

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who made our Advent events so special. Dr Teresa Lane opened our hearts and minds last Thursday evening, helping us see the Incarnation through the beauty of art in a deeply moving way. On Friday, Deidre, Emilia, and our wonderful choir filled us with Advent joy through their inspired music at the carol concert. To those who decorated the hall, prepared the refreshments, and supported in countless ways - your care and dedication shone through in every detail. This was truly a parish effort, and we are so grateful to journey through Advent together as one family.

The requiem mass for Katrina Polaski Corcoran will be held at St Osmunds on Wednesday 18 December at 2pm. May her soul rest in peace.

All welcome to St Osmund's School Carol Service at 6pm on Monday 16 Dec.

Christmas Mass Schedule 2024

Sat 21 Dec: Confessions 1030 – 1130am

Tues 24 Dec Christmas Eve:

6.30pm: First Mass of the Nativity

11.30pm: Midnight Mass of the Nativity, with carols from 11pm.

Christmas Day, Wed 25 Dec:

8.30am: Dawn Mass of the Nativity

10.30am: Mass during the Day

Boxing Day, Thurs 26 Dec, Feast of St Stephen,

First Martyr: Mass 10am

New Year's Eve, Tue 31 Dec: Mass 10 am

Wed 1 Jan 2025 (New Year's day): Mass 10am

St Osmund's Jesse Tree

Our Jesse tree, sprung from stony ground, reminds us in these dark, wintry days that Jesus the Dayspring is on His way. Each symbol, added by the children, represents a chapter in the history of God's promise to His beloved people. A promise which was fulfilled at Christmas, 2000 years ago, with God's gift of Himself in Jesus. Learn more here: (<https://www.faithward.org/jesse-tree/>)

Archbishop's Christmas message

Archbishop John Wilson acknowledges that our world is troubled by conflict - from the Holy Land to Ukraine and Sudan - alongside widespread poverty, inequality, and threats to human dignity, including moves to legalise assisted suicide. Despite such darkness, he urges us to embrace hope in the Lord Jesus, whose birth at Christmas symbolises the triumph of love and salvation over suffering and division. Reflecting on the forthcoming Jubilee Year, the Archbishop calls our community to become pilgrims of hope, cultivating faith, love, and renewal. The example of the Virgin Mary, who trusted God amid difficulties, reminds believers that authentic hope is not passive but active. It must be expressed through prayer, as well as through defending life, seeking justice, and striving for peace. For the full text, see: (<https://rcaos.org.uk/news-events/news/archbishop-john-s-christmas-message-turn-to-the-lord-jesus-in-hope/>)

Coffee shop St Mary's, Barnes, Sat 21 Dec

Join us for coffee and cake on Sat 21 Dec from 10-12. All proceeds will go towards Mary's Meals. There will be treats for the children too. See link below for you to decorate a Christmas tree and give as a card, as a fund raiser (<https://donate.marysmeals.org/gb/christmas/christmas>)

A Ceremony of Carols

Thames Philharmonic Choir presents a carol concert on Sat 21 Dec 7.30pm at All Saints Church, Kingston KT11JP. See poster on the noticeboard or see: (www.thamesphilharmonicchoir.co.uk)

Free workshops from the Catechetical Institute

From today, every parishioner, as well as teachers and parents in our schools, has free and unlimited access to the workshops created by the world-renowned Catechetical Institute. From Scripture to parenting workshops, to catechetical training and mentoring, there is something for everyone. For information on how to register your free account: visit: (<https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/franciscan>)

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Sick List

For the sick and the suffering especially Janet Waddington, James and Audrey Smith, Teresa Cockburn, Mary Kelly, Andrew Brodrick-Ward, Joan Moore, Susan Kelsey, Maureen Carr, Eddie Henshaw, Charles Stiller, and Bridget Jabour.

In Remembrance

For those who have died recently especially Katrina Polaski Corcoran, and those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Sheila Kiely, Philippa Couttie, Frances Ogden, Richard Reynolds, Nancy McCullough, John Kemmis, Grant Middleton, Wanda Grodzka, Edward Coles, Peter Whitehouse, Sam Griffiths, Stephanos Stavrou, Josie O'Neill and Alejandro Duarte.

Alma Redemptoris Mater

*Alma Redemptoris Mater, quæ pèrvia cæli
Porta manes, et stella maris, succurre cadènti,
Surgere qui curat pópulo: tu quæ genuísti,
Natúra miránte, tuum sanctum Genitórem
Virgo prius ac postérius, Gabriélis ab ore
Sumens illud Ave, peccatórum miserére.*