



Catholic Church of Mary Immaculate and St Gregory the Great



# First Sunday of Advent

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## Sunday 28th November 2021:

**6pm\*** Brigid Costello ann +  
**8.30am:** Guru Nadian +  
**10.30am:** O'Connell Family (int)  
**6pm:** Margaret Geiger +  
 7.30pm: *Advent Synodal Journey (see below)*

## Mon 29

(Church open 10am-6pm)  
**6.00pm:** Kevin Davis +

## Tues 30

(Church open 10am-6pm)  
 9.30am Morning prayer  
**10am:** Margaret Simons +

## Wed 01 NO MASS

(parish office closed)

## Thurs 2

**10am:** John D'Souza ann +

## Fri 3

(Church open 10am-7pm)  
 9.30am Morning prayer  
**10am:** Liam Kinsella ann +  
 (1.30pm: *Christian Meditation*)  
 6pm: *Please note there is no adoration today*  
**7.30pm Transformation Mass & Advent Reconciliation** (see notices)

## Sat 4

**6pm\*:** Steve Norman +

## Sun 5: Second Sunday in Advent:

**8.30am:** Jan Clarke +  
**10.30am:** Hose Antonio De Freitas ann +  
**6pm:** Anthony Walsh +

“Take heed to yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a snare; for it will come upon all who dwell upon the face of the whole earth. But watch at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of man.”

Many Churches in the East and West, since the early first centuries of the Christian era, have marked special seasons to celebrate the central truths of the Christian faith. The Advent season which precedes Christmas and Epiphany reminds us that we are a pilgrim people, on a journey together towards our true home with God in his heavenly kingdom. Together we are waiting with joyful hope the return of the Lord Jesus at the end of the age. When will the Lord Jesus come back again? No one but the Father in heaven knows the day. But it is a certain fact that we are living in the end times, the close of this present age. The end times begin with the first coming of Jesus Christ.

During this Advent season the Church summons us to remain awake, to be attentive to the Holy Spirit who wants to reawaken a desire for God and His Kingdom. If you are like me, it is a constant temptation to be spiritually lazy, or indifferent and to slacken off - to become passive and lethargic or to fall asleep spiritually. It is very easy to get caught up in the things of the present moment or to be weighed down with troubles. His grace enables us to actively watch for his action in our lives, and to actively pray for perseverance and endurance when we face trials and difficulties. The Lord gives us his strength to overcome temptation and to keep our hearts hungry for Him during this Advent season of grace.

Fr John

JOURNEY TOGETHER

## FOLLOWING THE SYNODAL PATH

STARTING this  
 Sunday 28th  
 November  
 7.30pm  
 Please register!

Advent Synodal Gatherings

POPE FRANCIS HAS INVITED ALL PARISHES AND PEOPLE TO REFLECT ON THE THREE THEMES OF COMMUNION, PARTICIPATION AND MISSION.

THE PARISH WILL REFLECT ON THESE THEMES VIA ZOOM EACH SUNDAY EVENING OF ADVENT. SO PLEASE JOIN US AS WE RESPOND TO THIS UNIQUE INVITATION.

REGISTER AT [WWW.BARNETALPHA.COM](http://WWW.BARNETALPHA.COM)



Synod  
 2021  
 2023

**4 SUNDAYS OF ADVENT  
 7.30 PM VIA ZOOM**

For a synodal Church  
 communion | participation | mission

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# NOTICES

**FUNERAL MASS** for Amparo Abalos is on Thursday 9th December, 10am Mass. Please pray for her family and those close to her in the Filipino community and parish.

**FUNERAL MASS** for Jan Agilada is on Tuesday 14th December, 10am Mass. Please pray for Jan's parents, his brother and family and friends.

Both Jan (*who attended the 11.15am Mass with his parents*) and Amparo (*who attended Mass daily*) were parishioners of this parish for many years and will be sorely missed by everyone. May they both rest in peace.

**SATURDAY RE GROUP:** December 4th and 11th in the JP Room: 9.30-10.45am. We welcome all children from Reception to Y6 who attend non-Catholic schools and worship in our parish. Please could each child bring their own pencil case with lead and coloured pencils.

**LIFE ASCENDING: A Christian Movement for those in their middle and later years:** Meetings are every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month. Please contact Sue Francis on 07951 495192.

## Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary



**Wednesday 8th December**  
10.00am Feast Day Mass  
followed by mince pies and cake  
in the Parish Hall

**WANTED!** A pianist and singers to play and sing at Christmas time. Please contact Teresa O'Sullivan: [howelsy@btinternet.com](mailto:howelsy@btinternet.com) or contact via the presbytery 020 8449 3338.

**CHRISTMAS FAYRE - Chipping Barnet Seniors Day Centre:** Saturday 4th December, 10.30am-1pm at Pennefather Hall, Christ Church, St Albans Road. Many stalls, gifts, cakes cards, raffle and refreshments available

**CAFOD:** As Advent approaches, please remember the work of CAFOD across the world. The website [cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk) gives lots of information about its work as well as different way in which you can donate. On [worldgifts.cafod.org.uk](http://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk) there are lots of ideas for alternative Christmas presents, ways to support vulnerable communities suffering from famine, war and climate change.

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS

**\*\*Please remember in your prayers the sick, their families and all who care for them, including:**

Emanuele & Carlotta Brunelli, Linda & Stuart Atkinson, Pat Cosgrove, Bernadette Hunt, Roberto Lusignani, Elaine Brennan, Mark O'Brien, Rita Rawlings, Margaret Trehy, Joe Connolly, Mary Harris, Eric Power, Michael Keyes, Julie Lown, Eileen Robbins, John Chuter, Marlene Hollocks, Margaret Greaney, Veronica Soosay, Leonor Driscoll, John Thompson, Lucretia Olivier-Hall, David John Hall, Suzanne Greig, Paul Stephens, George Buhagiar.

**Recently Died:** Jan Agilada, Amparo Abalos, Diana Klein

# ADVENT

**TRANSFORMATION MASS:** Friday 3rd December. Mass is at 7.30pm followed by praise and worship and individual healing. This evening is an Advent opportunity for individual reconciliation for all parishioners.

**MY DAY BY DAY' ADVENT BOOKLETS:** are available in the porch, price £1.00 each.

**WESTMINSTER YEAR BOOK 2021:** are available in the porch, price £4.50 each.

## CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

### FRIDAY 24 DECEMBER

#### Christmas Eve

\*4.30pm Vigil Mass (1)

\*6.30pm Vigil Mass (2)

10pm Night Mass

*\*Information re Nativity Story will be available soon*

### SATURDAY 25 DECEMBER

#### Christmas Day

8.30am Mass

10.30am Mass

(No 6pm Mass)

*(There will be no booking of seats required this year)  
Seats will be given on a first come, first serve basis.*

### MUSIC: 10.30AM MASS

Awake, awake for the Lord is coming. Awake, awake there's no time to sleep. Awake, awake for the Lord is coming, the King is coming in glory. *All over the world, people are waiting, waiting for peace and the promise of new life.* (c) Mike Stanley CJM Music 1999

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