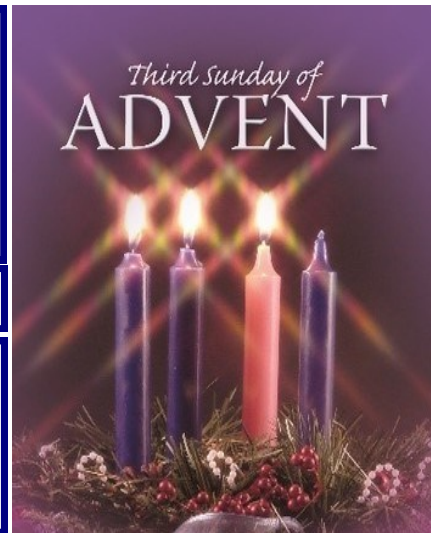


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### 3rd Sunday of Advent : (Year C) 12th December 2021

Fr John Warnaby	Asst Priest (based at St Joseph's)	Tel: 0208 428 0088
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Tuesday 10am—12noon & Friday 10am—3pm. carpenterspark@rcdow.org.uk		
Fr Dominic McKenna	Parish Priest (based at St Teresa's)	Tel: 020 8953 1294
Sue Partington	Parish Admin (based at St Teresa's)	Tel: 020 8953 1294

#### MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 11th December	Vigil: 3rd Sunday of Advent	6.00pm	Clare Christina Baxter RIP
Sunday 12th December	3rd Sunday of Advent	8.30am	People of the Parish
		10.30am	Stany Sequeira
Thursday 16th December	Advent Feria	9.15am	Dean Sahim
	Funeral Mass for Anne Harte RIP	12noon	
	Service of Reconciliation	7.00pm	
Friday 17th December	Advent Feria	9.15am	Daniel Foley
Saturday 18th December	Vigil: 4th Sunday of Advent	6.00pm	Maria & Vincente Delgado

**CONFESSIONS** Saturday 5.30, or see Fr John.

#### Liturgy of the Word: 12th December 2021

Entrance Antiphon:	Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.
Responsorial Psalm:	Sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the holy one of Israel.
Gospel Acclamation:	Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord has been given to me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor. Alleluia!
Next week's readings:	Micah 5:1-4, Psalm 79, Hebrews 10:5-10, Luke 1:39-45

**Fr. Dominic writes: Shout for joy, Sing joyfully, Rejoice in the Lord always! I say it again. Rejoice!**

The words of the prophet Zephaniah and the apostle Paul. Rejoice! This what we must do. It is not an option. It is a theological demand based on the reality of our faith. It is what we've been waiting for these weeks: the advent of God into our world, growing stronger daily. The Incarnation is a reality, and the Word of god is hidden in in earth's flesh, history and in our lives. Zephaniah declares to us: "The King of Israel , the Lord, is in your midst; you have no further misfortune to fear." The psalm response today is Sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. This is our belief, so we live with this awareness. If not, it is time to wake up to the fact that our God is among us and has been for ages past, seen and unseen. This rejoicing has nothing to do whatsoever with our feelings. It is based on our faith But if the great and Holy One of God is in our midst, how do we know what this awesome presence looks like? Especially when we are bombarded by so many other images and media which deny anything supernatural. In his description of the Last Judgement Jesus tells us that if we feed the hungry, clothe the naked, give drink to the thirsty , look after the poor, treat people with justice then we are acknowledging him as it is there where he dwells. Each of us has people given to us in our lives, family, friends, neighbours, community, refugees, immigrants, strangers, the poor and neglected. So, reach out to them in love and compassion and meet God.

#### 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.

## CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Christmas Eve 4pm  
Christmas Eve 6pm  
Midnight Mass 12pm  
Christmas Day 8.30am  
Christmas Day 10.30am  
Sunday 26th December Mass 8.30am  
Sunday 26th December Mass 10.30am

*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.*

### Primary School Places

Applications for admission to St Joseph's Reception Class are now open. If your child was born between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018, please contact St Joseph's School on 0208 428 5371 or email [admin@stjosephs775.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stjosephs775.herts.sch.uk).

### Nursery School Places

Applications for admission to St Joseph's Nursery Class are now open. If your child was born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019, please contact St Joseph's School on 0208 428 5371 or email [admin@stjosephs775.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stjosephs775.herts.sch.uk).

For more information, please visit the school website at [www.stjosephs775.herts.sch.uk](http://www.stjosephs775.herts.sch.uk)

Our prayers are asked for Helen Birch and Tom O'Connor for the success of their hospital treatment.

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



**Catholic Listeners Telephone Helpline** - Are you a good listener? Do you enjoy helping others with their queries? Can you assist with finding basic information about a service or an organisation? Catholic Listeners Helpline Service is staffed by volunteers who are trained and operate with the ethos of compassionate listening. All calls and the caller's needs are dealt with sensitivity and due diligence. Catholic Listeners is funded by the Cardinal's Appeal and operates in the Diocese of Westminster. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, email Ade for details at [catholiclisteners@gmail.com](mailto:catholiclisteners@gmail.com)

### 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](mailto: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

