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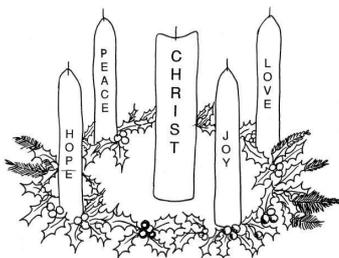
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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR (A) SUNDAY 8th DECEMBER 2019

A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. (Matthew 3: 3)



Trees which do not produce fruit are used for firewood. John the Baptist issues a warning today about half-hearted repentance. It is not enough simply to intend to straighten out our lives; we must produce the fruit which proves we are serious. As Advent proceeds we are invited to action and not just to words.

To prepare a way for the Lord means that we must give God a chance. It means that we have to take stock of the way we live and accept that there are areas which need changing. To make the Lord's paths straight means that we cannot keep putting off things until tomorrow. If we believe, we must act. We must be ready for whenever Christ may call. Prophets are a nuisance. But we need them; even today.

A YEAR OF THE WORD: In this new liturgical year, Year A, we reflect and ponder of Matthews' Gospel. 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.

RENEWAL OF COMMITMENT OF ALL THE MINISTERS OF THE WORD (READERS): this 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

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.

The Gloria: *No Gloria in Advent*

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse, a scion thrusts from his roots: on him the spirit of the Lord rests, a spirit of wisdom and insight, a spirit of counsel and power, a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. (The fear of the Lord is his breath.) He does not judge by appearances, he gives no verdict on hearsay, but judges the wretched with integrity, and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land. His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless, his sentences bring death to the wicked. Integrity is the loincloth round his waist, faithfulness the belt about his hips. The wolf lives with the lamb, the panther lies down with the kid, calf and lion feed together, with a little boy to lead them.



The cow and the bear make friends, their young lie down together. The lion eats straw like the ox. The infant plays over the cobra's hole; into the viper's lair the young child puts his hand. They do no hurt, no harm, on all my holy mountain, for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters swell the sea. That day, the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples. It will be sought out by the nations and its home will be glorious.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Psalm 71(72):1-2,7-8,12-13,17*

R. In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails.

O God, give your judgement to the King,
To a king's son your justice,
That he may judge your people in justice
And your poor in right judgement. **R**

In his days justice shall flourish
And peace till the moon fails.
He shall rule from sea to sea,
From the Great River to earth bounds. **R**

For he shall save the poor when they cry
And the needy who are helpless.
He will have pity on the weak
And save the lives of the poor. **R**

May his name be blessed for ever
And endure like the sun.
Every tribe shall be blessed in him,
All nations bless his name. **R**

SECOND READING

A Reading from the second letter of St. Paul to the Romans 15:4-9

Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was meant to teach us something about hope from the examples scripture gives of how people who did not give up were helped by God. And may he who helps us when we refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant with each other, following the example of Christ Jesus, so that united in mind and voice you may give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The reason Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews was not only so that God could faithfully carry out the promises made to the patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory to God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place: For this I shall praise you among the pagans and sing to your name.

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 Matthew 3:1-12

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said: A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father," because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'

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

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

PARISH INFORMATION, FAITH NEWS & MISSION



**A DAY
WITH JESUS**

is on Saturday, 14th December beginning at 9.15am with Morning Prayer, Devotions and a talk. Mass at 11am followed by Anointing of the Sick. *Please come and join the parish to*

pray for the Sick and those in need of our prayers.

CHRISTMAS PARTY: all the tickets are gone for the Party.

Christmas Party on *Sunday 15th December 7pm-11.45pm in the main Hall. You need a ticket to join the party.*



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.*

COMMUNITY CHOIR PRACTICES: *Philippino this Sunday after 12:00 Mass, Polish & Spanish on Sunday 15th after 10.30am Mass, African & Caribbean after 12:00 on Sunday 15th Dec. All other communities are requested to get ready for the carols. Many thanks*

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 this Sundays, 8th Dec. at 5pm** and on **Saturday 21st at 4.30pm.** *Please write down the name of the child and the contact number if your child can come for the practices. Many thanks*

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

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.

TRAINING FOR ALTAR SERVERS: The next training sessions are on this **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 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.

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.**

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.

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.

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR PROGRAMME

Christmas Decorations: Saturday 14th at 7.30pm

Carol Service: Sunday 22nd at 5pm

First Mass of Christmas: 24th at 4pm

Christmas Vigil Mass: 24th at 6pm

Carols & Midnight Mass: Carols 24th at 11pm and Solemn Mass of the Christmas at midnight.

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

New Year Eve: 11pm Thanksgiving Service & Mass at midnight.

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.

LAST WEEKDAY MASS IN 2019: The last weekday Mass in 2019 at 9.30pm on Tuesday 31st December will be a special Mass for all the faithful departed in 2019 in our family and amongst our friends. During the Mass the names of your loved ones who died this year will be read out. If you wish to their name(s) to be included please write on the labelled sheet in the Church porch.

