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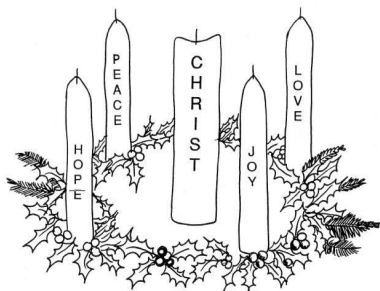


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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year C) SUNDAY 2nd DECEMBER 2018



The Advent wreath can be a powerful symbol. In a world of instant service, of 59 minute delivery and 24 hours a day communication the Advent Wreath reminds us that waiting can be good. Each Sunday we light one more candle, and we see that there are still others to be lit. Advent is about waiting for the Messiah. Not wasting time, but expectant waiting. Waiting that is about longing, about yearning. Waiting that does not sell-out to the premature festivity of the tinsel and the mistletoe, the commercial excuse for profit, the Christless jollity. Advent waiting is an invitation to grow, to ponder, to reflect and to be grateful. It's not instant. It's mellow. And it's rewarding.

Yet again, as the Church's year begins a new cycle, we receive a call to remain awake and ready for the coming of our saviour Jesus Christ. Our prayer is for the strength to be vigilant and to persevere in trying to live the life we know God wants of us. Our hope is that , in whatever way he comes, Christ may find us with the strength of will for doing good.

RENEWAL OF COMMITMENT OF ALL THE MINISTERS OF THE WORD (READERS): next Sunday is Bible Sunday and all the Readers are requested to renew their commitment which will take place during all the weekend masses 8/9th December.



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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.
In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.
Nor let my enemies exult over me;
and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

The Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory. Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.'

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah 33:14-16

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah:

'In those days and at that time,
I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David,
who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land.
In those days Judah shall be saved
and Israel shall dwell in confidence.
And this is the name the city will be called:
The-Lord-our-integrity.'

The word of the Lord. R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 24(25):4-5,8-9,10,14

R. To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. **R**

The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
He guides the humble in the right path,
He teaches his way to the poor. **R**



His ways are faithfulness and love
for those who keep his covenant and law.
The Lord's friendship is for those who revere him;
to them he reveals his covenant. **R.**

SECOND READING

A Reading from the letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints.

Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

The word of the Lord. R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke 21:25-28,34-36

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.

'Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.'

The Gospel of the Lord. R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; Through him all things were made.✠For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit (all bow) *was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.*

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Pray brothers and sisters that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the Almighty Father.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

SANCTUS:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE MYSTERY OF FAITH.

*We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection,
until you come again.*

COMMUNION RITE

Deliver us, Lord, we pray...

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever

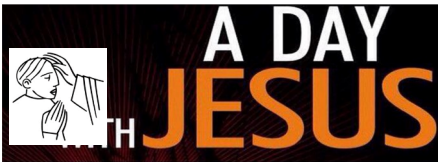
Behold the Lamb of God...

Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

PARISH INFORMATION, FAITH NEWS & MISSION



DAY WITH JESUS & ADVENT RECOLLECTION: is on Saturday 8th December beginning at 9.15am with Morning Prayer, Devotions and a talk. Mass

at 11am followed by Anointing of the Sick. *It will be a special Day of Recollection on the theme of Advent to prepare for the celebrations of Christmas.*



CHRISTMAS RAFFLE: A gentle reminder to please try and sell as many raffle tickets to make the fundraising towards the Presbytery and Parish halls a success. Please return the counterfoils with the money to a priest or pass to the Parish Office. Thank you.

THANKSGIVING SUNDAY: A Big Thank you to all of you for praying and celebrating together last Sunday. Special thanks to Urdu, Pilipino, Kerala, Polish, African, Caribbean, Tamil, Sri Lanka, Spanish Speaking, Irish & English communities who led singing at the All Nations Thanksgiving Mass. Your generous Thanksgiving Offering is greatly appreciated. Last weekend's Thanksgiving & Raffle collection was £4269.33

BLESSING OF PARISH HALLS: *Archbishop Kevin McDonald will be with us to celebrate the 12pm Mass on Sunday 16th December and to bless the hall. We continue to pray that the renovation work will complete in time.*

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED: Thank you for keeping the faithful departed in your prayers thought the month of November. Parish will offer one Mass every month for all those whose name were placed on Altar (November Altar List).

RITE OF ACCEPTANCE : On this Sunday at 12:00 Mass, we welcome seven adults for the Rite of Acceptance into the order catechumens and the full communion. As we welcome them to the Parish family, we offer our prayer for their journey of faith.

