

Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception and St Joseph

The Epiphany of the Lord
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CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY (WESTMINSTER) CRIB APPEAL 2010

The Catholic Children's Society (Westminster) would like to thank parishes within the Diocese for their support which enables us to help children and families in need; families affected by poverty, unemployment, long-term illness and family breakdown. Your support enables us to provide holidays, day trips and other educational opportunities to hundreds of children who live with, and suffer from, the effects of living in poverty. We have also been able to help many schoolchildren who require one to one counselling and provided play therapy to emotionally disadvantaged children. This Christmas we will be reaching out to people like this mother, who commented to staff at the St Francis Family Centre in Poplar, London "the support I get from the Catholic Children's Society (Westminster) makes all the difference. With the Society's support my family will be having a good Christmas together...not just getting through the day". Your support through Crib Offerings will help us to make a real difference to families such as these and give vulnerable children faith in their future this Christmas. With our grateful thanks on behalf of those we can reach out to. If you would like more information about the Catholic Children's Society (Westminster) please contact: Dr Rosemary Keenan Catholic Children's Society (Westminster), 73 St Charles Square, London W10 6EJ; 0208 969 5305; email: rosemaryk@cathchild.org.uk www.cathchild.org.uk.

We have also received a letter from the Society, on behalf of the families at St Francis Family Centre in Poplar, thanking all those who contributed to the Advent Appeal.



DECEMBER 200 CLUB DRAW

1 st £100	No.31	Hugh Gralton,
2 nd £50	No.136	Anthony Sharples
3 rd £50	No.181	Lisa Brady,
4 th £30	No.91	George Eadon
5 th £30	No.195	John Morris
6 th £30	No.29	Teresa O'Riordan

Please collect your application forms for 2011 at the back of the church. Please return by 30th January 2011 to be eligible for the monthly January draw.

CALLING APF RED BOX HOLDERS

It is time for a collection for the APF. Many of you have a Red Mission Box, and it is now time to donate the coins in that box to the APF. At the back of the church is a box containing envelopes with the names and addresses of all the APF box holders in the parish. Please take home your envelope, fill it with the contents of your APF box, and return the envelope to the Parish Office next Sunday. The APF is the charity that helps Catholic missionaries to continue to work in countries across the world. We thank you for all the money you give to this important work. If you have any questions, please contact Terry O'Sullivan tel. 01992 444642. **Please collect your envelope from the back the Church.**

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED - LAST CALL!

To become one of the Altar Servers in the Parish, you must have received your First Communion, and be attending Mass here. If you celebrated your First Communion this year or have recently moved into the Parish, and would like to join the Altar Servers, please see Fr. John.

NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS

1. Spend more time with God, family and friends. Get to know God better and that will increase your appreciation for those he has put into your life to share your days with.
2. Enjoy life more. God created us to know him, love him and serve him. Life is intended to be a joyful experience not a drudge. Knowing God makes us more grateful for all we have been gifted with and it allows us to enjoy every moment as precious.
3. Get rid of a habit that's been holding you back and doing you no good. Whether it's a negative attitude or even some obvious sin, choose something definite to work on during this coming year.
4. Try to learn something new about God each week. Read your bible more to see what God is asking of you. Listen more attentively to sermons and homilies that try to deepen your relationship with God. Find some way of continuing your lifelong religious education.
5. Make a more determined effort to help others. Volunteer for some community task or go out of your way to keep an eye on someone you know needs it. By helping others you are showing them the face of God and are giving proof of your faith.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

O God, give your judgment to the king,
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice
and your poor in right judgement.

In his days justice shall flourish
and peace till the moon falls.
He shall rule from sea to sea,
from the Great River to earth's bounds.

The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts
shall pay him tribute.
The kings of Sheba and Seba
shall bring him gifts.
Before him all kings shall fall prostrate,
all nations shall serve him.

For he shall save the poor when they cry
and the needy who are helpless.
He will have pity on the weak
and save the lives of the poor.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
We saw his star as it rose
and have come to do the Lord homage.
Alleluia!

TODAY'S READINGS: **NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:**
Isaiah 60:1-6 Isaiah 42:1-4.6-7
Psalm 71 Psalm 28
Ephesians 3:2-3.5-6 Acts of the Apostles 10:34-38
Matthew 2:1-12 Matthew 3 13-17
Mass Times

SUNDAY	THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	8.30am 11.00am 12.30pm & 6.30pm
Monday		10.00am
Tuesday		10.00am
Wednesday		10.00am
Thursday		10.00am
Friday		10.00am
Saturday		6.30pm
SUNDAY	THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	8.30am 11.00am 12.30pm & 6.30pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation –
Saturday 10.30 – 11.00am & 5.45 – 6.15pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
There is Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Church each Friday morning from 9.15am to 9.45am.

Offertory Last Week: £1,028.07
Christmas Offerings: £4,485.32
plus the regular Standing Orders. Thank You!

THANK YOU

Thank you very much for your very generous Christmas offerings and for your cards and gifts.

Fr John

ANNUAL DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

Archbishop Vincent invites you to come with him on the first Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, 3-11 November 2011. During the pilgrimage you will stay in Jerusalem, Bethlehem and Galilee and show your support for the local Christian communities. The cost is £1480 for 2 sharing a room. Places are limited so ask for a booking form asap. Booking forms can be obtained directly from Gerald Daly at gerald Daly@rcdow.org.uk tel: 02077989173. Please see the poster on the noticeboard.

WESTMINSTER YEAR BOOK

The Westminster Year Book for 2011 is now available from the shop. Price £4.50.

PARISH PARENT AND TODDLER GROUP

Help is needed on Wednesday or Friday mornings with the children in Eleanor Hall. Please contact Maria Palumbo on 01992 768186 for more information.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

for teaching English classes to Refugees and Migrants. Contact Jan at the Justice and Peace office or e-mail him on jan@wjpc.yahoo.co.uk.

BAPTISMS THIS WEEK

Sunday 2 January at 1.45pm: Britney and Brian Siaw.
Saturday 8 January at 1.00pm: Prince Keith Jagundina-Onyema.

ST JOSEPH'S MARIAN GROUP

St Joseph's Marian Group meets on Tuesday mornings at 10.45am in the Sacristy.

FIRST COMMUNION MEETINGS

There will be a meeting for the First Communion Catechists at 8.00pm on Tuesday 4th January in Eleanor Hall.
There will be a meeting for the First Communion Parents on Thursday 6th January at 8.00pm in Eleanor Hall.
The children will meet on Saturday 8th January at 10.00am in the Church.

MASS AT ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

There will be a Mass celebrated at St Joseph's School on Thursday 6th January at 9.15am to mark the start of term.

ST PAULS' SUNDAY MISSAL

St. Paul's 2011 Sunday Missal is now on sale in the shop, priced £4.50. Please note that the Missals are free to those who are on the Readers' Rota.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

The next Baptism Preparation Course will start on Sunday 30th January in The Convent, 3, Longlands Close. If you have a baby to be baptised in the near future please see Fr John.

