



St Joseph's News

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"The Virgin Mary was called to rejoice above all because of what the Lord accomplished in her. God's grace enfolded her and made her worthy of becoming the Mother of Christ. When Gabriel entered her home, even the most profound and impenetrable of mysteries became for her a cause for joy, a cause for faith, a cause for abandonment to the message revealed to her. The fullness of grace can transform the human heart and enable it to do something so great as to change the course of human history."

Pope Francis - 8 December 2015

Christmas Message

There have been a number of events to celebrate and reflect on this special time of year including the Nativities, Christmas Lunch and Woolly Jumper day.

On Wednesday 16 December, we also had the very special occasion of the St Joseph's children at their Christmas Mass. Fr Stephen reminded us that we may **want** a lot of things and we may feel we **need** some things but we may not always receive these. However, we can be sure that God will always provide what we **really need** and he provided the greatest gift over 2,000 years ago through the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

The children enjoyed a wonderful Christmas lunch on Wednesday with their friends and teachers. We had a full meal with all the trimmings and we were served beautifully by volunteers from Year 6.

We have also been remembering others less fortunate than us and we have delivered your generous gifts and donations to our three Christmas charities - Acton Homeless Concern, Catholic Children's Society and Salvation Army.

I hope that the photos below and on the next page will provide a sense of the reflection and joy we share during this season. I wish all our families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mrs Titus
Executive Headmistress



Attendance

Please ensure that your child aims for 100% attendance this year. Every lesson counts so your child can benefit from the excellent learning opportunities at St Joseph's.

Children must also arrive on time every day to ensure they access the full curriculum. Poor punctuality affects your child's learning, the learning of others and is very inconsiderate.

Parents who choose to take their child out of school during term time will each be issued with a £120 Education Penalty Notice Fine per child (reduced to £60 if paid within 21 days of issue date)

Children return to school on Tuesday 5 January 2016

Christmas & New Year At The Shrine Of Our Lady Of Willesden

Please see below the services being held at our parish church over the Christmas and New Year period.

<p>Christmas Eve Family Vigil Mass Missa Brasileiro Readings & Carols MIDNIGHT MASS</p> <p>CHRISTMAS DAY Mass Tridentine Latin Mass Solemn Mass</p> <p>S. Stephen/Boxing Day Sung Mass</p> <p>Vigil Mass of Sunday Missa Brasileiro</p> <p>HOLY FAMILY Mass Solemn Mass Missa Brasileiro <i>There will be NO evening Mass today</i></p> <p>The Holy Innocents Mass</p> <p>S. Thomas Becket Mass Mass</p> <p>Sixth day of Christmas Mass</p>	<p>Thursday 24th December 6pm 8.30pm 11.30pm 12 MIDNIGHT</p> <p>Friday 25th 9am 10am (Shrine Chapel) 11.15am</p> <p>Saturday 26th 10am</p> <p>6pm 7.30pm</p> <p>Sunday 27th 9am 11am 2pm</p> <p>Monday 28th 10am</p> <p>Tuesday 29th 10am 7pm</p> <p>Wednesday 30th 10am</p>	<p>S. Sylvester Mass Missa Brasileiro</p> <p>MARY, MOTHER OF GOD Mass</p> <p>Ss Basil & Gregory Nazianzen Mass</p> <p>Anticipated Mass of Sunday Missa Brasileiro EPIPHANY OF THE LORD Mass Solemn Mass Missa Brasileiro Vespers with Carols Tridentine Latin Mass</p>	<p>Thursday 31st 10am 8.30pm</p> <p>Friday 1st January 2016 12 noon</p> <p>Saturday 2nd 10am</p> <p>6pm 7.30pm Sunday 3rd 9am 11am 2pm 4.30pm 5.30pm</p>
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Fr Stephen and Fr Gabriele from the Parish, and Fr Rafael and Fr Nilo from the Brazilian Chaplaincy, wish you a Blessed Christmas and every happiness in the New Year/Feliz Natal!

Christmas Photos

