



1<sup>st</sup> Sunday  
of Advent

# St Patrick's, Soho

## MASS

Monday to Friday – 12.45pm; Saturday – 6pm;  
Sunday – 11am, 5pm & 6pm (Spanish).

## CONFESSION

Monday to Friday – 12.15pm to 12.40pm;  
Saturday – 5.30pm to 5.55pm.

## ADORATION

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday – 7am to 7pm;  
Wednesday – 7am to 5pm; Saturday – 7pm to 8pm;  
Sunday – after 11am Mass until 4pm

### Mass Intentions

#### Week commencing Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2025

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#### First Sunday of Advent

11am – Parishioners  
5pm – Friends & Benefactors  
6pm – Spanish Mass

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2025

#### Advent feria

12.45pm – Maria – Int.

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2025

#### Advent feria

12.45pm – Jeffrey – Int.  
7pm – Latin Mass

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2025

#### Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

12.45pm – John Chalk - RIP

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2025

#### Advent feria

12.45pm – Caitlin Cronin – Int.  
7pm – Latin Mass

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2025

#### Advent feria

12.45pm – Michael - Int.

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2025

#### Advent feria

6pm – Mass

#### Parish Team

Father Alexander Sherbrooke – Parish Priest; Tracy Butterly – Parish Operations Manager.  
Magdalene Lee – Director of Mission; Laurence Scheyvens – Evangelisation Coordinator;  
Janet Dowie – Outreach Coordinator.



## **SOS Prayerline**

**020 7434 9211**

Do you have a Prayer Request and would like to ask for intercession?

**Monday to Sunday  
(7pm to 11pm)**

Our SOS volunteers will be at the other end of the phone to intercede together with your prayer request in front of the Blessed Sacrament.

Alternatively, you can leave a prayer voice message anytime of the day and night and our volunteers will listen to them and pray for your intentions.

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## **Divine Mercy**

### **Chaplet**

**Daily at 3pm**

Every day we say the Chaplet during Adoration. The revelation of Our Lord to Saint Faustina is an invitation “to drink deeply of the mercy and forgiveness of God” so that we may better understand His love for us from the womb to eternity.

## **Legion of Mary**

**Tuesdays – 6.30pm to 7pm**



The main aim of the Legion of Mary, which is the worlds largest Catholic lay association, is to help its members grow in holiness. We meet weekly on Tuesday’s from 6.30pm to 8pm for prayers like the Rosary and reporting on the work done previously. We do either merciful or charitable or evangelising wokrs once a week, fulfilling our Christian vocation. Gather outside the Church at 6.20pm.

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## **Prayer to St Michael the Archangel**

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; may God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.

## Donations

To make an offering during Mass, please use the QR code below and choose which activity you would like to donate to. On the QR code there are four areas which you can give either separately or together. You can still make a donation via our contactless machines at the back of the Church and our volunteers are also able to take any cash donations as usual. 100% of your generous donations to **Open House, Evangelisation** and **Music** goes to the actual activity and is “ring-fenced” for that fund and that fund alone. **If you wish to avoid using the QR code during Mass – we have simple “support our mission” cards ready to take away with you.**

### Evangelisation

This helps in all our outreach activities be it Night Fever, missions, talks (including our Sessions/Summits). It is how we share our faith in Jesus Christ.

### Homeless projects

#### (Open House, Breakfast Club etc)

Every week we provide some 250 meals for those less fortunate as well as companionship, welcome and friendship.

### Music and the choir

Saint Patrick's has a long and rich history of music and choirs. How important it is we can enhance and make more beautiful our celebration.

### Giving – offertory

This goes 67% to the general upkeep of the Church such as cleaning, lighting etc and 33% goes to support the work of the Archdiocese of Westminster. Please know our gratitude for all you give and pray for us. Every week we pray for you as a weekly Mass intention. Please also pray for the work of the Parish.

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## Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2025

International Mass on the second Sunday of advent in honour of the Immaculate Conception. Please note that on that day there will be no 5pm Mass but a 6pm Mass followed by a procession with Our Lady through the streets of Soho.

### Advent Book

Caryll Houselander has written a book called “The Reed of God” which is a classic Advent text with deep spiritual invitation to come close to Mary as we journey with her to Bethlehem. This will be on sale in Café Manoppello from this weekend at £20.00.



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# Reflection

**“You know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. The night is far gone; the day is at hand”.**

This Sunday starts the Season of Advent and the Church’s new year. It is a time of beginning, expectation, hope and watchfulness. That has to be contrasted with the wet and windy weather, short days and the annual bout of flu, colds and coughs. All our physical surroundings are not naturally auspicious for a new beginning and year. However, we have to remember that as a Church we are counter-cultural and we look for meaning and substance in things which are hidden, humble and small. All our physical surroundings at this time are inviting us to a spiritual emptiness and poverty for it is there that we can best prepare for the coming of the Messiah. When we feel that true sense of being on our knees, abandoned and empty can we truly receive the Pilgrim King. This is exactly what Advent is about for it is not looking for that which is glamorous, worldly and powerful but to find Christ in the hiddenness and obscurity of our hearts.

A beautiful reminder of this is when we go on our knees as happens in some Churches to receive Holy Communion for that expresses a sense of poverty and emptiness which needs to meet the wonder and the joy that is Bethlehem.

In a strict sense this is not a season for penance as is Lent but one of joy but joy that can only be found when we strip ourselves back and ask to know only Jesus in Nazareth.

New years are always possibilities of thanksgiving to the past and resolution and intentions for the future. I have only been back for a year and it is extraordinary how God has blessed us as a Parish with so many wonderful things happening – for instance, the numbers of people coming to Mass or those asking to be received and baptised at the Easter Vigil. There is of course a financial and material cost to this about which we have to be responsible parishioners. Zygmunt Rakowicz who joined our Finance Committee in the spring has been doing sterling work putting together the fundraising appeals for the next year. We have to increase the funds for Music, Evangelisation and Open House/outreach to the poor and homeless. In addition to that the priestly and the physical surrounds of the parish need to be paid for. Zyg has prepared an overview of parish finances explaining where we are at and also our planned giving campaign for the next twelve months.

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**Immaculate Conception of Our Lady.** This year the Feast falls on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December and we will have prepared for the Feast by processing with Our Lady through the streets after the evening Mass of Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December. There will be a Solemn Mass at 6pm on the Monday with the full choir, after which we will bless as is the tradition of the Church, the cribs that will mark our Advent and Christmas journey. What is very important on this evening, is that it will be exactly two years since the late Cardinal George Pell celebrated his last public Mass here at St Patrick’s. It was a very happy occasion with many young people attending giving witness to how he had a very particular charism for supporting and enabling Catholics in their journey of faith. We will also be launching a “Cardinal Pell Foundation” inspired by his life to continue to support his work in the Church today. Please mark both these events in your diary.