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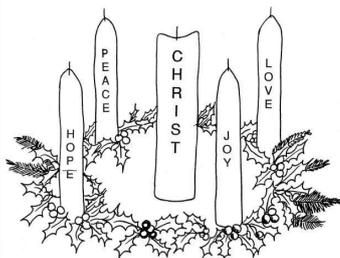
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## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR (A) SUNDAY 1st DECEMBER 2019

*So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. (Matthew 24: 42)*

The Advent wreath can be a powerful symbol. In a world of instant service, 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, to receive God's mercy and to be grateful. It's not instant. It's mellow. And it's rewarding.



**A Year of the Word:** As we welcome a new year: Year A, we reflect and ponder of Matthews' Gospel this year. This year is a special Year in England & Wales– "A Year of the Word" we commit ourselves to make use this year to spend more time to deepen our understand of the scripture.

**EPISCOPAL VICAR FOR KENT:** we congratulate Canon John O'Toole as he is appointed as the Episcopal Vicar for Kent until a new Auxiliary Bishop is appointed by the Holy See. Canon John will take up his new appointment at the beginning of February. We offer our prayers to him as he takes up his new responsibility.

**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 on 7/8th 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. Not let my enemies exult over me; and let hope in you be put to shame.*

**The Gloria:** *No Gloria in Advent*

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING

*A reading from the book of Isaiah 2:1-5*

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In the days to come the mountain of the Temple of the Lord shall tower above the mountains and be lifted higher than the hills. All the nations will stream to it, peoples without number will come to it; and they will say: 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the Temple of the God of Jacob that he may teach us his ways so that we may walk in his paths; since the Law will go out from Zion, and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.' He will wield authority over the nations and adjudicate between many peoples; these will hammer their swords into ploughshares, their spears into sickles. Nation will not lift sword against nation, there will be no more training for war. O House of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.



The word of the Lord.

**R. Thanks be to God**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**      *Psalm 121(122):1-2,4-5,6-9*

*R. I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's House'*

I rejoiced when I heard them say:

'Let us go to God's house'.

And now our feet are standing

Within your gates, O Jerusalem. **R**

It is there that the tribes go up,

The tribes of the Lord.

For Israel's law it is,

There to praise the Lord's name.

There were set the thrones of judgement

Of the house of David. **R**

For the peace of Jerusalem pray:

'Peace be to your homes!

May peace reign in your walls,

In your palaces, peace!'. **R**

For love of my brethren and friends

I say: 'Peace upon you!'

For love of the house of the Lord

I will ask for your good. **R**

## SECOND READING

*A Reading from the second letter of St. Paul to the Romans 13:11-14*

You know 'The time' has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon – let us give up all the things we prefer to do under cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

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 Matthew 24:37-44*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left. 'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

## **THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen**

## THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### 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**

**ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S FEAST:** Parish is celebrating the feast of St Francis Xavier on *this Sunday, 1st December*. Mass at 6.30pm followed by celebration in the hall.



**THANKSGIVING SUNDAY :** Parish say a BIG thank you to all who contributed to the celebrations last Sunday. Good to see so many people joined us. Thanks to all the communities and groups who took a special role in the Mass. Special thanks to the *Kerala Community and Tommy* for cooking and serving more than 400 people and **the children** who entertained us by dance and songs. Well done!

**CHRISTMAS PARTY:** all the tickets are gone for the Party. We need help in preparation for the day in setting up the hall and cooking, especially those who are good in cooking roast beef, pork & turkey. If anyone can help, please join for a meeting this Sunday after 12:00 Mass ( approximately 1.15pm). Christmas Party on *Sunday 15th December 7pm-11.45pm in the main Hall. You need a ticket to join the party.*

**PHILIPPINO COMMUNITY:** will look after the decorations in the hall for Christmas Party. All the members of the community is requested to come for a meeting this Sunday, 1st December, after 12:00 Mass. Many thanks.

**ALL NATIONS CAROL SERVICE** (Parish Carol Service):: This year, we will have a carol service, on **SUNDAY 22nd DECEMBER at 5pm led mainly by Parish Choir, Children's Choir and different nationalities** sung in different languages. Philippino, Polish, Irish, Tamil, French, Kerala, Spanish, Urdu & African-Caribbean communities are requested to come together and practise the carols. *Christmas Raffle Draw and reception follow in the hall. Thank you.*

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR:** will sing at the **PARISH CAROLS SERVICE ON 22ND December** and **the first Mass of Christmas on 24th December**. Parents are encouraged to send your children for Choir practices on Sundays at 5pm on 1st, 8th & 16th December. *Please write down the name of the child and the contact number if your child can come for the practices.* Many thanks

**BIBLE STUDY:** Parish is starting a Bible Study evenings on **First & Third Mondays of month 7.15-8pm**. The first one will be on *Monday 2nd December 2019*.

