



# ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL SOUTHWARK

METROPOLITAN CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST GEORGE



## THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD – CHRISTMAS DAY

25 DECEMBER 2016

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**Readings:** Isaiah 52: 7 – 10. Psalm 97: 1 – 6.  
Hebrews 1: 1 – 6. John 1: 1 – 18.

**Mass Intentions:** 6pm (*Saturday Vigil*): Holy Souls  
Midnight: Intentions of Archbishop Peter  
8am: Elizabeth Mary Molloy – RIP  
10am: People of the Parish  
11.30am: Wellbeing of Cathy and Paul Leachy  
6pm: No Mass

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

A child is born for us, and a son is given to us;  
his sceptre of power rests upon his shoulder,  
and his name will be called Messenger of great counsel.

### PSALM RESPONSE:

All the ends of the earth have seen  
the salvation of our God.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

A hallowed day has dawned upon us.

Come, you nations, worship the Lord, for today a great light has shone down upon the earth.  
Alleluia!

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

## **CHILDREN'S LITURGY:**

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This group is on a Christmas break.

## **PARISH NOTICES:**

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### **Last week's collections:**

The total collection for last Sunday was **£1,445**. Thank you.

If you would like to gift-aid your offering, please see one of the Clergy after Mass.

Canon Richard, Fr Ola, Fr Tom and Fr Stephen would like to wish everyone a very blessed and joyful Christmas. Thank you for your many cards, gifts and good wishes; they are very much appreciated.

### **Crib Collection**

This year the crib collection will be for the Southwark Crisis Fund which is run on behalf of the diocese by the Catholic Children's Society. It provides financial help to children and families in need throughout the diocese of Southwark. Please place donations in the box at the back of the cathedral.

### **Christmas Octave**

Please note that from Monday 26 until Friday 30 December there will be one Mass each day at 12.30pm. There will be no 9.30am Mass on Saturday 31 December. The Cathedral Office will be closed until Monday 9 January.

### **Christmas Collection**

The collection taken at Masses on Christmas Day is your personal gift to the cathedral clergy. Collection envelopes are available at the back of the cathedral.

### **Mass of Thanksgiving**

On New Year's Eve, 31 December, there will be a Mass of Thanksgiving at 11pm in the Cathedral.

### **St Vincent De Paul Group**

The next meeting of the St. George's SVP group will be at 1pm in Amigo Hall on Sunday 15 January.

### **Southwark Catholic Directory**

Copies of the 2017 edition of the directory will be available in January from the Respository after the 10am and 11.30 am Masses.

### **Eucharistic Adoration**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will next take place on Friday 6 January from 8am, ending with Evening Prayer & Benediction at 6pm, and on Saturday 7 January from 10am until 12.15pm.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Monday 26 December	<i>Feast: St Stephen, the Martyr – Mass at 12.30pm Cathedral closes at 1.30pm</i>
Tuesday 27 December	<i>Feast: St John, Apostle and Evangelist – Mass at 12.30pm Cathedral open 10am - 4pm</i>
Wednesday 28 December	<i>Feast: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs – Mass at 12.30pm Cathedral open 10am - 4pm</i>
Thursday 29 December	<i>Feast: St Thomas of Canterbury, Bishop and Martyr - Mass at 12.30pm Cathedral open 10am - 4pm</i>
Friday 30 December	<i>Feast: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph – Mass at 12.30pm Cathedral open 10am - 4pm</i>
Saturday 31 December	<i>7th Day in the Octave of Christmas – Mass at 12.30pm Cathedral open 10am (no 9.30am Mass)</i>
Saturday 31 December	<i>Mass of Thanksgiving 11pm – Cathedral</i>

## MASS & CONFESSION TIMES:

Please see the Advent and Christmas leaflet at the back of the Cathedral or our website, for full details. The usual schedule below will resume in January.

<b>Weekday Mass:</b>	<b>Weekend Mass:</b>	<b>Confession:</b>	<b>Exposition:</b>
<b>Monday to Friday:</b> Mass 7.30am, 12.30pm Evening Prayer and Benediction 6pm (Fridays)  <b>Holy Days of Obligation:</b> Mass 7.30am, 12.30pm, 6pm	<b>Saturday:</b> Mass 9.30am, 12.30pm, 6pm (First Mass of Sunday)  <b>Sunday:</b> Mass 8am, 10am (Family), 11.30am (Solemn), 1pm (Español), 6pm	<b>Monday to Friday:</b> 12-12.20pm  <b>Saturday:</b> 11.15am-12.15pm, 5-5.50pm	<b>Friday:</b> 8am-6pm  <b>Saturday:</b> 10am-12.15pm  <i>Usually takes place            in the Day Chapel</i>

## THIS SUNDAY'S HYMNS & MUSIC:

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There are separate service sheets for the 10am and 11.30am Masses today, where you will find all the hymn texts, music and congregational responses.

	10am	11.30am	6pm
Organ Music before Mass		Puer natus in Bethlehem - Buxtehude	(NO MASS)
Entrance Hymn	O come, all ye faithful	O come, all ye faithful	
Mass Setting	St George's Mass - Harper	Missa a tre voce (K S A) - Lotti <b>Gloria VIII, Credo III</b>	
Offertory	O little town of Bethlehem	Natus est nobis - Handl	
Communion	The Virgin's last slumber song - Strover	O little town of Bethlehem	
Recessional Hymn	Hark! the herald angels sing	Hark! the herald angels sing	
Organ Voluntary	Es ist das Heil uns kommen her - J.S.Bach	Prelude and Fugue in B major - Dupré	

### Translation of the offertory motet text at the 11.30am Solemn Mass:

*He has been born for us, God from God, light from light, who was in the beginning. A Virgin conceived the Word, a Virgin she remained. A Virgin has given birth to the King of all Kingdoms. Alleluia.*

After today, the Cathedral Choirs will be on their Christmas break until 15 January.

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