

Sunday 10th December SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR B)	09.00 10.30 12.00 18.30	John Magro [RIP A] Patricia Maguire For Fr Shaju Varkey Nell Connor
Monday 11th December St Damasus I	09.30 18.30	Frederick Moses [RIP 10th A] People of the Parish
Tuesday 12th December Our Lady of Guadalupe	09.30 18.30	For the souls of Veronica & Simplicio Maura Ansbro [RIP]
Wednesday 13th December St Lucy	09.30 18.30	Mario Rantac [RIP] Thanksgiving (Paul & Family)
Thursday 14th December St John of the Cross	09.30 18.30	Maura Malone Diego Pinto [RIP]
Friday 15th December	09.30 11.30 12.45 18.30	Gabrielle Francis [RIP] Funeral: MONIQUE & MICHAEL ROSEBERG Funeral: JAMES MALONEY The soul of Aleykutty Philip
Feria		
Saturday 16th December Our Lady	09.30 18.30	Janice Borley Ann Ryan [RIP]
Sunday 17th December THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR B)	09.00 10.30 12.00 18.30	Maura Ansbro [RIP] Vana Olivasi [RIP] Fr Wilfred Obina Intentions People of the Parish

	9th & 10th December	16th & 17th December
	LITURGICAL READERS (please collect a copy of the rota)	
Sat 18.30	Matchel Bibat, Doris Cubero	Daren Alfred, Adrian Alfred
09.00	Angus Xavier, Pat Willis	Anita Bennett, Gary Bennett
10.30	Ada Ikpoh, Princess Ikpoh	Sophia Selvaratnam, Anastasia Ogbonna
12.00	Ian Johnston, Callum Fernandez	Mathewson Mathews, Sevantly Emmanuel
18.30	Barrie Ellis-Daley, Michael Lobo	Susan Daniel, Angel Babu
	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS (please collect a copy of the rota)	
Sat 18.30	Debra Anton, Matchel Bibat, Doris Cubero	Juliana De Souza, Ethna Power, Michael Soupraya
09.00	Kuriakose Antony, Pat Connors, Angus Xavier	Luiza Lobo, Jane Parper, Erica Summers,
10.30	Valrose Hayes, Mary Sagoe, Sophia Varghese	Carinal Jualo, Isabella Mitchell, Kasia Zuzewicz
12.00	Angelo Aningalan, David Lobo Rosemary Kanagaratnam	Bernardine & Denis Fernandes, Mary Rainford
18.30	Reya Mathai, Juliana De Souza, Angel Babu	Daisy Jhugroo, Magdalene Taylor, Sharon Wrightman
Church Cleaning:	Wk. 2 Mon 10th Dec @ 7pm	Wk 3 Mon 17th Dec @ 10am
Coffee Morning:	Trisha Creegan, Ann Gillespie, Sharon Wrightman	Juliana Adam, Caroline Churchman, Liz McDonnell



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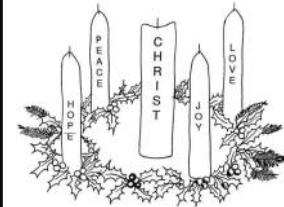
Priests: Fr Shaju Varkey, Fr Wilfred Obina & Canon John O'Toole (also resident)

PARISH OFFICE HOURS 10.00 – 13.00: Monday-Friday

St George's Hospital Chaplaincy
Fr Jonathon Routh
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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year B) SUNDAY 10th DECEMBER 2017



The consoling words of the first reading are read again in the gospel. Only this time the way being prepared is not the return journey from exile in Babylon but the path to our hearts as John the Baptist calls

the people to repentance in preparation for the arrival of Jesus. Like one of the Old Testament prophets, John is radical in his commitment to his calling and the description of him as wearing camel skin clothing and eating locusts and wild honey echoes the portrayal of Elijah in 2 Kings 1:8. In the first century there were a variety of views as to how God would act on behalf of his people. Many hoped for dramatic intervention and stunning military victories, but John's focus was on their need to repent, in other words to change their worldview and to live accordingly. In this way they would leave themselves open to what God would do through Jesus who, though more powerful than John, would come among them as a servant. If John the Baptist returns today, he will ask of us the same.

Tuesday 12th December
Parent & Toddler Group
(9.30-11am Function Suite)
Charismatic Prayer Group
(CLOSED until the New Year)

Wednesday 13th December
Rosary Prayer Group
(CLOSED until the New Year)

Thursday 14th December
Knit & Natter Group
(3pm Presbytery)
Legion of Mary
(7.15pm Presbytery Meeting Room)
Tamil Mass
(7.30pm Church)

Friday 15th DECEMBER
50+ Club
(2pm Function Suite)

Parish Open House
(6pm – 7.30pm in Presbytery)

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour
Saturday: 10am

Novena to St Anthony
Tuesday 10am
Divine Mercy Chaplet
Friday 10am

Adoration & Morning Prayer
Monday - Saturday: 8.45am
Holy Hour on First Friday
5.15pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Sat: 11.30am-12.30pm

PARISH FAITH FORMATION, NEWS & MISSION

CHRISTMAS CARDS

You all have a Christmas Card from Canon John, Fr Obina and Fr Shaju. Please do collect it from the Porch. Details of the major services and Masses of Advent, Christmas and New Year are in the card. Parish requests you to take few extra cards and invite your loved ones and the neighbours to our Church at this Christmas & New Year Celebrations.



