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PARISH OFFICE OPEN: TUESDAYS, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY

15th – 23rd December 2018

Saturday	15 th	Weekday in Ordinary Time	6 pm	Declan Dorrian RIP
Sunday	16 th	3 rd Sunday of Advent <i>GAUDETE SUNDAY</i>	9 am	James McEvoy RIP
			11 am	Mary McQuaid
Tuesday	18 th	Weekday of Advent	9.30 am	Margaret & Terry McDonnell RIP
Wednesday	19 th	Weekday of Advent	10.30am	Funeral Mass for Anthony Wendt RIP
Thursday	20 th	Weekday of Advent	6 pm	Holy Hour
			7 pm	Mass for Jeremy Chilvers RIP
Friday	21 st	Weekday of Advent	9.30 am	Special intention
Saturday	22 nd	Weekday of Advent	9.30 am	Holy Souls in Purgatory
			10 am	Holy Hour
		Vigil	4.45 pm	Holy Hour
			6 pm	Special intention
Sunday	23 rd	4 th Sunday of Advent	9 am	Edel Curran - Birthday
			11 am	Jane Auguste RIP
Tuesday	25 th	Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord		
		Vigil (24th December)	6 pm	People of the Parish
		Christmas	11.30 pm	Midnight Mass
			9 am	People of the Parish
			11 am	People of the Parish
Wednesday	26 th	Feast of Saint Stephen	9.30 am	Halina Olejnik RIP

THERE WILL BE A HOLY HOUR at 4.45 pm on each of the Saturdays of Advent led by different parish groups. A Priest will be available during all Holy Hours to hear Advent Confessions.

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE AT THE PARISH

Everyone is welcome to come and celebrate Christingle with us on Sunday 16th December at 3:00 pm in the Church. Bring your own Christingle to welcome Jesus into the season. After the blessing we warmly invite all the families, the children and the people of the parish to our Christmas party in the hall. Any volunteers to help with the Christmas party should contact Michela or Betty (maccione.michela@gmail.com or lisibitti@yahoo.it).

NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS: There will be a service of Nine Lessons and Carols, led by the Folk Group, on Monday 17th December at 7.30 pm in the church. All are welcome.

CONFESSIONS: Saturday Morning from 10.00 am – 11.00 am and 4.45 pm – 5.45 pm – during the Holy Hour; before Weekday Morning Masses 9.00 am – 9.25 am – and Thursdays during Holy Hour

Are you busy on Thursday afternoons? Do you fancy a cup of tea and a piece of cake? And a natter? Bring your knitting or a pack of cards or just come along to the Parish hall from 2.30 to 4 o'clock on Thursday, 10th January. All welcome.

The **CHARITIES GROUP** red posting box is in the Welcoming Area. If you post a Christmas cards to other parishioners - for a small donation (say 10 p – 20 p per card) we will sort them and they will be ready for collection on 21st December. Please make sure they are clearly addressed and drop donations into the posting box. Last day for posting is 20th December. Don't forget to look for those addressed to you after 21st

SAVE THE DATE: Parish Lunch in the Hall for St Francis de Sales Feast day, Sunday, 27th January, after the 11 am Mass. Volunteers are welcome.

It is over three years since the launch of the Diocese's *Growing in Faith* appeal which has successfully raised almost £200,000 against its original target of £180,000. As you may remember, the parish itself was entitled to 20% of the original target amount and with a full entitlement to any funds over and above this target. This translates into funds for our parish of just over £55,000. The original application of these funds considered energy efficiency improvements (including the potential to install solar panels) to the parish facilities, as well as a contribution to support the then building of the St Richard Reynolds School in Twickenham.

In assessing the most appropriate use for the funds raised, a major electrical survey was undertaken. This identified a number of urgent issues which required immediate rectification in the crypt, presbytery and parish hall. In consultation with the Pastoral Parish Council and Finance committee, the decision was made to address all of the identified compliance issues identified in the electrical survey as well as to complete a refurbishment of both: the crypt, parish centre kitchen and improvement in the welcoming area.

In practical terms, the £55,000 has been broadly invested as follows: c £27,000 to fund the crypt renovations and electrical compliance, £20,000 to fund the Parish Centre kitchen and welcoming area improvement and a £8,000 donation to Richard Reynolds.

