

THE LADBROKE GROVE EVANGELIST
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HILL, ST MICHAEL'S NORTH KENSINGTON, AND THE
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THE EPIPHANY

Wednesday 5th January 7pm

**Mass at St Andrew's Holborn with Bishop Jonathan and Fr
Philip Preaching**

Thursday 6th January

10am Mass with Epiphany Ceremonies at All Saints

**7pm Solemn Mass at St Matthew's Kensington Olympia - Fr
Philip preaching**

SUNDAY MASSES IN JANUARY

9.30AM PARISH MASS AT ST MICHAEL'S

10.30AM MORNING PRAYER AT ALL SAINTS

11AM PARISH MASS AT ALL SAINTS

11.30AM TAGALOG MASS AT ST MICHAEL'S

COVID -19

We continue as a Church Community to follow very closely the Cov0d-19 guidance and regulations for places of worship.

It is now mandatory to wear a mask in church unless you are exempt.

The pews continue to be socially distanced and there is no sharing of the peace, sharing of the chalice, or passing of the collection plate. You are encouraged to remove all printed material you are give and to use the hand sanitiser provided.

The clergy take regular Lateral Flow Tests to ensure they are well and healthy and take appropriate precautions for the distribution of Holy Communion.

We use approved cleaning material to clean the church before and after masses, and ensure proper ventilation.

Should there be an outbreak of Covid linked to the church the building would be closed for 72 hours and deep cleaned. If this occurs we may need to ask you to use the other church. Do please be understanding if this happens.

Finally, if you do have any questions or concerns do please be in touch with Fr Philip or a Churchwarden.

MARY'S MEALS

After Mass the 11am on Sunday 9th a representative of Mary's Meals, last year's Lent Charity will update us on their important work of ensuring children around the world attend school by giving them a meal.

SCHOOL OF FAITH

On the 3rd Sunday of each month, 20 minutes after the 11am Mass a talk and discussion about our faith. Starting this month on Sunday 16th January: The Liturgical Year. If you have topics to suggest please speak to Fr Philip.

ALL SAINTS FOODBANK

Foodbank will meet on Friday 24th December 10am-11am.

Do please bring items along for the Foodbank and leave them in the basket. This month we particularly ask for tinned fruit and tinned hot dogs.

WAND Foodbank

Tuesdays 10.30am-4pm at St Michael's Ladbroke Grove.

This project feeds around 200 families per week.

BIBLE ALIVE

This is a lovely magazine which details the readings at Mass and offers prayers and reflections. It comes out on average each month, although this varies. Copies are £3. Please speak to Sharon Fergus if you would like to apply.

STARTING FROM SCRATCH

In February we will begin a course for exploring the Christian Faith, this will be particularly aimed at those who want to know more about the Christian Faith and perhaps haven't had the opportunity before. This will be an important work of mission.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Classes for First Holy Communion begin on Saturday 22nd January. Please speak to Ross about this.

Please do also speak to Ross or Fr Philip if you are interested in baptism or confirmation for you or someone you know.

DATES FOR 2022

On the Feast of the Epiphany it is traditional to announce the dates of the moveable feasts. These include:

Ash Wednesday: 2nd March

Good Friday: 15th April

Easter Day: 17th April

The Ascension : 26th May

Pentecost: 5th June

Corpus Christi: 16th June

Churches Together in Notting Hill

**Meets at All Saints for the Prayer lunch on Wednesday 12th
January. 12.30pm-1.30pm**

EPIPHANY BLESSINGS

At Mass for the Epiphany we will bless chalk to use in our homes to ask God to bless them and keep them safe. Blessed Chalk will also be available after Mass on Sunday 9th January.. This is an ancient Christian tradition. Here is what to do with the blessed chalk:

Instructions for Blessing the Home

Using the blessed chalk mark the lintel of your front door (or front porch step) as follows:

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The three Wise Men, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar followed the star of God's Son who became human two thousand and twenty two years ago.. May Christ bless our home and remain with us throughout the new year. Amen.

Then offer the following prayer: Visit, O blessed Lord, this home with the gladness of your presence. Bless all who live or visit here with the gift of your love; and grant that we may manifest your love to each other and to all whose lives we touch. May we grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of you; guide, comfort, and strengthen us in peace, O Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen

“Chalking the door” is a way to celebrate and literally mark the occasion of the Epiphany and God's blessing of our lives and home. With time the chalk will fade. As it does we let the meaning of the symbols written sink into the depths of our heart and be manifest in our words and actions the Latin words, *Christus mansionem benedictat*, “May Christ bless the house.”

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