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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SATURDAY	13TH	18:00	Third Sunday of Advent	Solemnity	Ned Butler RIP
SUNDAY	14TH	08:30	Third Sunday of Advent	Solemnity	Pro Populo
SUNDAY	14TH	10:00	Third Sunday of Advent	Solemnity	Members of the Farrujah Family
SUNDAY	14TH	12:00	Third Sunday of Advent	Solemnity	Eddie Daly RIP
SUNDAY	14TH	18:00	Third Sunday of Advent	Solemnity	Bruno Romano RIP
MONDAY	15TH	10:00		Feria	Mary Connaghan RIP
TUESDAY	16TH	10:00		Feria	Pap & Kay Heaney
WEDNESDAY	17TH	10:00		Feria	Members of the Farrujah Family
THURSDAY	18TH	10:00		Feria	Brendan Connaghan RIP
FRIDAY	19TH	10:00		Feria	Russell Pugh RIP
SATURDAY	20TH	10:00		Feria	Terry Thomas RIP



TEA AND COFFEE: SUNDAY AFTER 10AM MASS

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

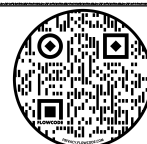
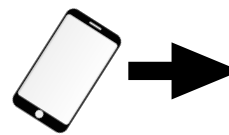
We pray for Russell Pugh, Timothy Long and Phillipa Bayliss who died recently and all whose anniversaries occur at this time: Mary Evans, Mary Feehan, George Ramdeal, Annie Collins, James Murphy, Owura Ampong, Michael Neagle, Beatrice Welcome and Kevin Guiste. May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

It's always a joy to hear confessions in school and - over the past couple of weeks - the Deanery clergy of Lambeth (including Father Godfrey and I) have visited Bishop Thomas Grant and La Retraite schools to help with children's confessions. Within their instruction it was encouraging to hear them being led to understand the importance of preparation as an action involving body and soul and that to prepare properly for Christmas is ironically not primarily about giving but receiving. We remember at this time Our Lady who received the news of the angel and welcomed it with joy. In order to do that she had to be humble - she was God's "lowly" handmaid who was blessed to receive Our Lord in her heart, womb and home. I just finished celebrating a wedding. I shared with the young couple that I've noticed social media is awash with different and imaginative examples of how to prepare and present gifts so as to bring joy to others. Within the vocation of marriage the gift that is to be prepared and presented is of oneself to the other person and this is the case for all of us in the spiritual life. The gift of our life is to be prepared so as to become a gift in return for God and for Him in others. This preparation and presentation - in contrast to preparing Christmas presents - doesn't involve *our* ingenuity and creativity but God's. It is about our becoming willing to encounter Him in truth and receive the gift of grace He wants to give us. In this penitential season of Advent it is about making the resolution to do this in the sacrament of confession. The sacrament isn't just for our children at school. Each of us always need to learn anew the importance of being prepared by God to receive His Son: to become a worthy dwelling place as Mary was. Overleaf are the times when Confessions will be heard in our parish from next week up until Christmas Day. While they are heard Our Lord Jesus will be present on our altar in the Blessed Sacrament. It is a great opportunity to step back from the noise and distraction and - for some short time - let Him prepare us for His coming again at Christmas. If you haven't been for months, years, decades, you are welcome. There will be sheets available to guide and help you. Do not miss out on the opportunity to receive the gifts of humility, self-knowledge and the healing power of His mercy in this true encounter with Jesus.

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PARISH NEWS

NEW SECRETARY - OFFICE HOURS: 9-1, TUESDAY-FRIDAY: Geraldine has begun work for us in the Parish Office and is having to catch up with a lot of requests. The office will now be open between 9am and 1pm (Tuesday to Friday). This week will be the last before the office is closed for Christmas.

FINAL WEEK: GUIDED PRAYER BEFORE CHRISTMAS: I am grateful to our sisters - from the Franciscan and Cenacle communities - for arranging and facilitating Advent Prayer and reflection on Thursday 18th December from 7:30pm until 9pm in our Church Hall. All are welcome!

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:

Friday 19th December	6:30pm - 8:30pm
Monday 22nd December	6:30pm - 8:30pm
Tuesday 23rd December	6:30pm - 8:30pm
Wednesday 24th December	4:00pm - 5:30pm

CARD-WRITING INITIATIVE: After each morning Mass this Sunday, the Justice & Peace Group invite you to write messages of comfort, connection and encouragement to people in detention who are anxious, far from family and in need of kindness. The Jesuit Refugee Service will arrange delivery.

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](#).

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.

UPDATE: NURSERY & PRIMARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS [FOR SEP 2026]: Please put [Certificates of Catholic Practice](#) through The Priests' House letterbox. If received by 15/12/25 they will be completed before 25/12. If by 9th January, completed by 15/01/26. You must fill out our form [here](#).