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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT						
SATURDAY	20тн	18:00	Fourth Sunday of A	Advent	Solemnity	Seamus Burke RIP
SUNDAY	21sт	08:30	Fourth Sunday of A	Advent	Solemnity	
SUNDAY	21st	10:00	Fourth Sunday of A	Advent	Solemnity	PRO POPULO
SUNDAY	21st	12:00	Fourth Sunday of A	Advent	Solemnity	Caimin Donlan RIP
SUNDAY	21st	18:00	Fourth Sunday of A	Advent	Solemnity	
MONDAY	22ND	10:00	Fourth Week of Adve	ent	Feria	Marian O'Malley
TUESDAY	23RD	10:00	Fourth Week of Adve	ent	Feria	Ann Thomas RIP
WEDNESDAY	24тн	18:00	The Nativity of the	Lord	Solemnity	Teresa McGarvey RIP
THURSDAY	25тн	00:00	The Nativity of the	Lord	Solemnity	
THURSDAY	25тн	08:30	The Nativity of the	Lord	Solemnity	
THURSDAY	25тн	10:00	The Nativity of the	Lord	Solemnity	
THURSDAY	25тн	12:00	The Nativity of the	Lord	Solemnity	
FRIDAY	26тн	10:00	St Stephen		Feast	Russell Cruise Family RIP
SATURDAY	27тн	10:00	St John		Feast	Ann Feeley RIP

TEA AND COFFEE: SUNDAY AFTER 10AM MASS

CONFESSIONS: SATURDAY EVENINGS: 5PM - 5:40PM



We pray for Russell Pugh, Timothy Long and Phillipa Bayliss who died recently and all whose anniversaries occur at this time: Paolina Sammut, Blanca Duenas-Flores, Patrick Sheehan, Antonio Santillo, Adrenne De Doncker, Margaret Smith and Isobel McKenna. May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

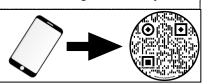
As this is the last few words I will write of 2025 in this space I want to take the opportunity to say two words: THANK YOU to everyone! It is such a blessing to be your Parish Priest and this past year has been a year in which we have grown in our friendship with the Lord Jesus and one another. This is impossible without your choosing to allow God's will and grace to work in you and through you which brings us closer to one another particularly the least fortunate in our midst. I want to say a particular thank you to Fr Godfrey who has been such a great support and is gradually acclimatising to the cold and appreciative of your warmth of welcome. I am grateful to Geraldine - our new Parish Secretary - who is gradually getting to know people and processes. The future brings a lot of promise and challenge for us and I am grateful for the support and suggestions of our Parish Council, Parish Fabric and Finance Committees and for all who responded to the Called To Bear Fruit Consultation which published its findings recently. Archbishop John - when he arrived in the Archdiocese which happened to be just before I arrived here - gathered the clergy and spoke about our shared mission to evangelise. He told us he didn't believe in programmes of evangelisation or a particular technique or plan for bringing about renewal. He reminded us that each Mass is an act of evangelisation, each funeral, each Baptism, each home visit, each school visit. We evangelise by our attitude and our activity in each moment. Each moment is a choice to bring Christ to birth in our world by choosing to learn from His love and live it. Thank you for loving me and one another as Christ loves. Let us pray that we may do so more in this new year and be forgiving when we don't. Lord Jesus, help us in our shared mission of introducing others to you!

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PARISH NEWS

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRIESTS' HOUSE: Fr Godfrey and I wish you a very Happy Christmas when it comes. We thank all who will help to make our parish celebrations so special. Safe travels - if you are making journeys - and may you each experience a deeper knowledge of God's love.

CONFESSIONS BEFORE CHRISTMAS: There will be the opportunity for prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession at the following times in our Church before Christmas:

Monday 22nd December 6:30pm - 8:30pm Tuesday 23rd December 6:30pm - 8:30pm Wednesday 24th December 4:00pm - 5:30pm

CHRISTMAS FAMILY MASS - ARE YOU ABLE TO HELP? Our Family Mass - at 6pm on Christmas Eve - involves a Children's Nativity Tableau and children singing Carols. Would your child be able to take part as a Nativity character or to sing? Please email Victoria if so: vaehingston@gmail.com.

MASSES OF CHRISTMAS: Christmas Eve: 6pm (Family Mass), Midnight Mass at Midnight with Carols from 11:30pm. Christmas Day: 8:30am, 10:00am and 12:00pm. NO 6pm Mass on Christmas Day.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING TO CLERGY: The "Christmas Offering" is your personal gift to the clergy of the parish and forms the majority of our annual income. Fr Godfrey and I are grateful for what you can afford at this time. You can give by envelope or by card selecting "Christmas Offering" or click here.

YOGI SUTTON ADMITTED AS DAME OF ST GREGORY THE GREAT BY POPE LEO XIV: It is a joy to announce that our own Yogi Sutton has been awarded the honour of a Papal Damehood by our Holy Father, Pope Leo. The honour will be conferred by Canon Victor Darlington during the 12pm Mass on Sunday 25th January 2025. There will be a buffet lunch afterwards in the Hall. All are welcome!

OFFERTORY QR CODES: Our digital collection plates are proving popular with the move to contactless giving, however, it has been a challenge to get hold of one quickly during the offertory. There are now QR codes in the pews which you can use to donate via phone and avoid interruption.

SYCAMORE 2026: This programme is for newcomers to faith and those wishing to deepen their own and will begin on Thursday 15th January 2026 (7:30–9pm) in the Hall. It will be an opportunity to explore faith, reflect on the deeper questions and grow in understanding, prayer, and discipleship. Each of the 20 sessions features a short, high quality film followed by guided discussion in a friendly and supportive environment. This initiative responds directly to the desire expressed by many within our parish for opportunities to deepen their relationship with Christ, to engage more confidently with the teachings of the Church, and to strengthen the sense of community within parish life. We warmly invite all to join us on this journey. To help see Yemisi or James or email brixtonhillppc@rcaos.org.uk.

NURSERY & PRIMARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS [FOR SEP 2026]: Please put Certificates of Catholic Practice through The Priests' House letterbox. You <u>must</u> fill out our form here.