



St. Paul's Church, Cheshunt

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27/28 NOVEMBER 2021
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT-YEAR C

Saturday	27th	5.00 pm		For the Sick
Sunday	28th	9.00 am		Adrain Whittaker
		11.00 am		People of the Parish
Monday	29th	9.30 am	Advent Feria	Peter Mendola BD
Tuesday	30th	9.30 am	St. Andrew, Apostle	Holy Souls
Wednesday	1st	9.30 am	Advent Feria	Joshua MacNeill (int.)
Friday	3rd	9.00 am	Exposition and Mass (St. Francis Xavier, Priest)	
Second Sunday of Advent Year C				
Saturday	4th	5.00 pm		
Sunday	5th	9.00 am		
		11.00 am		
Reconciliation – please telephone the presbytery for an appointment				

We pray for the sick in our Parish especially Mary Hynes, Gina, Mary Bernard, Maria Keith, Alba G, Julia Abimbola, Peggy, Martin, Ramasaway, Jane and Marcianna Caltaux. We pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed especially, Tony McColgan, Anesta, Annesley, Betty Addison, Eileen Morley, Sarafina Spadofara, Benedetta Catarinicchia, Tim Sullivan, Bernard Turner, Daphne Xavier, Richard Collison, Ann Neary, Father John Miller, Brian Stephenson, Annette Hogan and Danny Webster. We also remember all those whose anniversaries occur at this time

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16 In those days [my people] will live in safety

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:12—4:2 Paul's prayer for Christians to grow in fervour and holiness

Gospel Reading: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36 Making ready for the final day when Christ will come as judge

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK- ADVENT BEGINS!

Advent begins today. During these days, we look forward, waiting in hope. We watch for the end times, when Christ will come in glory, Christ who was born for us just over 2,000 years ago. Advent reminds us of the three comings of the Lord — the coming in history over 2000 years ago; the coming in glory at the end of time when God's dream for human kind will be realised; the coming in mystery in the happenings of daily life. The new liturgical year offers us the hope that we will be better peace-makers in the future. It offers us the hope that if we do "put on Christ" our young people will not lose heart, and our liturgical celebrations will be turned not merely towards the past but towards a living presence and a real future. I wish you all blessed season!

CONFIRMATION 2021/22

I am happy to announce that there will be a confirmation course for secondary school students who are due for confirmation. Parents and prospective candidates are to look for the forms from the first week of next month. Maria Nabil has been trained by the Diocese and will be our catechist. She will need parent volunteers to assist her run the course. Contact Fr. Clement at cheshunt@rcdow.org.uk if you are interested. *Candidates should be at least in Year 10, have received their First Holy Communion and be attending Mass at St Paul's Church.*

SYNODAL PATHWAY

A Synodal Pathway Parish Representative is needed. Are you free to be a Parish representative? Kindly speak to Fr. Clement. The role will be to represent the parish at the Diocesan level and coordinate the synodal pathway activities in the Parish.

ST. PAUL'S RC PRIMARY – SCHOOL'S ADMISSION

Parents are reminded that the closing date for application forms for the Reception Class in September 2022 is January 15 2022. This applies to children born between September 1 2017 and August 31 2018. Any parent wishing to look around the school is invited to contact the school office on 01992 635060. Apart from the Hertfordshire Admission Form you will also need a Supplementary Information Form which can be found on the school website at <http://stpauls.herts.dbprimary.com/>

WELCOME PUPILS from St. Paul's School who join us for Mass at the Parish. This started on Wednesday November 17 and it will continue on coming Wednesdays until all the children in years 6,5, and 4 are covered. Thanks to the Headteacher, teachers and parents for their kind support.

ST PAUL'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL - GOVERNORS

There are vacancies at the school for Foundation Governors. If you are a practising Catholic and are interested in supporting Catholic education and helping our local school, please get in touch with the Chair of the Governors at St Pauls Catholic School, Park Lane, Cheshunt EN7 6LR or admin@stpauls373.herts.sch.uk or Father Clement at cheshunt@rcdow.org.uk. This is a rewarding and important voluntary role.

ADVENT RETREAT FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Advent Retreat for Young Adults (18-30s) with the Assumption Sisters on Saturday 4th December 2021 in Kensington. Young people are invited for a day retreat (10am-5pm) to prepare for Christmas, with teaching, workshops, prayer, confessions and mass. Venue: Milleret House, 23 Kensington Square W8 5HN. Donations only. Register: tramy@assumptionreligious.org

CAFOD WORLD GIFT

Stuck for a Christmas present? CAFOD world gifts offers a great alternative for friends or family who do not need anything, but might appreciate a gift which helps poor communities to access services like basic healthcare, clean water and education. CAFOD provides you with a certificate detailing a gift that has been given to a community overseas on your behalf. Please take home a CAFOD World Gift Catalogue after Mass.

NOVEMBER HOLY SOUL'S prayers for the dead-are being said throughout the Month

Holy Souls envelopes are still available at the back of the church.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION COURSE 2021/22

A new course for preparation for the First Holy Communion began on October 3 in the Church. The class will run between the two Masses (9:45-10:45am). The course is for children not attending a Catholic school who are in year 3 or above. Places are limited. Please contact Pat Stevens (9am Mass) or Fr. Clement at the Parish at cheshunt@rcdow.org.uk for an application form.

Children attending St Pauls School will begin their preparation in January. Application forms will be sent out later this term to the children in Year 3 and to those in Year 4 who opted to not take the Sacrament this year.

PLANNED GIVING

We are extremely grateful to all those who have continued to support the church financially during these difficult times. Many of you are giving online into our Bank Account at are WRCDT CHESHUNT Sort code is 40 05 20 and Account Number is 91264419. It would be very helpful for our bookkeepers if you could a reference name to your payment to show why it has been given. For example, 'Offertory', or 'Mass stipend for.....', or '2nd Collection Cafod' etc. If you were originally using envelopes, you could also put the number that was on your envelope. If you have switched to a standing order and will not require a set of envelopes in April, please could you drop a note into the Parish Office informing us of this fact.

APPRECIATION: Thank you for your continuous support to the Parish in these challenging times especially to our stewards and all of you, for your generous giving and to Father Tom for looking after the Parish whilst I was away.