

## Christmas Services...

**Sunday 31st December**

**10.00am Parish Mass**

**Monday 1st January 2007**

The Naming of Christ

No Services in Church

**Tuesday 2nd**

St Basil the Great & St Gregory Nazianzen

No Services in Church

**Wednesday 3rd**

Christmas Weekday

No Services in Church

**Thursday 4th**

Christmas Weekday

No Services in Church

**Friday 5th**

Christmas Weekday

No Services in Church

**Saturday 6th**

The Epiphany of the Lord

No Services in Church

**Sunday 7th**

**The Baptism of Christ**

**8.30am Holy Communion**

**10.00am Parish Mass**

**6.00pm Evening Prayer**

### INTERCESSIONS

Please add any new names and/or renew the names of others who are sick or in any need that you wish to be remembered at Mass. There is a list in the Lower Hall.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR

Kay Kemp, Catherine Bradshaw, Charles Crisp, Michelle George, Eileen Black, Mrs Robb, Dorothy deGale, Alicia deGale, Caroline Farodoye, Lorraine Mack, Audrey Marshall, Leslie Utting, Valerie Lomer-Panek, Peggy Bownes, Alice Wright, Rosemary Makhulu, Fiona McKenna, Dorothy Bradshaw, Colin Busby, Miriam Hartigan, Sue Fraser, Tina, Francesco, Josephine Leaton, Therese Lucas, Gillian Murtagh, Lucy Gillert, Libertine Quinn, Anna Ross, Richard, Marion Cannon, Joanne Lees, Nicky Ewen, Lesley Elkington, Patrick Goodacre, Janet Morgan, Nancy Coxall, Betram Hodge, Molly Addison, Brandon Phillip.



# St John's, Fulham

Walham Green, SW6

Over 175 Years at the heart of Fulham

**Sunday 31st December**

**10am Parish Mass**

Welcome to St John's this evening, especially if you are a visitor or newcomer. The wait is over—Jesus is born in a stable in Bethlehem and we have a king. As we come to worship the babe let us share in the obedience of Mary & Joseph, the joy of the shepherds and the perseverance of the Magi. There is a loop system for those with assisted hearing.

### The Gathering

As the bell rings, we stand to sing this hymn:

**Christians, awake, salute the happy morn,  
whereon the Saviour of the world was born;  
rise to adore the mystery of love,  
which hosts of angels chanted from above;  
with them the joyful tidings first begun  
of God incarnate and the Virgin's Son.**

**Then to the watchful shepherds it was told,  
who heard the angelic herald's voice, 'Behold,  
I bring good tidings of a Saviour's birth  
to you and all the nations upon earth:  
this day hath God fulfill'd his promised word,  
this day is born a Saviour, Christ the Lord.'**

**O may we keep and ponder in our mind  
God's wondrous love in saving lost mankind;  
trace we the babe, who hath retrieved our loss,  
from his poor manger to his bitter cross;  
tread in his steps, assisted by his grace,  
till man's first heavenly state again takes place.**

**Then may we hope, the angelic hosts among,  
to sing, redeem'd, a glad triumphal song:  
he that was born upon this joyful day  
around us all his glory shall display;  
saved by his love, incessant we shall sing  
eternal praise to heav'n's almighty King.**

### The Greeting

+ In the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you  
**and also with you.**

*The Mass is introduced and we are invited to remember our sins  
and to confess them to God. We then sing*

**Lord our God,  
in our sin we have avoided your call.  
Our love for you is like a morning cloud,  
like the dew that goes away early.  
Have mercy on us;  
deliver us from judgement;  
bind up our wounds and revive us;  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

**Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

### The Parish of St John, Fulham

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May the God of all healing and forgiveness draw you to himself, that you may behold the glory of his Son, the Word made flesh, and be cleansed from all your sins, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Gloria in Excelsis**

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.**

*The Opening Prayer is then sung. We respond with **Amen** and then sit to hear God's word.*

### *The Liturgy of the Word*

#### **Readings**

*We hear a reading from Scripture before and after the Psalm. The psalm follows the first reading. At the end the reader says*

*This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.***

#### **Psalm Response**

*We sing the response to be found below*

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

#### **The Gospel**

*After the second reading, we stand to herald the Gospel*

*Alleluia, Alleluia.  
**Alleluia, Alleluia,***

*The Gospel is announced, and all respond*

*The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.***

*Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to N.*

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end*

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.***

#### **Homily**

*We sit for the Homily or Sermon.*

#### **The Creed**

*We proclaim the Church's faith in Jesus Christ.  
**We believe and declare that  
our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Son of God, is both divine and human.***

*God, of the being of the Father,  
the only Son from before time began;*



**Good Christians all, rejoice  
with heart and soul and voice;  
now you hear of endless bliss,  
Jesus Christ was born for this:  
he has oped the heavenly door,  
and man is blessed for evermore;  
Christ was born for this,  
Christ was born for this.**

**Good Christians all, rejoice  
with heart and soul and voice;  
now you need not fear the grave:  
Jesus Christ was born to save,  
calls you one and calls you all,  
to gain his everlasting hall;  
Christ was born to save,  
Christ was born to save**

