

The Communications office at the Diocese have launched a campaign **Come Home for Christmas**. Please visit the Diocesan website rcdow.org.uk/news/comehomeforchristmas/ or see #comehomeforchristmas on Twitter and Facebook.

The Christian family is Missionary; it announces the love of God to the world.

Pope Francis



Merry Christmas

The Oblate Community, the Parish Team and the Parish Pastoral Council would like to thank you all for your help and support throughout 2016. Your kindness and generosity never goes unnoticed. We welcome all who are visiting our Parish during this Christmas season. To those that our travelling, we wish you a safe and pleasant journey. To all the children of our Parish, may all your Christmas wishes come true.

May God's blessing be on you all and may the joy of Christmas bring you peace and happiness.

"Christmas gives us so much joy. We do not feel alone any more: God has come to be with us"

Pope Francis



Mazenod Social Club

020 7624 5517

Manager: Anna Redmond

Assistant Manager: Mags Conway

Sat 17th December 2016

Parish Christmas
Dinner Dance in Hall
Music by Pat & Mustang

Mon 19th December

The Ballroom of Romance
with Tom Healy from 8.30pm

Fri 23rd December

Set Dancing in Hall from 8.30pm

Sat 24th Dec – Christmas Eve
Opening 12 Noon to 10pm

Christmas Day
Opening 12 Noon to 3pm

Mon 26th Dec – Boxing Day
Opening 12 Noon to Midnight

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The Ballroom of Romance with
Tony Kearney from 8.30pm

New Year's Eve

Sat 31st December 2016

Open 12 Noon

The Ballroom of Romance in Hall
From 8pm with McGinty
Admission by ticket only: £7
Includes light buffet
Strictly Adults only.
No children admitted

Mon 2nd January 2016

The Ballroom of Romance in Hall
From 8.30pm

Sat 7th Jan

The Donegal Rambler in Lounge
from 9.30pm

Sacred Heart Church

Newsletter for 18th December. 4th Sunday of Advent

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It is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of us memories of goodness and thus to open the doors of **HOPE.**

Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger
(Pope Benedict XV1)

Taize Prayer During Advent

Advent Taize style prayer on Tuesday evening from 7pm in the church. We will sing some simple chants, hear a Gospel reading and spend a short time in silence. Why not join us and take the opportunity to spend some time in preparation for the miracle of Christmas?

'O Come, Let us adore him, Christ the Lord'



Christmas Carols



On Wednesday 21st December A Christmas Carol service will be held in the Church at 7.30pm. All are welcome to attend.

St Vincent de Paul

The annual appeal in our parish for the SVP will be taken up at all Masses today. Thank you for always thinking of those less fortunate than ourselves.

*Charity is the cement which binds communities to God
and persons to one another.....St Vincent de Paul*

Big Christmas Clean in Church

Please come along if you are able to help clean the church in preparation for Christmas on Friday 23rd December from 4.30pm. Mince pies will be provided!

Thank you to all those that clean every weekend, we really appreciate your hard work and dedication in beautifying the Church.

First Holy Communion

Today at 12.30pm Mass we welcome the children who are preparing for their First Holy Communion, please continue to pray for all the boys and girls.

Funeral Notices

Elizabeth Caroline McDermott. Late of Farley Hill, Luton. Mass Monday 19th December at 6.30pm, following with repatriation to Ireland.

Mary O'Donnell late of Ainsworth Way. Funeral Mass Wednesday 21st December at 1.15pm, following onto Golders Green Crematorium at 2.30pm,

John Griffin Late of Honiton Road. Reception into Church on Thursday 29th December at 5.30pm. Funeral Mass Friday 30th December at 12.15pm, following onto Paddington Old Cemetery at 1.30pm.

Olga Fernandes Funeral arrangements to be confirmed.

Rose Fennesy late of Kilvvarock Street W10. Funeral arrangements to be announced.

Mary Grant late of Victoria Road. Funeral arrangements to be announced.

