

**All Masses Are Live Streamed On YouTube -
St Michael's Church East Ham**

Saturday First Mass of Sunday
23rd 6.00 pm Alice Drew Int. (Sue Fahy)

Sunday FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)
24th 7.30 am Jerald Francis Cruz Anniv. (Family)
9.00 am Ida Mentessi RIP (Billy Nash)
11.00 am Parish Family

SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

6.00 pm Sr. Katherine Lehane RIP (Family)
11.30 pm Office of Readings and Carols
12.00midnight Private Intention



Monday CHRISTMAS DAY
25th 9.00 am Parish Family
11.00 am Maria Sagun
6.00 pm Special Intention

Tuesday St. Stephen, The First Martyr
26th NB 10.00 am Nixon RIP : Altar Servers' Mass

Wednesday St. John, Ap, Evangelist
27th 8.45 am Morning Prayer
9.00 am John Frenchu Anniv. (Bindu George)

Thursday The Holy Innocents, Mm
28th 8.45 am Morning Prayer
9.00 am Bishop Gregory Ochiagaa Anniv. (Sr.Iffey Kristi)

Friday St. Thomas of Canterbury
29th 8.45 am Morning Prayer
9.00 am Sherlin Gerard RIP

Saturday Sixth Day within the Octave of Christmas
30th 9.00 am Ambrose Akuwudike (Francisca Ikejieta)

Saturday First Mass of Sunday
30th 6.00 pm Sherlin Jerrard RIP

Sunday THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH (B)
31st 7.30 am Matthew & Rani 25year Wedding Anniv.
9.00 am Parish Family
11.00 am Elizabeth Joseph Anniv. (Family)
4.00 pm Malayalam Mass
8.00 pm Syro Malabar Mass

12.00midnight New Year Mass

PARISH OF ST. MICHAEL'S

PARISH PRIEST: Rev. Canon Bob Hamill

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)

Expectant Mothers

Dear Parishioners

Prayer from School Children

Dear Father,

As we light the fourth candle of Advent and excitedly wait for your coming, we pray for peace on Earth. We pray for peace in our homes, in our hearts, in our communities and in countries that are at war with each other. Jesus came in peace. Help us all to find the peace that He offered so that our planet and environment can be a beautiful place to live.

Amen (Year 6 - St. Michael's School)



We wish you a Happy and Holy Christmas

and New Year 2024

God Bless, Bob

Please pray for Masillamani Lawrence who has died, please pray for his Family and Friends at this difficult time.

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday 24th	Communion to the Sick - 1.30pm
Monday 25 th	Christmas Day Masses 9.00am; 11.00am; 6.00pm
Tuesday 26th	Altar Servers' Mass followed by Awards – 10.00am
Wednesday 27th	Manor Park 100 Years celebration
Thursday 28th	Wedding of Robinson/Sabi 11.30am
Friday 29th	
Saturday 30th	
Sunday 31 st	Communion to the Sick/Housebound 1.30pm

COMING EVENTS

Baptism Course begins Monday 8th January 2024

TELEPHONE LINE PROBLEMS Unfortunately, our telephone line has been disconnected in the process of switching broadband and telephone line accounts and service providers.

Fortunately, we can still receive emails at eastham@brcdt.org The priority for the Parish Office is to get the number recovered and restored as soon as possible. BT has told us that the number is in quarantine and quite the challenge to restore it.

It takes one second to disconnect a line but a whole process (*incl, protocols, checklists, managers, signatures, meetings, OpenReach etc.*) to restore it. All this takes time.

At the moment we are not yet engaging in the blame game with BT, but focusing solely on recovering and restoring our line and number. We are limited in what we can do on our part but we are trying so hard.

In the meantime the Parish has acquired a mobile number **07459 310 729--** which you can use to contact the office & the priest.

We thank you for your understanding and patience and we very much regret the inconvenience all this is causing.

YOUNG ADULT RETREAT – *Saturday 6th January 2024* A full day retreat for those aged 18 – 27 (having left school), at our beautiful retreat house Walsingham House at Abbotswick. Explore your faith, be inspired to put your faith into action, learn, ask questions and pray, all with other young adults. There is a small cost of just £10 to cover the day, with lunch and refreshments provided. For more information and to apply, please visit www.bcys.net/events/youngadults/
SUMMER LOURDES applications are open, and we have already had 60 people apply!

FLAME 2025 tickets will be on sale on 31st January 2024.

VOLUNTEER AT WALSINGHAM HOUSE for the academic year 2024/2025 – applications are now open for anyone currently in year 13 or above and we are happy to answer any questions that young people or parents might have.

All information for the above can be found on our website – www.bcys.net

WALSINGHAM HOUSE: 40yrs of Walsingham House Teams: 2024 marks 40 years of retreat teams at Walsingham House. There will be a celebration Mass with Bishop Alan on **Saturday 31st August 2024** at Walsingham House at Abbotswick. Please save the date as it would be wonderful to see Walsingham House and BCYS alumni and friends gather together to mark this milestone. More information to follow in the New Year.

BAPTISM COURSE: The next Baptism Course will take place on Monday 8th January 2024. If Parents wish to have their child Baptised in the next couple of months they need to join the course and to bring copy of their own Baptism Certificate with them. You are allowed up to four Godparents and if possible they should be practicing Catholics. The course begins at 6.30pm on both Monday evenings 8th and 15th of January 2024.

CONFIRMATION: The course will begin this coming Thursday in the Church at 6.30pm. Please try to be here by 6.20pm. If you missed the meeting last week and you wish to join the program then please come along with a letter saying you wish to receive the Sacrament