SVP HOMELESS & PRISON PACKS AVAILABLE: The winter packs for the homeless and/or prisoners with each pack costing just £4.00 are available this weekend, 1st & 2nd DECEMBER.

NEW YEAR THANKSGIVING SERVICE & MASS: We, as a parish will come together and spend time in thanksgiving to God for all the blessing each one us & our families have received in 2018. The Thanksgiving Service will begin at 11pm on Monday 31st December and begin the New Year with the Lord in the Mass at midnight followed by New Year's celebration in the hall.

CHRISTMAS DECORATION: All are requested to come and help in decorating the Church on Wednesday 13th December after 6.30pm Mass. Many thanks.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR: Children's Choir will lead singing at the first Mass of the Christmas at 4pm. All the boys and girls are requested to come for singing practise on Saturday 8th and 15th December at 4pm. Many thanks.

FR WILFRED OBINA: There will be a collection for Fr Obina this weekend 1/2 December.

NEW CATECHISTS FOR FIRST COMMUNION: If you can help the catechists to prepare the boys and girls for their first holy communion, please come for an informal meeting on Monday 3rd December at 7.15pm in the presbytery.

PRESBYTERY AND PARISH HALL RENOVATION FUND: *Last weekend we received £4269.33 and so far we have raised £21,242.37*

SIMBANG GABI (Filipino for "Night Mass") is a devotional nine-day series of Masses practised by Roman Catholics in the Philippines in anticipation of Christmas. There will be Simbang Gabi Masses in our church from 16th – 24th DEC. at 6.30pm followed by refreshments in the hall.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME

First Mass of Christmas: Mon 24th at 4pm

Christmas Vigil Mass: Mon 24th at 6pm

Midnight Mass & Carols: Carols at 11pm followed by Mass at midnight.

Christmas Day: Tue 25th 9am, 10.30am & 12:00 Noon.

PARISH OPEN HOUSE: Due to Fr Shaju being on his own, until further notice the Parish Open House on Fridays will be from **4.30pm – 6pm**. The next Open House is **Friday 7th December. No appointment needed.**

9am SUNDAY CHOIR: Anyone wishing to join this choir will be most welcome and no audition will be required!

LIVE MASS: Shalom TV will have a live telecast of the **9.30am Mass on Wednesday 12th December.**

COFFEE IN THE GARDEN: please come and join the Parish for a cup of tea/coffee after Sunday morning masses in the marquee in the garden. It is a time to introduce ourselves to other members of the parish family. Tea/Coffee is free.

CHILDRENS' LITURGY: at the beginning of 10.30am Mass on Sunday, all children, 5-10 years are requested to come forward towards the Sanctuary to join for the liturgy procession to join for the Children's Liturgy.

CHURCH CLEANING: Thank you very much to those people who have volunteered to clean the Church on Mondays. Please do not forget about your duty according to the Rota. This Monday is week 1(Team 1) at 10am.

NEED TO SEE A PRIEST: If you need to see a priest to sign a school supplementary form, discuss about baptism or a wedding or a private matter, please come to the **Parish Open House.**

For all those who are celebrating their birthday this week the Parish wishes you a Happy Birthday and we join you to give thanks to God for the wonderful gift of life to you & you a special gift to us. The Parish also wishes every blessing to all the couples who are celebrating their wedding anniversary this week.



Wish you all a Blessed Week!

TO BAPTISE A BABY: before filling a baptismal application form, please first discuss with a priest at the Parish Open House held on Fridays from 6pm – 7.30pm in the Parish Office.

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE: Next course will be on **Monday 31st December at 7.30pm** in the Parish Meeting Room.

HOSPITAL VISITS: For any person admitted in St George's Hospital and who would like to see a priest, please contact Fr Mark Higgins, the hospital chaplain on 020 8725 3069. In an emergency, please ask the ward staff to contact the Catholic priest on call.

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Please remember in your prayers all those on our parish prayer list.

The Sick: Marie D'Silva, Nilojan Mariyathas, Jill Hart, Betty Joyce, Tony Hardy, Esther Daley, Clifford Tetteh, Norman Mendonca, Irene Mendonca, Julianna Hayfron, Nino Abel, Albert Folvi, Marciana Tangcay, Geoff Blwyddin Helena O'Connor, Cecil Adams, Pat Nolan, Pauline Kearney, Tony & Lenna McCormick, Victoria & Kwesi Yankson, Christina Wood, James & Norah Bolger and Anne Scanlon.

Recently Deceased: Judith Amboule, Mary PROSPERE, Terence RODRICKS, Patrick GILCHRIST, Frederick MANUEL, Raymond D'SOUZA, Gloria GUILLEN and Marlo LUNA.