**TRAINING FOR ALTAR SERVERS:** The next training sessions are on **SATURDAY 7th & 14th DECEMBER** at 4pm.

**CHOCOLATE & WINE TOMBOLA:** If you can, please donate a box of chocolates or a wine bottle as TOMBOLA prizes for the Christmas Party celebrations. Please bring them and place them in the basket / box at the back of the Church.

**CHRISTMAS RAFFLE:** This year's Raffle is for raising money for a new organ. Please support generously by selling as many raffle tickets among your friends, family & colleagues. Please return the counterfoils with the money to a priest or pass to the Parish Office. Thank you.

**CHRISTMAS DECORATION:** All are requested to come and help in decorating the Church on **Saturday 14th December after the 6.30pm Mass**. Many thanks.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PARENTS MEETING:** Will be on 9th January 2020 at 7.15pm in the Function Suite

**CONFIRMATION CATECHISTS:** will meet on *Thursday 5th December at 7.15pm* in the presbytery. All the catechists are requested to attend.

**FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR DEVOTION:** Is on the 6th December 5.15pm-6.15pm

**FHC CATECHISTS:** Will meet Monday 9th December 2019 at 7.30pm in the presbytery. We are inviting people who would like to become a catechists.

**SVP HOMELESS & PRISON PACKS AVAILABLE:** The winter packs for the homeless and/or prisoners with each pack costing just £4.00 are available next weekend, 7th & 8th DECEMBER after all Masses.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS:** There is a Christmas card for all of you from Canon John and Fr Shaju. Please collect from the Church porch as it has the details of all the major services and Masses of Advent, Christmas and the New Year. The Parish requests you to please take few extra cards and invite your loved ones and the neighbours to our Church Christmas & New Year celebrations. .

**NEW YEAR THANKSGIVING SERVICE & MASS:** We, as a Parish will come together and spend time in thanksgiving to God for all the blessings each one of us and our families have received in 2019. The Thanksgiving Service will begin at 11pm on Tuesday 31st December and we begin the New Year with the Lord in the Mass at midnight followed by New Year's celebration in the hall.

**SPANISH COMMUNITY:** members are planning to start a WhatsApp group to coordinate their activities in the parish. The members, if they are willing to join, please give your contact number in the sheet in the Porch.

**SALE ART WORK:** There will be a sale of art work in the hall after Masses next Sunday, 8th December.

**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 the 16th-24th DEC at 6.30pm followed by refreshments in the hall.

**FIRST MASS OF CHRISTMAS:** is ideal for children & families. Children will act out the gospel and will come for the Mass dressed as angel, shepherd or one that relates to Christmas theme. Please encourage your child to participate in it.

**FIRST FIVE SATURDAYS DEVOTIONS:** Next one is on Saturday 7th December beginning with Adoration at 8.45am followed by morning prayers, Mass at 9.30am, Novena and Rosary. You all are invited

**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.

**LITURGY FOR CHILDREN:** 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. Catechists will lead them out to the Parish Meeting Room.

**INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?(RCIA AND ADULT CONFIRMATION):** every year, the Parish runs a programme called "RCIA" for any person who was never baptised, or was baptised in another Christian tradition and would like to become a Catholic, or any Catholic adults who have never been confirmed. The next Session is on Monday 25th November at 7.15pm in the Parish Meeting Room (in the Presbytery).

**50+ CLUB:** last day is on the 6<sup>th</sup> December and will return 10<sup>th</sup> Jan. 2020.

**CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP:** The last day will be 3rd December.

**FOOD BANK:** the box for Food Bank contributions is in the Coffee Shop.

**INFANTS BAPTISM:** Any parents who wish to baptise their children should register in the parish and attend the Mass regularly for at least six months. Those who moved recently to the parish should get evidence of the catholic practice. Fr Shaju will be happy to talk to you during Parish Open house if you have any queries.

*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.*



**NEED TO SEE A PRIEST:** If you need to see a priest to sign a school supplementary form, discuss about baptism or wedding or a private matter, please come to the Parish Open House every Friday from 4pm–6pm. No appointment needed

**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:** Rosario Alfonso, Rosalie Hickey, Anastatsia Ogbonna, Agnelo Fernades, Nilojan Mariyathas, Betty Joyce, Tony Hardy, Esther Daley, Norman Mendonca, Irene Mendonca, Julianna Hayfron, Nino Abel, Albert Folvi, Marciana Tangcay, Geoff Blwyddin Helena O’Connor, Pat Nolan, Norah Bolger, Anne Scanlon, Fortunata D’Souza, Nigel Searle, Gordon King, Maria Fatima, Fernando, Michael Andrade, Christina Grogan, Matilda Addison, Elizabeth Bosley & Janet Adams