The investment in the parish infrastructure has addressed these priority compliance issues, but has also made a significant improvement to the facilities used and enjoyed by our many parishioners. We hope this continues for many more years to come. **The members of your Finance Committee wish you all a very happy Christmas.**

Richmond Council is proposing to introduce a Public Spaces Protection Order (so creating a "buffer zone") around the abortion clinic in Rosslyn Road that will prevent people from praying/holding vigils or handing out information leaflets within the borders of the zone, which are currently proposed to include not only Rosslyn Road but extending out to the three surrounding streets and through to St. Margaret's railway station. Please take a few minutes to fill in the Council's online consultation after reading the notes here; <https://behereforme.org/richmond-consultation/> Please see the leaflets in the Welcoming Area for more details

Call for Volunteers

Help needed to make sure the **CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH AT ELLERAY HALL** is a success. Each year the churches in Teddington invite the elderly and those who are alone on Christmas Day to join them for a traditional Christmas meal. There will be mince pies and other refreshments, plus a chance to join in carols and other activities. Your help would be much appreciated. Volunteers are required as drivers (especially the afternoon slot about 3.30 pm), musicians and entertainers, and to help with preparation, serving and washing up. If you can help in any way, no matter how small, please register by contacting: Jo Nicholds on 07968 960459 or by email at joanne.delecroix@btconnect.com

Drivers needed

A local charity in Teddington, **THE TEDDINGTON AND HAMPTON WICK VOLUNTARY CARE GROUP**, provides transport for the elderly and infirm in our part of the borough. They take them to hospital and doctor's appointments as well as shopping and social events. We are desperately short of drivers, especially mini bus drivers, to drive our weekly shopping buses. If you are a driver and could spare an occasional hour or so, or you would like to drive the shopping bus (full training will be given) please call the office on 020 8943 3112. This is a very worthy cause and helps to allow the vulnerable and elderly members of the community stay independent.

A Christmas Celebration at Westminster Cathedral

Westminster Cathedral's annual Christmas Celebration will be held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th December featuring the Westminster Cathedral Choir. The evening includes music, celebrity readings and a reflection. Cost: from £10 to £50. For tickets, visit the Cathedral Gift Shop or www.ticketmaster.co.uk. Please see the poster in the Welcoming Area for more details.

THE PARISH HAS TALENT Can you dance, sing, juggle or tell jokes? Do you have another talent that you would like to share? Then 'The Parish Has Talent' evening is for you! We would love to see as many parishioners as possible come together in the church hall on Saturday 19th January 2019 for an evening of entertainment. If you would like to participate, please email Marie on mariejb27@hotmail.com by Friday 14th December.

Last week's offertory

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Duties for next weekend (22nd – 23rd December)

Reading	6pm	Nuala Lalor
	9am	Edward Sparrow
	11am	Emilia Obszanska
Eucharistic ministry	6pm	Rita Cooper, Freda McGee
	9am	John Gordon, Mary Butlin, Marie Martin, Sandra McDowell, Kay McGrane
	11am	Kathy Bell, Maria Siganporia, Irena Obszanska, David Wright, Mark Stevens
Welcoming	6pm	Christina Evans, Jane Palmer
	9am	Kathy Albertini, Ane-Marie Keady Smith
	11am	Anna Eastham, Angela Clement
Cleaning	Bried Conneely, Laurene Gomes, Sajeev John and Josephine Vista	
Gardening		

Those who are not Roman Catholic or do not wish to receive Holy Communion are welcome to come forward for a blessing. Please cross your arms across your chest to indicate to the priest that you wish to receive a blessing.

MASS INTENTIONS: If you would like a Holy Mass said on a specific date, it should be booked in advance. Please let Fr Stachyra know or fill in a Mass card or envelope.

HIRE OF HALL: Please contact Trish Greenwood on 020 8977 6413. The hall may be hired for parties for children of primary school age.

ITEMS FOR THE PARISH BULLETIN must be submitted to the Parish office by 12 noon on Thursdays in writing or by e-mail hampthnhill@rcdow.org.uk

Baptisms: Please seek an appointment with the parish priest.

Marriages: Six months' notice is desired.

Marriage Preparation Courses

<https://rcdow.org.uk/diocese/marriage-and-family-life/resources/catholic-marriage-preparation--2/>

Anointing of the sick: Please indicate on entering hospital that your details are to be passed to the Catholic chaplain. If you would like Holy Communion, please tell a member of staff. Also tell the parish office so we can pray for you.

The housebound: Our ministers take Communion to housebound parishioners each week. If you become housebound or hear of someone who is, please tell the parish office.

Parish Safeguarding Representative, Hedy Lorant hampthnhillsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk

GDPR You can read our full privacy policy on rcdow.org.uk/diocese/privacy-policy/

Msza Święta w języku polskim w każdą niedzielę o godz. 11 am w Kaplicy Księży Orionistów. 25 Lower Teddington Road, Hampton Wick, KT1 4HB. Serdecznie zapraszamy.