Anniversaries: Thomas Moore, Michael Hickey, Gladys Kilkelly, Teresa Humphreys, John Neal, Harry Higgs, Martin Paechev, William Fenn, Marie Fitzgerald, Aubrey Nolan, Leo Keating, Florencio D'Mello, Margaret O'Brien, Molly Moran, Declan Donoghue, Dulcie Brunton, Paul Lambert, Lawrence McGrath.

	1st & 2nd December	8th & 9th December
	LITURGICAL READERS (please collect a copy of the rota)	
Sat18.30	Daren Alfred, Adrian Alfred	Matchel Bibat, Ethna Power
09.00	Pat Connors, Angus Xavier	Andrea Mango, Luiza Lobo
10.30	Christi Anoop, Kieran Kelly	Francis Ikpoh, Deuwayne Ikpoh
12.00	Calynn Da Cunha, Matthewson Matthews	Tess Vallo, Ronald Cabrera
18.30	Michael Lobo, Angel Babu	Susan Daniel, Philippa Keeling
	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS (please collect a copy of the rota)	
Sat18.30	Juliana De Souza, Ethna Power, Michael Soupraya	Debra Anton, Matchel Bibat, Doris Cubero
09.00	Kuriakose Antony, Pat Connors, Angus Xavier	Luiza Lobo, Erica Summers, Jane Parper
10.30	Ann & Srikanth Lusena, Therese Onyebalu	Josie McCarthy, Brenda McGrath, Rui Rodrigues
12.00	Angelo Aningalan, David Lobo, Rosemary Kanagaratnam	Bernardine & Denis Fernandes, Mary Rainford
18.30	Reya Mathai, Isabella Mitchell, Daisy Jhugroo	Agnes babu, Sharon Wrightman, Barrie Ellis-Daley
Church Cleaning:	Wk1: Mon 3rd Dec @ 10am	Wk2: Mon 10th Dec @ 7pm
Coffee Morning:	Marquee in the Garden	Marquee in the Garden

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Collection last weekend was **£1,882.29** [Loose plate 54%; Gift Aid 46%]

Thank you for your generosity



Sunday 2nd December FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year C)	09.00 10.30 12.00 18.30	Louis Lally Crispin & Lily De Souza RIP Rose McIntyre 80th Birthday Intentions Judy Ballard RIP
Monday 3rd December St Francis Xavier	09.30 11.00 18.30	Sapiencia Maria Noronha Funeral: FREDERICK W. MANUEL Ifeanyi Uzodike
Tuesday 4th December St John Damascene	09.30 10.30 13:15 18.30	Giuseppe Piccinini RIP A Funeral: TERENCE D. RODRICKS Funeral: Judith AMBOULE John Moore
Wednesday 5th December Feria	09.30 18:30	People of the Parish Mary Loughran RIP A
Thursday 6th December St Nicholas	09.30 18.30	Angus & Muriel Birch RIP A Prendergast Family Deceased
Friday 7th December St. Ambrose	09.30 18.30	Kate Neville RIP Mary Walsh RIP / Varkey Joseph RIP
Saturday 8th December THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE B.V. MARY	11.00 18.30	Day with Jesus: Mass for the Sick Thanksgiving for Fr Shaju's 10years of Priesthood.
Sunday 9th December SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year C)	09.00 10.30 12.00 18.30	Lucia Laidlaw RIP Stephen Moylan RIP Thanksgiving Lily Jack Nolan RIP

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Monday 3rd December</u> SVP (Meet 7.30pm 1st & 3rd Monday each mth) Padre Pio Group (Meet 7.30pm 2nd&4th Monday each mth)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Tuesday 4th December</u> Charismatic Prayer Group Closed 4 Dec18 – 8 Jan19</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Wednesday 5th December</u> Rosary Prayer Group (7pm Parish Meeting Room)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Thursday 6th December</u> Knit & Natter Group (3pm Parish Meeting Room) Legion of Mary (7.15pm Parish Meeting Room) Tamil Mass (7.30pm Church)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Friday 7th December</u> 50+ Club (Meet at St Anslem's Hall 2-4pm)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Parish Open House</u> (4.30pm – 6.00pm in the Presbytery)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sacrament of Reconciliation Sat: 11.30am – 12.30pm</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;">Adoration & Morning Prayer Monday - Saturday: 8.45am Holy Hour on First Friday</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Novena to St Anthony Tuesday: 10am Divine Mercy Chaplet Friday: 10am</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Saturday: 10am</p>
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