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First Week of Advent

Hope



1st Sunday of Advent : (Year C) 28th November 2021

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 27th November	Vigil: 1st Sunday of Advent	6.00pm	The Holy Souls
Sunday 28th November	1st Sunday of Advent	8.30am	People of the parish
		10.30am	Maurice Rodrigo RIP and John Crowle RIP
Thursday 2nd December	Advent Feria	9.15am	Bernie Maguire
Friday 3rd December	Sr Francis Xavier	9.15am	Joan Perera RIP
Saturday 4th December	Vigil: 2nd Sunday of Advent	6.00pm	Larry Lyons RIP

CONFESSIONS Saturday 5.30, or see Fr John.

Mass intentions, please leave plenty of time if you want a special date

Liturgy of the Word: 28th November 2021

Entrance Antiphon:	<i>To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted: let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.</i>
Responsorial Psalm:	<i>To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.</i>
Gospel Acclamation:	<i>Alleluia, alleluia! Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help Alleluia!</i>
Next week's readings:	<i>Baruch 5:1-9, Psalm 125, Philippians 1:4-6,8-11, Luke 3:1-6</i>

Fr. Dominic writes:

Advent - a Wake up call to the world?

This Sunday marks the first Sunday of Advent which ends before the first evening prayer of Christmas. It is a time of preparation for Christmas when the first coming of God's son to earth is recalled, but also a season when minds are directed to Christ's second coming at the end of time. It is officially "a time of joyful and spiritual expectation". It quite often doesn't seem like that; its more like "Do we go to your Mother's or mine?", "Can we afford to get that present?", "I'm running out of time", "real tree or artificial?", "you get the drift. It is important - but not easy - to take a moment and remember "the reason for the season" that is, the coming of Jesus, the Saviour. But what do we need saving from? Maybe we should see Advent as a wake up call to the world, or at least a wake up call to ourselves to remember what Advent is really all about. The events of the past 18 months or so have shown us that we cannot take anything for granted, life is a privilege and we should live it well, whilst remembering why Jesus was sent to earth. We need to increase our strength of will for doing good and be an advocate against injustice. The coming of Jesus signalled a new age in which justice, mercy and God's saving reign will flourish. It may not feel like this on earth at times, but when you remember that Advent is concerned with not just Jesus' birth, but his second coming, trying to be that little bit better as a person, gets a little bit easier.

IMPORTANT NOTICE - BOOKING for MASS

The Christmas Masses are now open for bookings
It is essential that you book the mass that you wish to attend.

To Book log into carpenterspark@rcdow.org.uk and select EVENTS.

As part of our Advent preparations, there will be a Service of Reconciliation on Thursday 16th December at 7pm. This will include exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and an opportunity for private confession.

The Bishops' Conference of England and Wales has released a statement entitled Honouring Sunday. The statement emphasises the importance of Sunday as The Day of the Lord and the celebration of Mass gathered as the Body of Christ on that day. It also speaks of the difficulty that some will have in fulfilling the Sunday Obligation at this time. It invites reflection on the practice of Sunday Worship. The following is an extract:

The Gift of the Sunday Eucharist

The Sunday Eucharist is a gift; as God's holy people we are called to praise and thank God in the most sublime way possible. When the Church speaks of the Sunday obligation, it reminds us that attending Mass is a personal response to the selfless offering of Christ's love.

At this time, we recognise that for some people there may be certain factors which hinder attendance at Sunday Mass. The pandemic is clearly not over. The risk of infection is still present. For some, there is legitimate fear in gathering together. As your bishops, we recognise that these prevailing circumstances suggest that not everyone is yet in the position to fulfil the absolute duty to attend freely Sunday Mass.

The full statement may be found at <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/bishops-statement-honouring-Sunday/>



As part of the preparation for the Synod of Bishops in 2023, Pope Francis has asked for the whole Church to take the opportunity to listen to and discuss with each other our experiences of faith, particularly during the pandemic. What gives us joy in our parish community; what areas of our mission might we need to build up; what are our hopes and dreams for the future?

Listening Event With Bishop Paul McAleenan

Monday 29th November, 7.00pm – 9.00pm – at Garston Parish, Crown Rise, Garston, Watford WD25 ONE. Booking is required through catadmin@rcdow.org.uk

Our prayers are asked for Helen Birch and for the success of her hospital treatment.

The Passage, a Catholic charity working with homeless people is raising funds through the Big Give a matched giving scheme from 12.00 noon. Every £1 donated online between 12.00 noon on Tuesday 30 November and 12.00 noon on Tuesday 7 December makes £2 and £2.25 if you are a taxpayer through Gift Aid. At a time when The Passage's finances are stretched and they are helping more homeless people please consider supporting this charity through the link <https://bit.ly/PassageBG2021>

St. Michael's Catholic High School, Garston are currently looking to employ Permanent Cleaning Staff .

Term time with occasional holiday work.

15 hours per week evenings (mon-Thurs 3.45-6.45pm/Fri 3.15-6.15pm)

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CHILDREN'S LITURGY At the 6pm Mass Children from Reception up to Year 3 (who have not yet received their First Holy Communion).



FLAT TO LET

The flat comprises entrance lobby, bedroom, large kitchen, bathroom and lounge. It is situated within the grounds of St Joseph's Church.

The property is available immediately on an unfurnished basis.

Subject to references.

Please email carpenderspark@rcdow.org.uk or call 020 8428 0088 for more details.

The Financials....

Total offertory for the month of October

Envelopes £1105.64

Loose Plate £1452.50

October Virgin Money Donations via web £50.00

October Monthly Standing Orders: £1322.50

Last Years Standing Orders for October: £934.98

