

Masses

1 Jan Saturday 5:00 pm	<i>Vigil Mass</i> William and Mike King R.I.P.
2 Jan Sunday 11:00 am	2nd Sunday of Christmas Octave (C) <i>Sunday Mass</i> People of the Parish
3 Jan Monday —:—	<i>No Mass</i>
4 Jan Tuesday 10:00 am	Kathy Sheehan R.I.P.
5 Jan Wednesday 6:00 pm	Mary Ryan R.I.P.
6 Jan Thursday 10:00 am	Epiphany of the Lord People of the Parish
7 Jan Friday 9 to 9:50 am 10:00 am	Adoration Mass of Commemoration- Father Robert Ellis R.I.P.
8 Jan Saturday 5:00 pm	<i>Vigil Mass</i> Eileen & Family
9 Jan Sunday 10:00 am 11:00 am	Baptism of the Lord (C) <i>Sunday Mass</i> People of the Parish John Keane

Sacrament of Reconciliation

*Saturday's 4:30 pm till 4:50 pm
.. or call for an appointment*

*If you would like a Mass said on a particular day;
Please, give enough notice.
Intentions will be as close as possible to request.

Anniversary of the Dead

Cardinal Francis Bourne
Patricia McNight
Catherine Rogan
Frederick Henry Geoffrey Clements
Fr Joseph Sheridan
Sophia Breslin
Thomas O'Sullivan
Jean Tester
Veronica Imelda Laura Bright
Francis Barber
Catherine Kelly
May Olga Marsh
Kathleen Jane Ring
Gerard Mark Bennion

Please pray for the recently deceased

Collections



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2nd Jan. 2022



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Mrs K. Wheeler



Welcome Back!

** SUNDAY MASSES **

With effect from January 1st & 2nd, 2022, and until further notice, the weekend Mass schedule will be as follows:

Saturday 5:00 pm (*Vigil Mass*)

Sunday 10:00 am & 11:00 am

The Covid-19 Omicron variant is considered to be highly transmissible. The church has been quite full at the 11.00am Mass in recent weeks. The additional Mass on Sunday morning will, I hope, enable attendance by parishioners to be spread more evenly, and help to avoid the danger of overcrowding.

This is a temporary measure which will be reviewed periodically.

Thank you for your co-operation. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. - Father Michael

FACE COVERINGS NOW MANDATORY

Following the government's announcement of their Plan B strategy for the Covid pandemic, the wearing of face coverings is now MANDATORY in places of worship, except for children under 12 and those with a medical exemption. Thank you for your continued co-operation in helping us to comply with this legal requirement.

We need to be increasingly vigilant about SOCIAL DISTANCING when we are in or around the church, and to be especially careful at Holy Communion time.

There are often a lot of spare places available towards the front of the church, whilst towards the back it can be too crowded. Please do all that you can to use all of the available church seating space.

Thank you for your continued support and co-operation. - Father Michael

NHS TRACK AND TRACE

It would be helpful if you could continue to provide your contact details using the pens and forms provided. This is no longer compulsory, but is recommended practice. If you have the NHS app, please continue to sign in using the QR code at the front door. Please continue to be vigilant and careful. Let me know if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you.

Father Michael Ryan-Parish Priest.

BECOMING A CATHOLIC

We will be starting a course, in January, for anyone who is thinking about joining the Catholic Church. Sessions will last for one hour, beginning immediately after the 11.00am Sunday Mass. There will be opportunities to explore the teachings of the Catholic Church, and to discern what God may be calling you to. Please speak to Father Michael or John Fogarty for more information.

SYNOD MEETINGS

Pope Francis asked the Catholic church to engage in a process of dialogue & listening as a way forward for ministry & teaching of the Church in an ever-changing world. Our parish will have three discussion groups for parishioners in January to reflect on Communion, Participation & Mission. It's an opportunity for the lay faithful to have your say about the future mission of the church. There are short pre-session meetings after Masses on 8th & 9th Jan. Please come along.

SCHOOL FORMS

Parents & carers requiring my verification & signature for school applications. Please note the following procedures, til further notice.

St Joseph's Catholic primary school- Return completed forms to school office. They will be forwarded to me for verification & signature.

All other schools-Please put completed forms, & any supporting documents, eg baptism certificate, in an envelope marked "school forms". Place the envelope through the presbytery letter-box, 3 The Hill. I will contact you, by phone, when forms are ready for collection. Thank you. Father Michael.

EPIPHANY

Thursday 6th January is the **Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord**. There will be Mass in the church at 10.00am. All are welcome.

COMMEMORATION

There will be a Mass of Commemoration for **Father Robert Ellis R.I.P.** in the church on Friday 7th Jan. 2022 at 10:00 am. All are welcome to attend.

THANK YOU

A sincere thank you to all parishioners for your generous Christmas Offering. I wish you all a happy and peaceful New Year. Father Michael.

DECORATIONS

Thank you to everyone who helped decorate the church and arranged the flowers for the Christmas celebrations. I am very grateful to you all. Father Michael..

CRIB OFFERING 2021

This Christmas our Crib Offering will be donated to the Catholic Children's Society's Southwark Crisis Fund. This fund provides emergency grants for children and families in our Archdiocese who are facing a crisis in their lives. Every single penny donated to the crib will be given out via these grants. There are envelopes available for those who wish to gift aid their donation.

THANK YOU

Father Pat O'Beirne of the Columban Fathers asks me to express his gratitude for the sum

of £256.94 which you donated on the weekend of his Mission Appeal in early December.

He is also very grateful for the kind welcome he received from parishioners during his visit.

1ST HOLY COMMUNION 2022

Children in primary school Year 3 and above, who are baptised Catholics and attend Mass in this parish, are invited to prepare for the reception of the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion. Information sheets and course Registration forms can be collected from Fr. Michael at Sat. evening and Sun. morning Mass. They will only be issued to the parent or primary carer of the child or children in question.

There is an online parent information session, Wed. 8th Dec. at 7 pm. Parents must attend.

CONFIRMATION 2022

If you wish to register your son or daughter (must be in Years 8-13 at school or 13 years of age by 1st September 2022) for the Preparation Programme for the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2022 please complete the Google Form:

<https://forms.gle/cvfwiyNJwjDk73pw8>

The preparation programme will commence in January 2022, with meetings taking place on Sundays from 4:30pm to 5:15pm using a mixture of video conferencing (Google Meet) and physical meetings.

