



## St. Paul's Church, Cheshunt

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### 4/5 DECEMBER 2021 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT-YEAR C

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>4th</b>	<b>5.00 pm</b>		For the Sick
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>5th</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>		
		<b>11.00 am</b>		People of the Parish
<b>Monday</b>	<b>6th</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	St. Nicholas	Vero Ojuri (Int.)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>7th</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	St. Ambrose, Bishop	Holy Souls
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>8th</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	Immaculate Conception	Joshua MacNeill (int.)
<b>Friday</b>	<b>10th</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	Exposition and Mass (Blessed V Mary of Loreto)	Douglas Kelly
<b>Third Sunday of Advent Year C</b>				
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>11th</b>	<b>5.00 pm</b>		
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>12th</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>		
		<b>11.00 am</b>		
<b>Reconciliation – please telephone the presbytery for an appointment</b>				

**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:** Baruch 5:1-9 God will level out a highway for the exiles to return

**Second Reading:** Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11 Unity, perseverance and witness to Christ and the Gospel

**Gospel Reading:** Luke 3:1-6 Prepare a way for God, through sincere repentance

#### **THOUGHT OF THE WEEK- God comes to us on the road we make**

Advent is a hopeful season. Hope is an important virtue, deeper than simple optimism of temperament. We can feel optimistic about all kinds of things, but, strictly speaking, the true object of hope is union with God. We are hopeful God can bring life out of death, light out of darkness. It is above all in Winter that we need hope. And we pray for anyone going through dark days at the present time, for people insecure in their jobs or their health or their home life, and displaced people and refugees, who wait at barbed wire borders, hoping to get to a better life. Let's see ourselves with hopeful eyes. God's good work has only begun in us. We are a work in progress God will bring the good work to completion. We just need to co-operate with the working of grace. Remember! God comes to us on the roads we make...level the mountains and fill the valleys as we await the Lord. Have a blessed week.

#### **SYNODAL PATHWAY -LISTENING EVENT ON DECEMBER 14 AT THE PARISH**

It is an initiative from Pope Francis and is being conducted in all churches around the world. The Westminster Diocese website has detailed information at <https://rcdow.org.uk/synod/>. You are all being invited to a Parish 'listening event' at the Parish on December 14 at 7:30pm-8:30pm. Your views matter, so kindly pick a questionnaire at the back of the church; kindly fill it and return by December 14. The same questionnaire has been posted on our Parish Website at <http://parish.rcdow.org.uk/Cheshunt/>. Kindly speak to Fr. Clement to represent the parish at the Diocesan level and coordinate the Synodal Pathway activities in the Parish.

### **CONFIRMATION 2021/22**

I am happy to announce that application forms for the Confirmation course 21/22 are ready. Contact Fr. Clement at [cheshunt@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:cheshunt@rcdow.org.uk) if you are interested or contact Maria Nabil, confirmation catechist, at the 11am Mass. *Candidates should be at least in Year 10, have received their First Holy Communion and be attending Mass at St Paul's Church.*

**RECONCILIATION THIS ADVENT** specific day (10/12/21) has been selected for individual Reconciliation, however feel free to book for an appointment with Fr. Clement for the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Advent.

**WESTMINSTER YEAR BOOKS 2022** are now available to buy for £4.50 from the back of the church. Please place your money in the newspaper box.

**ST ELIZABETH'S CENTRE** in Much Hadham have various job vacancies. Please visit <https://www.stelizabeths.org.uk/workingwith-us/current-vacancies>.

### **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/>

### **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](mailto:admin@stpauls373.herts.sch.uk) or Father Clement at [cheshunt@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:cheshunt@rcdow.org.uk). This is a rewarding and important voluntary role.

### **NOVENA**

Novena to St Joseph – to mark the close of the Year of Joseph the Agency has produced a short set of reflections drawing from scripture and the Holy's Fathers Apostolic Letter Patris Corde (With a Father's Heart) for our journey with Joseph to Bethlehem. <https://rcdow.org.uk/evangelisation/saint-joseph/>  
<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2020/12/Patris-Corde.pdf>

### **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.

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION COURSE 2021/22**

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 WRC DT 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.