CHURCH RESTORATION FUND

Thank you very much for your generosity last weekend towards the restoration fund. It raised 6809.61

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE - 1 week

There is only 1 week left for the Christmas Raffle draw with the proceeds going towards **the fund for the restoration works in our Church**. Please join in this fundraising event by selling tickets to your family, friends, work and other colleagues as it will be a great help to the Parish. Raffle draw tickets are available from the back of the Church. Many thanks.

For tickets already sold please return the counterfoils and money to either a priest or please put through the Presbytery letterbox. Thank you. The last day, you can bring the counterfoils are 1pm on Sunday 17th December.

THIS SUNDAY IS BIBLE SUNDAY

Parish wishes to thank all the **Ministers of the Word** for their contribution to the Parish. We pray for them as they renew their commitment on this weekend.

PARISH COFFEE MORNING

There will be no last Saturday of the month coffee morning in December.

CHRISTMAS DECORATION

All are requested to come and help in decorating the Church on **WEDNESDAY 13th DECEMBER** after the 6.30pm Mass.

Many thanks. We need more hands, please do join the Parish.

CAROL SERVICE, CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON & RAFFLE DRAW

This year, we will have a **carol service, on SUNDAY 17th DECEMBER at 5pm** sung in different languages followed by raffle draw. All the nationalities are requested to participate in it. If any nationality can sing, please put down your name in the sheet which can be found on the table in the Porch.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Children's Choir will lead singing at the first Mass of the Christmas at 4pm and will sing at Carol Service on Sunday 17th December at 5pm. All the boys and girls are requested to come for singing practise on Saturday 9th and 16th December at 4pm. Many thanks.

CAKE SALE

The Knitter & Knatter Group's cake sale is postponed to **SUNDAY 10th DECEMBER** after 9am, 10.30am & 12:00 Masses for our Church Restoration Fund. If anyone can bake and bring cake for sale for 9am Mass, you are most welcome.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME

Parish Carol Service: Sun 17th at 5pm

First Mass of Christmas: Sun 24th at 4pm

Christmas Vigil Mass: Sun 24th at 6pm

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

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

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 of us & our families have received in 2017. Thanksgiving Service will begin at 11pm on Sunday 31st December and begin the New Year with the Lord in

the Mass at midnight followed by New Year's celebration in the hall.

LAST WEEKDAY MASS IN 2017

The last weekday Mass in 2017, December 30th at 9.30am, will be a special Mass for all the deceased persons in 2017 in our family and among our friends. During the Canon of 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.

SVP HOMELESS & PRISON PACKS AVAILABLE

Thanks you to all who contributed towards the winter packs for the homeless and/or prisoners. If you wish to sponsor one, please speak to Tommy at the coffee shop.

PARISH OPEN HOUSE

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. No appointment needed. The next **Parish Open House at 6pm—7.30pm** is on **FRIDAY 15th DECEMBER**.

KNIGHTS OF ST. COLUMBA CHRISTMAS POSTERS

There are Christmas posters kindly donated by the KSC for you to take & display! Only one per household please.

KONKANI MASS

SUNDAY 10th DECEMBER at 3pm there is the monthly Mass at Sts Peter & Paul.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

If anyone is going through bereavement, any kind of loss, separation, difficulty in relationships, etc. and wishes to get one to one support, please contact Fr Shaju. We are happy to provide counselling.

TO BAPTISE A BABY

1) Please see a priest at the Parish Open House. 2) Attend a Baptismal

Preparation programme that takes place on the **last Monday of every month** at 7.30pm in the Presbytery.

HOSPITAL VISITS

If you or a family member are admitted to St George's Hospital and would like to see a priest, please contact **Fr Jonathon Routh, the hospital chaplain on 020 8725 3069**. In an emergency, please ask the ward staff to contact the Catholic priest on call.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

The collection last weekend was **£1,972.46** [Loose plate 43%; Gift Aid 57%]. Thank you for your generosity.

To anyone celebrating their birthday or wedding anniversary this week, the Parish wishes you every blessing and thanks God for you, a special gift to the Parish.

We remember in our prayers **Giuseppe Piccini, James Maloney, Ann Brereton, Martin McMurrrough, Monique Roseberg, and Jean Halford** who recently passed away. We offer our prayers and sympathy to all their family and friends.

Please visit our website and facebook page for more information about parish events, photographs and information.

PARISH PRAYER LIST

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

The Sick: Nilojan Mariyathas, Jill Hart, Vincent Ansbro, Betty Joyce, Tony Hardy, Esther Daley, Clifford Tetteh, Norman Mendonca, Irene Mendonca, Julianna Hayfron, Winston, Devonish, Norah Bolger, Nino Abel, and Patricia Xerri, Mike Nash & Monique Nash, Geoffrey Bowydin, Albert Folvi

Recently Deceased: Giuseppe Piccini, James Maloney, Ann Brereton, Monique & Michael Roseberg, Jean Halford, Aires Fernandes,

Anniversaries: Luke DaCosta, Peter Joyce, Francis Tiernan, Margaret Stockdale, Neville Jason, Selwyn Williams, Luigi Cristiano, Margaret Antoine, Isabella O'Neil, Elizabeth Mensah, Milagrina Carvalho, Jean Ramos, Mary Hale, Chelliah Shanmuga-Sunderam, **May they rest in peace – Amen.**

