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4th Sunday of Advent : (Year C) 19th December 2021

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 18th December	Vigil: 4th Sunday of Advent	6.00pm	Maria & Vincente Delgado
Sunday 19th December	4th Sunday of Advent	8.30am	People of the Parish
		10.30am	Maurice Rodrigo RIP, John Crowle RIP
Thursday 23rd December	Advent FERIA	9.15am	Deceased members of the Hoyle & Mabe families
Friday 24th December	Vigil Christmas Mass	4.00pm	Mary Heskin
		6.00pm	Laurence Brett
	Christmas Mass	Midnight	Maria Butler
Saturday 25th December	Christmas Mass	8.30am	Maurice Rodrigo RIP, John Crowle RIP
		10.30am	People of the Parish

Liturgy of the Word: 19th December 2021

Entrance Antiphon: Drop down dew from above, you heavens,
And let the clouds rain down the Just One;
Let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

Responsorial Psalm: God of hosts, bring us back;
Let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the handmaid of the Lord:
Let what you have said be done to me. Alleluia!

Next week's Readings: 1 Samuel 1:20-22,24-28, Psalm 83, 1 John 3:1-2.21-24, Luke 2:41-52

Fr. John writes:

○ come, ○ come, Emmanuel !

As we light our final purple candle this week, we enter the last week of Advent. At evening prayer in the latter days of Advent, from very early times the Church has prepared with special prayers or antiphons for the count-down to Christmas. These are known as the ○ antiphons because each one begins with a proclamation of a title of Jesus and each one reflects on some prophecy of the prophet Isaiah. They are paraphrased memorably in the popular advent hymn ○ come o come Emmanuel. There will be a lot of rushing around and stress for many of us in this final week. Perhaps we might try include these short antiphons in our prayers each day, uniting us with the prayer of the whole Church in our own time and down the centuries, as we await the coming of our Messiah.

Sunday: O Flower of Jesse's stem, you have been raised up as a sign for all peoples; kings stand silent in your presence; the nations bow down in worship before you. Come, let nothing keep you from coming to our aid.

Monday: O Key of David, O royal Power of Israel controlling at your will the gate of Heaven: Come, break down the prison walls of death for those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death; and lead your captive people into freedom.

Tuesday: O Radiant Dawn, splendour of eternal light, sun of justice: come, shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.

Wednesday: O King of all the nations, the only joy of every human heart; O Keystone of the mighty arch of humanity, come and save the creatures you fashioned from clay.

Thursday: O Emmanuel, king and lawgiver, desire of the nations, Saviour of all people, come and set us free, Lord our God.

IMPORTANT NOTICE - BOOKING for CHRISTMAS MASS

The 4pm & 6pm Christmas Eve Masses are now fully booked. Places are still available for Midnight Mass & 8.30am & 10.30am Christmas Day.

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

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Christmas Eve 4pm (Fully Booked)

Christmas Eve 6pm (Fully Booked)

Midnight Mass 12pm

Christmas Day 8.30am

Christmas Day 10.30am

Sunday 26th December Mass 8.30am

Sunday 26th December Mass 10.30am

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

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.

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.

For more information, please visit the school website at www.stjosephs775.herts.sch.uk

If you have a Certificate of Catholic Practice to be signed, please see Fr John after Mass.

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

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 November

Envelopes £1254.25

Loose Plate £1011.79

November Virgin Money Donations via web £7.50

November Monthly Standing Orders: £1537.50

Last Years Standing Orders for November £829.32

