



# Advent & Christmas News Bulletin

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*Make every Sunday the Lord's Day*



*Low Mass at 8:30 am*

*Sung Eucharist at 10:30 am*

## Advent, Christmas 2025 and New Year Edition

Join us for Midnight Mass on the 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 pm and Christmas Day at 10:00 am

ADVENT RETREAT on the morning of Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December

Sunday School closes on 21<sup>st</sup> Dec. with the Nativity Play, we'll be back 4<sup>th</sup> Jan. 2026

Dear Friends,

At Christmas we celebrate the astonishing truth that God has stepped into our world in the vulnerability of a child. In Jesus, hope is no longer an abstract idea or a distant promise. Hope has become flesh and blood. It is God drawing close to us, sharing our humanity so completely that no corner of our lives is untouched by His presence. The Christ child reminds us that God's answer to a troubled and weary world is not force or fear, but tenderness, mercy, and a love that chooses to walk beside us.

This year, perhaps more than ever, we sense how deeply we need that hope. Many of us are carrying concerns for our families, our health, our work, and the state of the world around us. We are searching for peace amid uncertainty, for healing in places of hurt, and for the strength to remain steady when life feels overwhelming. The message of Christmas speaks directly into this longing. The light born in Bethlehem is not a distant or theoretical light—it is a light that shines into real homes, real anxieties, and real wounds, offering calm, courage, and renewal.

And this same Christ, who came once in great humility, continues to come to us now. He is constantly knocking at the door of our hearts, inviting us to welcome Him more fully into our lives. Do not ignore that gentle knock. Do not be afraid to open the door. For only in His presence, and only by walking in His will, do our hearts find the rest and peace they truly seek.

With my prayers,  
Fr. Paul Hrynczyszyn





## Advent & Christmas Services in December

Service of Lessons and Carols Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm

Nativity Play - Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> at 2 pm after the morning Sung Eucharist

Christmas Eve "Midnight Mass" Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 pm

Christmas Day *Sung Eucharist for the Nativity of our Lord*

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> at the earlier time of 10:00 am

*O Come all ye faithful, O come let us adore Him, born this happy morning!*

Christmas greeting from your Churchwardens, Lester & Diana  
with every blessing to you and your loved ones as we joyfully  
await the Advent of Our Emmanuel



### *Requiescat in Pace*

It is with immense sadness that we announce the death of Giancarlo Pianezzi, beloved husband of Sandy, our dearest friend, and God's faithful servant. Giancarlo passed from this life to go home to Our Lord and Saviour on the morning of Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2025

*God will command His angels concerning you to guard, deliver and show you His salvation (Psalm 91)*

At this time we offer our sincere condolences and pray for all the family; our dearest Sandy; her daughter, Monica and grandchildren, Xavier & Lea; her son David and grandsons, Alan and Kevin.

May Giancarlo rest in eternal peace and rise in the Glory and Light of God's Holy Presence



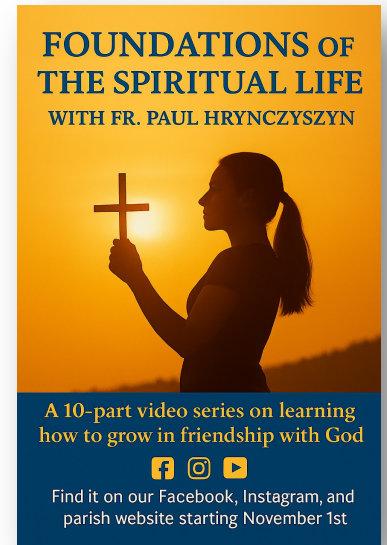
## Online and in-person with our Chaplain, Father Paul

- ◆ Online weekly Reflections on the Sunday Readings - short videos filmed in and around Lugano
- ◆ Gospel of St Luke in-depth study of Scripture – connecting more deeply with God's Word
- ◆ New 10 part series on learning how to grow in friendship with God – Foundations of the Spiritual Life, from the desire for God, through surrender and trust, to a life in God



A day of recollection, as we wait in Hope  
and prepare our hearts for Christ's coming  
amid the season's busyness

- ◆ In-person Advent Retreat
- ◆ Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December 9-12am
- ◆ in Casa Benson



## And more good news

In the spring of 2026 the facade of our church will be restored to its original beauty, thanks to the generous individual donations received in response to our recent Appeal. The Chaplaincy Council is currently evaluating the 3 repainting estimates required.

We will be able to confirm the work by the end of this year. Our sincere gratitude to all those who have made this possible 😊



**Diocese in Europe**

## **Bishop's 2025 Advent Appeal    Al-Ahli Anglican Hospital in Gaza**

***"When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears and rescues them from all their troubles.  
The Lord is near to the broken-hearted and saves the crushed in spirit." (From Psalm 34)***

This Advent Bishop Robert is asking us to support the work of one of our partners in the Gospel, USPG, whose partnership with the Diocese of Jerusalem gives us the opportunity to sustain this vital hospital, ensuring that it remains open and equipped to serve those who need it most, not only in moments of immediate crisis but in the long, difficult years of recovery that follow.

St Edward's Church Council has already responded to this appeal by sending CHF 500 from Chaplaincy funds. If you would like to make a personal donation to support the overwhelming challenges the medical team at Al-Ahli Hospital face in caring for the injured and sick this Christmas, the details are below:

### **How you can make a personal donation to the Bishop in Europe's Advent Appeal 2025**

- Bank transfer - Account number: **40317039**      Sort code: **20-06-13**      IBAN: **GB16 BUKB 2006 1340 3170 39**  
Swift / BIC: **BUKBGB22**
  
- By cheque made out to: **Diocese in Europe,    Diocese in Europe Board of Finance      14, Tuffon St      London SW1P 3QZ**  
(Please add the words "Advent Appeal 2025" to any note you send with the cheque)
  
- On the Diocese in Europe Just Giving page: <https://www.justgiving.com/diocese-ineurope>  
(Please add "2025 Advent Appeal" in the Message from Donor column)

**Please note our new bank details below**

**Your contribution is vital for St Edward's Church, as we are entirely self-funded**

**Bank:** UBS AG, CH-8098 ZÜRICH **Account name:** ASSOCIAZIONE CHIESA ANGLICANA

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