**Anniversaries:** Lizzie Lynch, Mary Propere, Terence Rodricks, Patrick Gilchrist, Frederick Manuel, Raymond D’Souza, Gloria Guileen, Marlo Luna, Michael Hickey, Gladys Kilkelly, Teresa Humphreys, John Neal, Harry Higgs, Martin Paehey, William Fenn, Marie Fitzgerald, Aubrey Nolan, Leo Keating, Florencio D’Mello, Margaret O’Brien, Molly Moran, Declan Donoghue, Dulcie Brunton, Paul Lambert, Lawrence McGrath & Tom Moore. **May they rest in peace – Amen.**

	30th November & 1st December	7th & 8th December
LITURGICAL READERS (please collect a copy of the rota)		
Sat18.30	Daren Alfred, Milosz Woitowicz	Antoine Englebright, Nancy Biney
09.00	Luiza Lobo, Pat Willis	Barrie Ellis-Daley, Rexon Rebidelmo
10.30	Ada Ikpoh, Rose Adroa	Lola Lawrence, Christi Anoop
12.00	Ian Johnson, Mikhaela Dayaday	Tess Vallo, Ann Mary Kuriakose
18.30	Angel Babu, Liza Asante	Padraig Cronin, Ivon Kandiah
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS (please collect a copy of the rota)		
Sat18.30	Agnela Cabral, David Cabral, Manuel Cabral	Ethna Power, Lucinda D’Souza, Mathew D’Souza
09.00	Valrose Hayes, Coralee Hilton, Elizabeth Rodrigues	Mary Donoghue, Monique Sinfailam, Pat Willis
10.30	Edy Endoza, Virginia Francois, Damian P Keeling	Carina Jualo, Isabella Mitchell Ana Maria Da Silva
12.00	Rosemary John, Marjorie Smith, Mary Mayne	Jessy Roy, Nellie De Santos Meves John D’Souza
18.30	Reya Mathai, Julian De Souza, Barrie Ellis- Daley	Barrie Ellis-Daley, Juliana De Souza Rose Adroa

Church Cleaning:	Wk1: Mon 2nd Dec @ 10am	Wk2: Mon 9th Dec @ 7pm
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## **OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

Thank you for your generosity at last weeks collection (£2494.84)  
 Gift aided: 45% Loose Plate: 55%



<b><u>Sunday 1st December</u> First Sunday of Advent (Year A)</b>	09.00	Ashley Dawes RIP
	10.30	Sheard Family Ints
	12.00	Lilybeth & Dee Ints
	<b>15:00</b>	<b>Baptisms</b>
	18.30	Evangeline Carpanen
Monday 2nd December <b>Feria</b>	09:30	Sharon Francis Ints
	18.30	Gregory Stoute RIP
Tuesday 3rd December <b>Saint Francis Xavier</b>	09.30	Pro Populo
	18.30	Ifeanyi Uzodike
Wednesday 4th December  <b>Saint John Damascene</b>	09.30	Giuseppe Piccinini RIP & Rose McGuigan
	18:30	Anton Jesurajah RIP
Thursday 5th December <b>Feria</b>	09.30	Mary Loughran RIP
	18.30	Patricia Connors RIP
Friday 6th December <b>Saint Nicholas</b>	09.30	William Fagan RIP
	18.30	Carmel Cremin RIP
Saturday 7th December <b>Saint Ambrose</b>	11:00	Patricia O'Neill
	18:30	Michael Lawlor RIP
<b><u>Sunday 8th December</u> Second Sunday of Advent (Year A)</b>	09.00	Maureen Lynch RIP
	10.30	James Bolger RIP
	12.00	Elizabeth McDermott Ints
	18.30	Mary McNelly RIP

<p><b><u>Monday 2nd December</u></b> Padre Pio Group 7pm Cry Chapel</p> <p><b><u>Tuesday 3rd December</u></b> Charismatic Prayer Group 7pm Cry Chapel</p> <p><b><u>Wednesday 4th December</u></b> Rosary Prayer Group 7pm Cry Chapel</p>	<p><b><u>Thursday 5th December</u></b> <b>Knit &amp; Natter Group</b> 3pm Cry Chapel <b>Legion of Mary</b> 7.15pm Cry Chapel <b>Tamil Mass</b> 7.30pm Church</p> <p><b><u>Friday 6th December</u></b> 50+ Club 2pm Function Suite Parish Open House <b>(4.00pm – 6.00pm in the Presbytery)</b></p>
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<p><b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b> Sat: 11.30am – 12.30pm</p>	<p><b>Holy Hour</b> First Friday 5:15 – 6:15pm</p>
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<p><b>Adoration &amp; Morning Prayer</b> Monday - Saturday: 8.45am Holy Hour on First Friday</p>	<p><b>Novena to St Anthony</b> Tuesday: 10am <b>Divine Mercy Chaplet</b> Friday: 10am</p>	<p><b>Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour</b> Saturday: 10am</p>
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