*You are invited to remain in church to hear the Organ Voluntary  
which tonight is J S Bach's chorale fantasia on the Christmas  
carol **In dulci jubilo** (BWV 729)*

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human from the being of his mother,  
born in the world;  
**fully God and fully human;  
human in both mind and body.**

As God he is equal to the Father,  
as human he is less than the Father.  
**Although he is both divine and human  
he is not two beings but one Christ.**

One, not by turning God into flesh,  
but by taking humanity into God;  
**truly one, not by mixing  
humanity with Godhead,  
but by being one person.**

For as mind and body form one human being  
so the one Christ is both divine and human.  
**The Word became flesh and lived among us;  
we have seen his glory,  
the glory of the only Son from the Father,  
full of grace and truth.**

**Prayers of Intercession**

*We remain standing to prayer together. At the end of each  
petition this response is used*

Holy God: **Hear our prayer.**

*At the end, we ask Mary to pray with us and for us as we say*

**Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.  
Blessed art thou among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us  
sinners now, and at the hour of our death.**

*After a pause for silent prayer, we conclude*

Merciful Father, **accept these prayers for the  
sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
Amen.**

*The Liturgy of the Sacrament*

**The Peace**

Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given,  
and his name shall be called the Prince of Peace.

The peace of the Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

*We are invited to give one another a sign of peace. After this, the  
gifts of bread & wine and money are brought to the Altar as we  
sing the Offertory hymn*

**Hark! the herald-angels sing  
glory to the new-born King,  
peace on earth, and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled.  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,  
join the triumph of the skies;  
with the angelic host proclaim,  
'Christ is born in Bethlehem.'**

*Hark! the herald-angels sing  
glory to the new-born King.*

**Christ, by highest heaven adored,  
Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
late in time behold him come,  
offspring of a virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see!  
Hail, the incarnate Deity!  
Pleased as man with man to dwell,**

**Jesus, our Emmanuel. Hark...**

**Hail, the heaven-born Prince of peace!  
Hail, the sun of righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings,  
risen with healing in his wings.  
Mild he lays his glory by,  
born that man no more may die,  
born to raise the sons of earth,  
born to give them second birth. Hark...**

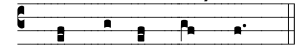
*After the hymn, this prayer is used*

Pray, my brothers and sisters ...  
**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your  
hands for the praise and glory of his name,  
for our good and the good of all his Church.**

*The celebrant sings a prayer over the gifts and we reply Amen.*

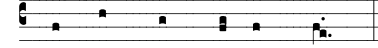
### **The Eucharistic Prayer**

The Lord be with you



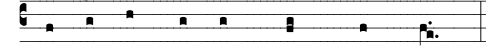
**and al-so with you.**

Lift up your hearts.



**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

*We remain standing to pray together as the celebrant praises  
God for his mighty acts in the Preface and then all sing*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and God of might.  
Heaven and earth, heaven and earth  
are full of your glory, your power and might.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest heav'n  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest heav'n.**

**Blesséd, blesséd is he who comes,  
blesséd, blesséd is he who comes,  
blesséd is he, blesséd is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Hosanna...**

*The celebrant continues to praise God and then we respond*

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Yea, Lord, we greet thee,  
born this happy morning;  
Jesu, to thee be glory given:  
word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:  
O come, let us adore him...**

*At the end of the prayer we all respond Amen.*

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the  
glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

We break the bread of life,  
and that life is the light of the world.  
**God is here among us,  
light in the midst of us,  
bring us to light and life.**

*We remain standing to sing Lamb of God*

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us, have mercy on us. (x2)**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
grant us peace, grant us peace.**

*The celebrant invites the people to Communion*

Christ is the true bread  
which has come down from heaven.  
**Lord, give us this bread always.**

*All are welcome to receive Holy Communion if are confirmed or if  
you do so in your own church. If you would prefer, please come  
forward and bow your head for a blessing. Please follow the  
directions of the Sidespeople. After all have received Communion,  
we sing*

**Infant holy, infant lowly,  
for his bed a cattle stall;  
oxen lowing, little knowing  
Christ the babe is Lord of all.  
Swift are winging angels singing,  
nowells ringing, tidings bringing,  
Christ the babe is Lord of all,  
Christ the babe is Lord of all.**

**Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping  
vigil till the morning new;  
saw the glory, heard the story,  
tidings of a gospel true.  
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow,  
praises voicing, greet the morrow,  
Christ the babe was born for you,  
Christ the babe was born for you!**

*We remain silent in prayer after the hymn and then stand with  
the celebrant for the Prayers after Communion*

**We thank you, Lord,  
that you have fed us in this sacrament,  
united us with Christ and given us a foretaste  
of the heavenly banquet prepared  
for all peoples. Amen.**

*We sit to hear the notices, most of which can be found on the  
back of this sheet. After this we stand for the Blessing*

### **The Dismissal**

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

Go in peace. Proclaim the Word made flesh.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Good Christians all, rejoice  
with heart and soul and voice;  
give you heed to what we say:  
Jesus Christ is born today,  
ox and ass before him bow,  
and he is in a manger now;  
Christ is born today,  
Christ is born today.**