and opportunities for discussion afterwards. All welcome: contribution towards the cost of the Licence welcome.

We will be holding a **Christmas Bazaar** again this year. Please mark the date in your diaries: Sat. Dec. 4 from 11am till 3pm. If you would like to help, please contact Debra who will be coordinating the stalls and activities: [debracaprice@gmail.com](mailto:debracaprice@gmail.com) We especially need some more donations of goods to sell: please bring them to the parish office.

Our sessions exploring **Art and Music inspired by the**



**Catholic faith** conclude this coming Thursday, 25 Nov. with a look at some key pieces of modern music. 7pm in the Newman Room Cheese and wine provided. All welcome.

Our **Christmas Lunch for Seniors** will be held this year on Sunday 12 Dec. after 11am Mass. Please put your name on the sheet at the back of Church if you would like to come.

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

We have received the following message from someone **seeking accommodation**; if you are interested, please speak to Fr. Keith. "I am 67 years old and I teach in Milton Keynes. I will move back to London in January 2022 to work as a supply teacher in several schools. I cannot afford renting a property in London on my own so I am looking for a room in a Christian family as I lived before when teaching in New Malden."

The Diocese of Westminster Education Service is hosting an evening to engage with **Catholic teachers and leaders** currently working outside Catholic education on 23rd November from 6pm to 7.30pm. It will provide information about how best to prepare for a role in a Catholic school and an opportunity to meet with current Catholic school leaders. There will also be an opportunity to register for a mentoring programme which will support those on their journey into Catholic education. To book, visit <https://courses.rcdow.org.uk/event/calling-all-catholic-teachers-event-23rd-november-2021/>

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)

**Catholic History Walks • 23/11/21 THE STRAND AND BLACKFRIARS**, meet at St Patrick's, Soho W1D 4NR. Meet at 6.30PM on the Feast of St Clement. Walk to St Clement Danes and discover the story of the Air Force, Fleet St and Blackfriars. Cost: £5 special post pandemic price- No need to book, simply come along. [chwalkslondon@gmail.com](mailto:chwalkslondon@gmail.com) 07495 205 568 [catholichistorywalks.com](http://catholichistorywalks.com)

**The Passage**, a Christian Charity working with **homeless people**, is holding a **fundraising concert** at the Royal Festival Hall on Thursday 25 November on the theme Bohemian Rhapsody, featuring popular works by Dvořák, Mahler and Smetana. The performers includes Andrei Ioniță, Cello; Anush Kovhannisyan, Soprano; Streetwise Opera; Toby

Purser, Conductor; and the Orion Orchestra. Full details and booking at <https://passage.org.uk/night-under-the-stars-2021/> or telephone 020 75921856.

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)

**Five Bible Studies on the advent Sunday Gospels** Mauro Iannicelli will break-open the forthcoming Advent Sunday Gospels with in-depth teaching and stimulating questions. As a result, you will experience Sunday Mass in a new way! Five Wednesdays: 24 Nov | 1 Dec | 8 Dec | 15 Dec | 22 Dec (7-8pm UK Time). Free of Charge | LIVE sessions on YouTube. Info & Registration: <https://comeandsee.org/advent>

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