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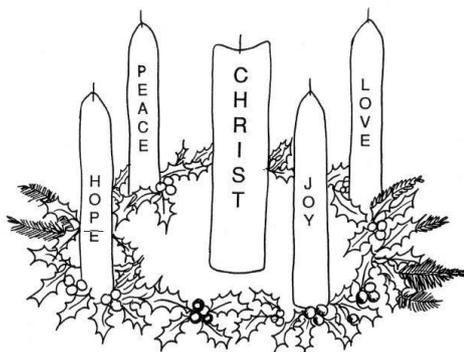


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## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year C) SUNDAY 9th DECEMBER 2018



Luke begins his account of the ministry of Jesus by putting it in its historical context. He tells us about who was in charge in the worlds of politics and religion and then introduces us to some-one who was something of a threat to them both. John the Baptist is presented as inviting the people to repent, to turn again to God and to show their desire to do this by being bap-tised – a symbolic washing. In so doing John is seen as fulfilling the prophecy of Isaiah in which there is a call to remove every obstacle that might stand in the way of God showing his salva-tion to his people. This gospel reminds us of one of the key themes of Advent: repentance.

Repentance and its associated colour purple remind many peo-ple of the season of Lent rather than Advent but it is not difficult to see why it is so central to our preparation for the coming of Jesus. Without it, the season of Christmas can simply slide into an excuse for over-indulgence, an opportunity to party in an ef-fort to get over the darkness of winter. These readings show the true meaning of repentance, for they speak about leaving aside anything that might blind us to what God wants for us, and opening ourselves to something new and wonderful and be-yond our wildest dreams: God coining in the person of his Son.

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations,  
and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING

*A reading from the Prophet Baruch 5:1-9*

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress,  
put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever,  
wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you,  
put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head:  
since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven,  
since the name God gives you for ever will be,  
'Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness.'  
Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights  
and turn your eyes to the east:  
see your sons reassembled from west and east  
at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them.  
Though they left you on foot,  
with enemies for an escort,  
now God brings them back to you  
like royal princes carried back in glory.  
For God has decreed the flattening  
of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills,  
the filling of the valleys to make the ground level  
so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God.  
And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade  
for Israel at the command of God;  
for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory  
with his mercy and integrity for escort.



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

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 125(126)**

*R. What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.*

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,  
it seemed like a dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter,  
on our lips there were songs. **R**

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels  
the Lord worked for them!'

What marvels the Lord worked for us!  
Indeed we were glad. **R**

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage  
as streams in dry land.

Those who are sowing in tears  
will sing when they reap. **R.**

They go out, they go out, full of tears,  
carrying seed for the sowing:  
they come back, they come back, full of song,  
carrying their sheaves. **R**

## SECOND READING

***A Reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians 1:3-6,8-11***

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes; and God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

***Alleluia, alleluia!*** Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight, and all mankind shall see the salvation of God. ***Alleluia!***

## GOSPEL

**A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke 3:1-6**

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Iturea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice cries in the wilderness:

Prepare a way for the Lord,  
make his paths straight.

Every valley will be filled in,  
every mountain and hill be laid low,  
winding ways will be straightened  
and rough roads made smooth.

And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

*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.**

*Save us, Saviour of the world,  
for by your Cross and Resurrection  
you have set us free.*

### **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**

*Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.*

## PARISH INFORMATION, FAITH NEWS & MISSION

**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.

**CHRISTMAS RAFFLE:** A gentle reminder to please try and sell as many raffle tickets to make this fundraising towards the Presbytery and Parish halls a success. **The Raffle draw will be on Sunday 23 December after 12:00 Mass**, not next Sunday. Please return the counterfoils with the money to a priest or pass to the Parish Office. Thank you.



**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 2018. The Thanksgiving Service will begin at 11pm on Monday 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.

**CHRISTMAS DECORATION:** All are requested to come and help in decorating the Church on **Monday 10th December after the 6.30pm Mass**. Many thanks.

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

**LAST WEEKDAY MASS IN 2018:** The last weekday Mass in 2018 at **6.30pm on Monday 31st DECEMBER** will be a special Mass for all the deceased persons in 2018 in our family and among our friends. During the Mass, the names of your loved ones who died this year will be read out. If you wish their names to be included, please put down them in the sheet which is in the Church porch.

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR:** The Children's Choir will lead the singing at the first mass of Christmas at 4pm. All the boys and girls are requested to come for singing practice on Saturdays 8th and 15th December at 4pm in the Church. Many thanks.

**PRESBYTERY AND PARISH HALL RENOVATION FUND:** *Last weekend we received £1778 and so far we have raised £23,020.37*

### **CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME**

First Mass of Christmas: Mon 24th at 4pm

Christmas Vigil Mass: Mon 24th at 6pm

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

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

**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.**

**NEW CATECHISTS FOR FIRST COMMUNION:** Thank you to those people who came to the informal meeting last Monday 3rd December at 7.15pm in the presbytery to help the catechists prepare the boys and girls for their first Holy Communion.

**RITE OF ACCEPTANCE:** Thank you for welcoming seven adults for the Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens and the full communion last Sunday at the 12pm Mass. We, the Parish family continue to offer our prayers for their journey of faith.

**SVP HOMELESS & PRISON PACKS AVAILABLE:** Thank you very much for supporting the annual SVP winter packs for the homeless and/or prisoners after all the masses last week-end.

