

**10 December 2023**

**Second Sunday of Advent**

**Saint Joseph's Passionist Church**

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**Sunday Mass: 9.30 am, 11 & 12.30,**

**6.30 pm (Saturday Vigil at 6:30pm)**

**Mon-Friday Mass at 8:30am; Saturday morning Mass at 11am.**

**Every Saturday before Mass: Eucharistic Adoration: 10:30am.**

**Confession** Saturday: 11.30 – 12.30 & 5 – 6 p.m. (no appointments SUNDAY 24Dec).

**Swahili Mass this Sunday 3pm**

**Collection 3 Dec:** €2908,91; Coffee €84,64; Shrines €229.62; bookstall 115; ADP: €2397

**NB: French Tax Receipts 2023** for donations **before 31<sup>st</sup> December 23** (from website tab "donations" or cheque to "St Joseph ADP"

**US tax Receipts:** donations of dollar cheques can get a St Joseph's receipt on demand to [stjosephparis@orange.fr](mailto:stjosephparis@orange.fr).

**Thanks to all for your generosity.**

**Teen Faith: Sat 9 Dec Pilgrimage to St Etienne du Mont Paris 5<sup>th</sup>. Meet at 2pm at St Joseph's. Gabriella [gabriella.iranifey@gmail.com](mailto:gabriella.iranifey@gmail.com)**

**Bible Study:** Wednesday 10:30am on 13 Dec with Christmas carol service and lunch afterward. (BS Resumes January 10<sup>th</sup>) <https://biblestudystjosephsparis.wordpress.com/>

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**Tree ramp: children labelled range and**

**gender if relevant (for ideas, you can take a label from the tree ). Gifts will be given out before Christmas, so the tree will be ending 17Dec.**

Contact Gretchen for info [Gknoll-rask@gmail.com](mailto:Gknoll-rask@gmail.com) Charities: Orphanopolis (Police orphans); Caritas, Marie de Bequet (mothers & children escaping from violence), Caritas.

**ADVENT and Christmas:**

(Also more details on the verso)

**-Christmas Carols:** Friday 15 Dec 8pm

**-Advent Retreat:** Saturday 16 Dec 10am to 1pm ( includes confession)

**- Nativity Play/Pageant** Sunday 17 Dec 3pm. **Please note To Parents: Main rehearsals with the CCD children on Sunday 10 December, 2 - 3pm and again on Sunday 17 December 2-3pm. [yagparis@yahoo.com](mailto:yagparis@yahoo.com)**

**- Confessions Sat 23 Dec:** Saturday 11.30 – 12.30 & 5 – 6 pm or by appointments during the week. Please Note: there is **No** confessions on Sun 24

**- Christmas Masses: 24 Dec 5:30pm; 7:30pm;10pm (Carols sung before all Masses)- 25 Dec One Mass at 11am.**



**PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS**

Please make time in your busy calendar for three important moments in our preparations for the feast of Christmas.

Friday December 15 at 8 pm the musicians of St. Joseph's will join force to present a festival of Christmas carols and other seasonal music. Under the direction of our organist Daniel Morales they will help us to enter into the spirit of this joyful season with a wide selection of old favourites and some classical pieces. It promises to be a wonderful experience.



**Saturday December 16** we will have our parish Advent Retreat beginning at 10 am. The retreat will begin with a meditation on the mystery of Christ's birth followed by silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Mass will be celebrated at 11 am. After Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will continue and the sacrament of reconciliation will be available. The short retreat will conclude at 1 pm.



**Sunday December 17 at 3 pm** the children from CCD will present the Christmas Pageant with readings and songs. This is a beautiful moment for the children, teachers and parents, together with the whole parish to celebrate the wonder of Christmas and to tell the story of the little baby Jesus in his mother Mary's arms. It is also a moment to celebrate our young people as they grow in their knowledge and love of Jesus.