The Sacrament of Baptism

Our programme will begin again on **Thursday 5th January at 9.30am.**

If you wish to discuss your child's baptism, please call to the Parish Office on any Thursday morning. Thank you to Sr. Lucilla and also to Ann Haidiri for your time spent on the Baptism programme.



Christmas Timetable

A list of all services during Christmas is available at the back of the Church and also on our website.

Please note that there will no evening Mass on Christmas Day.

Christmas Offering

Envelopes are available at the back of the Church, all donations will go to the Priests of the Parish. Thank you for your continued support of all our Priests and Brothers, your generosity is really appreciated.

Young at Heart Club

On **Wednesday 21st December** the group will meet at **The Brent Tavern, Cricklewood Broadway** for Christmas Dinner at 1.30pm, please arrive by 1pm to be seated. Buses 16, 316, 332 or 32 from Kilburn High Road to Cricklewood Bus Garage, then walk 20 yards on the left.

Vocations

For information on vocations, please contact Fr. John McFadden OMI at j.mcfadden@oblates.co.uk

Confirmation

There will be a cake sale in aid of the **Marie Cure Centre** which is being held by our **Confirmation Candidates** today after the 11am and 12.30pm Masses. Thank you to everybody that baked or donated cakes.

Parish Office

The Office will be closed for Christmas from 1pm on Friday 23rd December—9.30am on Tuesday 3rd January 2017. The Office Staff thank you for your continued support throughout the year and wish you all a very happy Christmas.

Repository Shop

The shop will be open all next week. Closed from Christmas Day until 4th January. There are still some cards and calendars available which are really good value!

Growing In Faith

The Diocese have recently credited **£2,289** to our account for work to the car park.



Monday Morning Creche

Thank you to all who attend each Monday morning to help set up the facilities for the Creche. A big Thank you to Santa for leaving the North Pole early to visit the children this Monday!

English Classes

The Tuesday English classes that take place at 14a Quex Road are now closed for Christmas. The classes will resume again on Tuesday 10th January at 9.30am. New members very welcome. Many thanks to Justa and Evelyn with the help you give to the English Classes every Tuesday morning.

Irish Pension Advice Network

The service is now closed for Christmas and will resume again on Wednesday 11th January at 9.30am—1pm. Margaret Geiger would like to wish everybody a Merry Christmas and to thank all that support the work of the Irish Pension Advisory Service. Special thanks to George who is always there to help.

Mental Health Group

Sincere thanks to Izzie and Martha for setting up and organising the Group each Thursday morning. The next session will be on Thursday 12th January at 11am.

The Porch

Our **Porch Project** is going from strength to strength. Next Thursday we hope to serve a Christmas Dinner. Many thanks to the Volunteers who prepare the food and provide hospitality to those who otherwise would go without food or shelter on a Thursday evening.

Quex Youth Club

The club will resume again on Friday 13th January at 7.30pm in the School Hall. We really appreciate all the help the volunteers give every Friday evening with our Youth and to all that help with organising the activities and programmes.

Credit Union

A big thank you to all those that volunteer their time with the Credit Union each week.

Saturday Afternoon Club

Many thanks to everybody for your continued support throughout the year. We are extremely grateful for your help and support on running the club for children and adults with special needs. The club will resume again on Saturday 14th January at 2pm.

St George's School

Many thanks to the staff and pupils of St George's School for inviting our Parishioners to your annual Christmas Party. The food and entertainment was wonderful—well done!

Day of Prayer—St Rose's Garden

A day of prayer with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place at St Rose's Convent Chapel, 160, Anson Road, Cricklewood. On Saturday 31st December from 10.30am—10.30pm.

Oblate Connections and 2017 Calendars

The latest edition of the Oblate Connections and 2017 Calendars are available at the back of the Church. Please take a copy—they are free!

Volunteers of the Parish

To everybody that helps in the Parish, we would like to give our sincere thanks and appreciation for all that you have done throughout the year. There are too many helpers and volunteers to thank individually, but please be assured no matter what you do, the time and services that you offer are very much appreciated. May God continue to bless you and your work.