**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 14th December. No appointment needed.**

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

**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.

**ROSARY PRAYER GROUP:** closed until 9th January.

**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 2(Team 2) at 7pm.

**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 4.30pm – 6.00pm 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, Terence Rodrigues, Marciana Tangcay, Geoff Blwyddin, Helena O'Connor, Cecil Adams, Pat Nolan, Pauline Kearney, Tony & Lenna McCormick, Victoria & Kwesi Yankson, Christina Wood, James & Norah Bolger, Anne Scanlon, Fortunata D'Souza, Nigel Searle, Raj Antonpillai.

**Recently Deceased:** Nora DOHERTY, Mary PROSPERE, Judith AMBOULE, Terence RODRICKS, Raymond D'SOUZA, Gloria GUILLEN and Marlo LUNA.

**Anniversaries:** Luke Da Costa, Michael Spencer, Angelina Joseph, Mary Gear, Peter Joyce, Francis Tiernan, Margaret Stockdale, Neville Jason, Kevin Maher, Margaret Antoine, Isabella O'Neil, Stephen Gomes, Jim Mackin, John McGrath, Elizabeth Mensah, Milagrina Carvalho, Jean Ramos, Mary Hale, Chelliah Shanmuga-Sunderam, Michael Crowley. **May they rest in peace – Amen.**

	8th & 9th December	15th & 16th December
	<b>LITURGICAL READERS (please collect a copy of the rota)</b>	
Sat18.30	Matchel Bibat, Ethna Power	Jim Russell, Doris Cubero
09.00	Andrea Mango, Luiza Lobo	Jeanet Leyton, Andrea Mango
10.30	Francis Ikpoh, Deuwayne Ikpoh	Anastasia Ogbonna, Mary Sagoe
12.00	Tess Vallo, Ronald Cabrera	Mikhaela Dayaday, Finnuala Lynch
18.30	Susan Daniel, Philippa Keeling	Padraig Cronin, Remija Mponzi
	<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS (please collect a copy of the rota)</b>	
Sat18.30	Debra Anton, Matchel Bibat, Doris Cubero	Agnela Cabral, David Cabral, Manuel Cabral
09.00	Luiza Lobo, Erica Summers, Jane Parper	Valrose Hayes, Coralee Hilton, Elizabeth Rodrigues,
10.30	Josie McCarthy, Brenda McGrath, Rui Rodrigues	Edy Endoza, Virginia Francois, Damian P Keeling
12.00	Bernardine & Denis Fernandes, Mary Rainford	Rosemary John, Marjorie Smith, Mary Mayne
18.30	Agnes babu, Sharon Wrightman, Barrie Ellis-Daley	Reya Mathai, Juliana De Souza, Barrie Ellis-Daley

Church Cleaning:	Wk2: Mon 10th Dec @ 7pm	Wk3: Mon 17th Dec @ 10am
Coffee Morning:	Marquee in the Garden	Marquee in the Garden

## **OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

Collection last weekend was **£2,212.74** [Loose plate 45%; Gift Aid 55%]

Thank you for your generosity



Sunday 9th December <b>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year C)</b>	09.00 10.30 12.00 18.30	Lucia Laidlaw RIP Stephen Moylan RIP / Bella Kelly RIP Thanksgiving Lily Jack Nolan RIP
Monday 10th December <b>Feria</b>	09.30 18.30	John Magro RIP A & Well Being of Baby Jermiah-Lee Mary Peter Intentions
Tuesday 11th December <b>St. Damasus</b>	09.30 18.30	Egidio Meneses Intentions Vera Fitzpatrick Intentions
Wednesday 12th December <b>Our Lady of Guadalupe</b>	09.30 18:30	People of the Parish Chelliah Shanmuga-Sunderam RIP A
Thursday 13th December <b>St. Lucy</b>	09.30 18.30	Mario Rantac RIP Oyster Da Costa RIP
Friday 14th December <b>St. John of the Cross</b>	09.30 12.00 18.30	Diego Pinto RIP <b>Funeral: MARY ADELINE PROSPERE</b> Gajan RIP
Saturday 15th December <b>Feria</b>	09.30 18.30	Michael Bellamy Glen Money RIP(70th bday)/Ann Ryan RIP 4A
Sunday 16th December <b>THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year C) GAUDETE SUNDAY</b>	09.00 10.30 12.00 15.00 16.00 18.30	Matthew Bellamy Joseph Anthony Pereira Theodore, Jouany & Domingue Families + H/S Baptisms Urdu Chaplaincy Mass Brian Sweeney

<p><b><u>Monday 10th December</u></b> <b>Padre Pio Group</b> (Meet 7.30pm 2nd&amp;4th Monday each mth)</p> <p><b><u>Tuesday 11th December</u></b> <b>SVP (New meeting day)</b> (Meet 7.30pm 1st &amp; 3rd Tuesday each mth) Charismatic Prayer Group Closed until 8 Jan19</p> <p><b><u>Wednesday 12th December</u></b> <b>Rosary Prayer Group</b> (closed until 9th January)</p>	<p><b><u>Thursday 13th December</u></b> <b>Knit &amp; Natter Group</b> (3pm Parish Meeting Room)</p> <p><b>Legion of Mary</b> (7.15pm Parish Meeting Room) <b>Tamil Mass</b> (7.30pm Church)</p> <p><b><u>Friday 14th December</u></b> <b>50+ Club</b> (Meet at St Anslem's Hall 2-4pm)</p> <p><b><u>Parish Open House</u></b> (4.30pm – 6.00pm in the Presbytery until further notice)</p>
<p><b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b> Sat: 11.30am – 12.30pm</p>	

<p><b>Adoration &amp; Morning Prayer</b> Monday - Saturday: 8.45am <b>Holy Hour on First Friday</b></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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