

MASS INTENTIONS

Psalter Week 1

Saturday 24th December Christmas Eve
5.00 pm Albert Gluck (4th Anniv.)
7.30 pm People of the Parish
Midnight Mass James Patrick Stewart RIP

Sunday 25th December Christmas Day
8.00 am Nancy Sheahan RIP
9.15 am UCM
11.00 am Frank Lohan RIP

Monday 26th December St Stephen
11.00am Cathy McBrearty (Lohan) RIP

Tuesday 27th December St John
10.00 am Wellbeing of Fr. David Peck
10.30 am **Baptism of Sophie Alexia Tsatsaris**

Wednesday 28th December The Holy Innocents
10.00 am Welfare of Philips Lugbiu & Family

Thursday 29th December St Thomas of Canterbury
7.30 am Neil Clark (HTC)
10.00 am Ivan Kightley RIP (Spink)

Friday 30th December The Holy family
10.00am Wellbeing of sister Dolores (Holy Family)

Saturday 31st December New Year's Eve
6.00 pm Patrick & Elsie Cunningham RIP
Midnight Mass Int. of Dom McCarthy

Sunday 1st January 2012 The Blessed Virgin Mary
8.00 am Fr Patrick RIP (Woollett)
9.15 am Speedy recovery of Anne Richardson
11.00 am Patrick McDonagh RIP
5.00 pm People of the Parish

Jesus -

He comes in silence to live among us. As households of faith take a few moments each day this week to focus on the crib or image of the Holy Family.

Light a candle, be silent then pray.

St Joseph's Catholic Church

Plaistow Lane, Bromley

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Surgeries [at Presbytery without an appointment]
There will be no surgeries this week

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THE CRADLE—A Prayer for Today

Friends, look with your eyes:
there, in the cradle, this newborn. This is our God!

Here is the one we were expecting!
God has come, after all, to free us from the chains that bind us,
from evil and the evil one, from cruelty that bares its claws,
from pride that fills its belly! God has come, after all, to save us!
Jesus is born, sent by God. Jesus has come to change our hearts!

Friends, look with all your love:
there, in the cradle, this newborn. It is Jesus, our brother!
Here is the one we were expecting! God has come, finally, to announce
that all people everywhere are equal, that all the different coloured skins
are the rainbow of God's great love!

God has come to teach us about peace and sharing!
God has come, finally to save us!

It is he, Jesus Christ, our God and brother!
Jesus has come to change the world!

The Parish Team wish you great joy, peace and happiness this Christmas with every blessing for 2012: Mary Crosby, Deacon Duncan and Fathers Saju and Tom.

READINGS & PRAYERS for today are on pages:

*Midnight Mass : Page 97 Masses on Christmas Day : Page 102
of the Parish Mass Book.*

Rosary: Daily, 10.30am.

Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament: Saturdays 10.30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays: 11 am-12 noon & 5.00-5.45 pm, or on request.

BAPTISMS: One month preparation required. Please contact a Priest during Surgery.

WEDDINGS: 6 months notice required. Please contact your Parish priest

There will be no surgeries this week.

To all who Minister. Thank you!

On behalf of the Parish community I offer our sincere thanks to all who choose to worship at St. Josephs. You opt into the life of our Community and Minister to us by being a channel of life and grace through your presence.

To all who generously take on other areas of responsibility and give of your time, treasure and talent a big thank you. When the many give even a little then the burden does not fall too heavily on anyone. Indeed when it is done with love because it is our baptismal calling then Ministry is a joy and a blessing for all.

With deep gratitude—wishing you a blessed Christmas. Fr. Tom

Welcoming in the New Year

On New Year's Eve—December 31st. Benediction at 11.30pm. Mass at Midnight followed by Morning Prayer.

Christmas Offerings are by tradition your personal gift to the priests of the parish. As we do not get a salary we rely entirely on the offerings of our parishioners. Please pick up the special envelopes in the foyer.

Mr Roger Hammond's funeral will be held on Wednesday 4th January 2012 at 11.30pm. Reception into church will be on Tuesday 3rd January at 4.30pm.

Mrs Olive Creak's funeral will be held on Thursday 5th January 2012 at 11.00am.

