

ST. MARY OF THE ANGELS CATHOLIC CHURCH, BAYSWATER



1 / 2 January 2022

Thought for the Week:

“Let us conclude the year by giving thanks and also by asking for forgiveness – the two together. Let us give thanks for all the blessings which God has bestowed on us, especially for his patience and his faithfulness, which are manifest over the course

of time, but in a singular way in the fullness of time, when *God sent his Son, born of a woman* (Ga, 4:4). May the Mother of God, in whose name we begin a new phase of our earthly pilgrimage, teach us to welcome God made man so that every year, every month, every day may be filled with his eternal love.” (Pope Francis)

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: Monday 9-10am, Weds. 8-9am and 9-10am.

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 for all your kind **gifts and cards** to Fr. Keith for Christmas. A big thank you also to altar servers, flower arrangers, sacristan, readers, musicians and those who decorated the Church.

We welcome **Fr. George from Lebanon** who will be staying with us till Jan. 4

The **parish office** will reopen on Jan. 4

This Friday, Jan. 7, we will have our usual **First Friday Divine Mercy Devotions**, beginning at 11am and concluding just after 3pm.

This Thursday, Jan. 6, is the **Solemnity of the**



Epiphany and a Holy Day of Obligation, when all Catholics should attend Mass if at all possible. We will have a sung Mass at 12 noon and another Mass at 6pm.

This Saturday, Jan. 8, all parents of children making their **first Holy Communion** this year are invited to a meeting with their children in the Church at 11am, with Mass at 12 noon and bring your own lunch in the Newman Room afterwards

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.

Copies of the **Westminster Year Book** for 2022 are available in the bookstand at the back of Church. Please place £5 in one of the wall boxes.

Throughout the pandemic the **Catholic Children's Society (CCS)** has provided mental health services and family support for thousands of vulnerable children and families, and help for local families facing hardship. There are many more families in need of support and our parish will be donating our Crib offering to support this vital work. You can donate at the Crib or via the CCS website www.cathchild.org.uk/crib

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

OTHER NOTICES

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

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

From the Jesuit Refugee Service: The Jesuit Refugee Service UK are looking to recruit two gifted communicators to join their staff team as Community Engagement Officer and Digital Communications Officer. If you are passionate about social justice and advocating for people who have been forced to flee their homes, these could be just the roles for you! Find out more: <https://www.jrsuk.net/work-with-us/>

JRS UK is looking for donations of your **old phones**



and **technology** to provide refugees with the means to stay connected during this difficult time. This technology helps refugees access vital support, legal advice and stay connected with loved ones. If you have an old phone or tablet sitting in a draw, do get

in touch with JRS! For more information visit: www.jrsuk.net/news/donate-your-smartphone-and-make-a-difference/

As we prepare for Christmas, **JRS UK** is pleased to offer **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/>

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 or email: volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk

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