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.

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

WEEKDAY MASS ON MONDAY, 16TH DECEMBER: Due to St Boniface School carols, the Mass in the evening will be at 7.30pm, not 6.30pm. Many thanks.

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

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

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): The next Session is on Monday 9th December at 7.15pm in the Parish Meeting Room (in the Presbytery).

50+ CLUB: Will return 10th Jan. 2020.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP: Is closed for Christmas

PADRE PIO GROUP: Is closed for Christmas and resumes 13th January.

ROSARY GROUP: Is closed for Christmas.

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

Recently Deceased: Lizzie Lynch, George Goodwin

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.**

	7th & 8th December	14th & 15th December
	LITURGICAL READERS (please collect a copy of the rota)	
Sat18.30	Antoine Englebright, Nancy Biney	Mathew D’Souza, Lucinda D’Souza
09.00	Barrie Ellis-Daley, Rexon Rebidelmo	Angela Lum Wai, Mary Donoghue
10.30	Lola Lawrence, Christi Anoop	Josie McCarthy, Fortune Musonda
12.00	Tess Vallo, Ann Mary Kuriakose	Keoni McGowan, Callum Fernandes
18.30	Padraig Cronin, Ivon Kandiah	Susan Daniel, Philippa Keeling
	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS (please collect a copy of the rota)	
Sat18.30	Ethna Power, Lucinda D’Souza, Mathew D’Souza	Juliana De Souza, Ethna Power Michael Soupraya
09.00	Mary Donoghue, Monique Sinfailam, Pat Willis	Kuriakose Antony, Farrah Jacob Angus Xavier
10.30	Carina Jualo, Isabella Mitchell Ana Maria Da Silva	Ann Lusena , Srikanth Lusena Therese Onyebalu
12.00	Jessy Roy, Nellie De Santos Meves John D’Souza	Angelo Aningalan, Rosemary Kanagaratnam, David Lobo
18.30	Barrie Ellis-Daley, Juliana De Souza Rose Adroa	Reya Mathai, Isabella Mitchell, Thiviya Robenet
Church Cleaning:	Wk2: Mon 9th Dec @ 7pm	Wk3: Mon 16th Dec @ 10am

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generosity at last weeks collection (£2494.84)

Gift aided: 45% Loose Plate: 55%



<p><u>Sunday 8th December</u> Second Sunday of Advent (Year A)</p>	<p>09.00 10.30 12.00 18.30</p>	<p>Maureen Lynch RIP James Bolger RIP Elizabeth McDermott Ints Mary McNelly RIP</p>
<p>Monday 9th December The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</p>	<p>09:30 18.30</p>	<p>Charlie Long RIP Mrs Ellen Cronin RIP</p>
<p>Tuesday 10th December Feria</p>	<p>09.30 18.30</p>	<p>Sapiencia Maria Noronha John Hartigan, RIP</p>
<p>Wednesday 11th December Saint John Damasus</p>	<p>09.30 18:30</p>	<p>Pro Populo November Deceased</p>
<p>Thursday 12th December Our Lady of Guadalupe</p>	<p>09.30 18.30</p>	<p>Chelliah Sunderam RIP Jerome Christy & Agnes Lobo</p>
<p>Friday 13th December Saint Lucy</p>	<p>09.30 18.30</p>	<p>Claudia Diaz Carrera Leslie Mayne RIP</p>
<p>Saturday 14th December Saint John of the Cross</p>	<p>11:00 18:30</p>	<p>Day with Jesus Tess & Jimmy McQuade/ Ann Ryan RIP</p>
<p><u>Sunday 15th December</u> Third Sunday of Advent (Year A)</p>	<p>09.00 10.30 12.00 15:00 16:00 18.30</p>	<p>Larry & Declan Donoghue Mary Garratty RIP Augustina Atttoh Birthday Baptisms Urdu Mass Chaplaincy Glen Money Birthday RIP</p>
<p><u>Monday 9th December</u> Padre Pio Group 7pm Cry Chapel</p> <p><u>Tuesday 10th December</u> Charismatic Prayer Group Closed</p> <p><u>Wednesday 11th December</u> Rosary Prayer Group 7pm Cry Chapel</p>	<p><u>Thursday 12th December</u> Knit & Natter Group 3pm Cry Chapel Legion of Mary 7.15pm Cry Chapel Tamil Mass 7.30pm Church</p> <p><u>Friday 13th December</u> 50+ Club Closed Parish Open House (4.00pm – 6.00pm in the Presbytery)</p>	

<p>Sacrament of Reconciliation Sat: 11.30am – 12.30pm</p>	<p>Holy Hour First Friday 5:15 – 6:15pm</p>
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<p>Adoration & Morning Prayer Monday - Saturday: 8.45am Holy Hour on First Friday</p>	<p>Novena to St Anthony Tuesday: 10am Divine Mercy Chaplet Friday: 10am</p>	<p>Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Saturday: 10am</p>
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