



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.

**3rd Sunday
of Advent**

Mass Intentions

Week commencing Sunday 14th December 2025

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3rd Sunday of Advent

11am – Parishioners

5pm – Friends & Benefactors

6pm – Spanish Mass

Monday 15th December 2025

Advent feria

12.45pm – Billy MacDonald - RIP

Tuesday 16th December 2025

Advent feria

12.45pm – Patrick & Michael – Int.

7pm – Latin Mass

Wednesday 17th December 2025

Advent feria

12.45pm – 20th Anniversary Mass –

Justin & Catriona Blampied - Int.

Thursday 18th December 2025

Advent feria

12.45pm – Mrs Reid - RIP

7pm – Latin Mass

Friday 19th December 2025

Advent feria

12.45pm – Atieno Makokha - RIP

Saturday 20th December

Advent feria

6pm – Daluz Andrade – Int.

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 pChurch 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.

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

“Go and tell John what you hear and see; of the blind receive their sight....”

As is the tradition of the Church on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, we put out our cribs and blest them. You will notice from the cribs here at St Patrick's that all the figures are there except for the Baby Jesus. The reason for that is of course obvious in that we place the Christ Child there at Midnight Mass on Christmas Day; signifying that He has now been born in Bethlehem. There is however a deeper significance or invitation when we contemplate the empty manger. We are being invited to pray with that manger, to take it into our hearts and to identify with it. The Christ Child is going to be born into our world but also we hope into our hearts and our souls. In other words that the empty manger must be like our hearts which are empty, open, expectant and waiting. The filling of our hearts and the manger are the same narrative. So let us see how we can walk with it by accepting what Our Lord tells John the Baptist.

The blind receive their sight and we need to ask what is it that makes us blind; are we too seduced by the world and its blandishments so that we cannot see the simplicity and humility of Bethlehem. We are promised that we will no longer be lame but able to walk. This means that we have to walk as though Jesus is walking with us. When we go about our daily activities, how much do we let ourselves be conditioned and persuaded by the fashions of our world. Instead, we are being invited to walk in faith with Jesus, to go and be with those people, those situations that the world disapproves of but Jesus would want us to be there. Lepers are cleansed – let us be ready to ask how lepers are stained and shamed by our world. They are afraid of being despised and rejected, they carry with them great shame. How much do we carry shame, when we fail to ask for forgiveness of sins and we cannot be humble before the Lord. It is only the Christ Child which gives us our true dignity. The deaf will hear, which means we are no longer obsessed with the chatter of the world but we look to hear the Word of God to receive it with gratitude and to live it. The dead are raised up which takes us directly to the Sacrament of Baptism. It is in baptism that we have poured into us the life of grace so that we may live holy lives in accordance with Jesus. As you meditate upon the empty manger, ask how much you are desirous of God's grace and wish to live according to that which means being immersed into the life of the Sacraments and prayer. Then there is the injunction to be with the poor. If the stable at Bethlehem means anything, it has to be an invitation to strip ourselves of our worldly comforts so that we can be comfortable adoring the Christ Child as if we were adoring the Blessed Sacrament. Lastly, Jesus tells us that if we truly embrace the manger, we will never be afraid of proclaiming Christ. Put very simply – can you take Christ out of Christmas.

Why not, once again, spend time with the empty crib and embrace it as though it was your empty heart waiting to receive the new life of Christ.

God bless and a blessed Advent.

Father Alexander