Mr John Padden's funeral will be held on Wednesday 11th January 2012 at 11.30am.

We offer the support of our prayers, with deepest sympathy to the families.

Celebrating Your Child's Baptism -

Baptism preparation helps parents to enrich their understanding of the meaning and importance of the sacrament of Baptism in their own life and in the life of their child. It also helps to prepare for the day that their child will be baptised. Parents wishing to present their child for Baptism are requested to attend a four week course. Expectant parents are also invited to these courses before the birth of their baby. If you live and worship in the parish of St. Joseph's and would like to attend one of our Baptism preparation courses, please contact Fr. Tom or Fr Saju.

Baptism Preparation 2012: First of four sessions will begin on Sunday 8th January at 3.45pm in the Upper Room.

Journey in Faith Group. We resume our Monday meetings on 9th January 2012 at 7.45pm for 8.00pm in the Upper Room, and look forward to continuing our journey together. We would also like to welcome anyone wishing to find out more about Catholic Christianity.

Journey in Faith 'Rite of Welcome' Celebration of the Word and Blessing of the Catechumens and Candidates. Saturday 28th January 2012 during 6.00pm Mass followed by Journey in Faith Social in the Upper Room.

The Rite of Welcome: The First Step: is a grace filled celebration since Catechumens and Candidates clearly express their desire publicly to become full members of the Church and this marks their welcome and first blessing by the Church. Our entire community are asked to help the Candidates and Catechumens throughout this process by praying for them, supporting them and encouraging them on their journey in faith.

First Reconciliation: Review Session on Saturday 14th January 10.00am-11.00am.

Sunday groups will meet in the usual rooms. Tuesday's group will meet in the Parish Club Room.

Parents Confirmation Session 3 on Saturday 14th January 2012 will be held in Holy Trinity Convent at 3.30pm-5.00pm. The focus will be the Sacrament of Baptism.

Candidates Confirmation Session 4 will be held in the Church Hall at 3.30pm on Saturday 14th January 2012. Followed by the Rite of Choice and Blessing during 6.00pm Mass.

Ministers of the Word and Ministers of the Eucharist. Your new rotas starting 31st December are now available. Please pick up your copy from the servers' sacristy.

Orpington Food Bank Appeal. The response to this appeal has been very encouraging. Many thanks indeed. Please note that this is an ongoing appeal and not just for the Christmas period. **All food items should be left in the porch of the Presbytery.** Thank you

Crib Offerings this year are for the Cabrini Children's Society.

Catholic Diaries 2012 have now arrived. Please pick one up from the foyer.

The Diocesan Seminary Fund. Please help train our future Priests by contributing to the cost of educating our students at St. John's Seminary Womersley. Please see poster in foyer for further details. Thank you.

Christmas Cards can be collected from the boxes at the back of the church.

Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi: 25 June 2012. Led by Fr. Saju in collaboration with Vapour Travels. 5 nights half board. Price £689.00 per person. £170.00 single supplement. 3 nights in Rome and 2 nights in Assisi. Contact Brian Daley on 0208 857 5260. Also see poster in foyer for further details.

Olympics 2012: More Than Gold.

I met the ex-Chaplain of Eltham College who says that Eric Liddell's daughter (who is now 75 years old) may come to the Olympics next year. Eric Liddell attended Eltham College. I suggested that the Churches Together in Bromley could help to sponsor her trip. 'Chariots of Fire' will also be re-issued next year and the real star of the film was indeed Eric Liddell a great Christian and great athlete. As part of the More Than Gold initiative we should put on a showing of Chariots of Fire in 2012. Deacon Duncan.

Bromley United Reformed Church. Winter Night Shelter Volunteers wanted. Please see notice in foyer for further details.

Vacancy: Clerk to Governors, Bishop Challoner School. The Governors of Bishop Challoner School are seeking to appoint a new Clerk to the Governors. For further details please see notice in the foyer or contact the School Office on 020 8460 3546 or visit the website on www.bishopchallonerschool.com.

Could Mr R E Hawksley please contact the Parish Office. Thank You.

Offertory Collection for last Sunday amounted to £1524. Thank you.