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26/27 NOVEMBER 2022

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR A

Saturday	26th	5.00 pm		For The Sick
Sunday	27th	9.00 am		Annie & Austin McGreal
		11.00 am		Julie Fernandez RIP
Monday	28th	6.30 pm	Advent Feria	Bede Anandappa (BD)
Tuesday	29th	9.30 am	Advent Feria	Peter Mendola RIP
Wednesday	30th	9.30 am	St. Andrew, Apostle	
Friday	2nd	9:30 am	Benediction and Mass	

2nd Sunday of Advent Year A

Saturday	3rd	5.00 pm
Sunday	4th	9.00 am
		11.00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 4:30-pm or telephone the presbytery for an appointment

We pray for the sick in our Parish especially Barbara Bassett, Barbara Alexander and for those who have no one to care for them. We pray for the repose of the souls of Julie Fernandez and all the faithful departed and for Annie & Austin McGreal whose anniversaries occur at this time.

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5 A happy future for all who seek the truth and work for peace

Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14 We are to wake from sleep and put on the armour of light

Reading Matthew 24:37-44 We must make ready for the day when Christ will come again

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK- Another Advent

We begin this season of Advent in a spirit of expectation. During this time, we look forward not just to the birthday of Jesus at Bethlehem but also for his second coming at the end of time!

Here's an instance of a woman with something to teach us this Advent. Before we had cell phones or WhatsApp or Voicemail, we depended on the humble landline. There was a mother in Mayo whose son in New York used to phone her up at eight o'clock every Sunday evening. As it neared the time her eyes were fixed on the telephone. No call in or out was allowed as she waited! She would not miss the joy of hearing her son's voice and all his news. That woman was a model for our spirit of waiting in Advent! The key attitude is one of being alert, being ready, so as not to miss the time of his coming,

TEA AND COFFEE AFTER THE 11.00 AM MASS-starting this weekend

We are pleased to announce and invite you to stay behind for tea and coffee after the 11am Mass. Stop to chat with friends and welcome new members to the Parish this Advent season. A parishioner is sponsoring tea, coffee, disposable cups, biscuits, pastries for this purpose. Come one, come all.

CAFOD WORLD GIFTS- Get a copy at the back of the Church.

In Advent, let's share the promise of hope that has been made to us with our sisters and brothers around the world. You can buy CAFOD's World Gifts for family and friends this Christmas online at <https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/> or pick up a catalogue in church. World Gifts such as "super soup kitchens", "trees for life", or "water for a family" will help transform lives in a world filled with challenges.

PARISH ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE ON 13TH DECEMBER- You are all welcome to take part in a spiritual exercise which will usher us into the feast of Christmas- here at the Parish at 7:30pm. Thank you

VISIT THE REPOSITORY TODAY- Get your Advent Booklet

The church Repository, in the room to the left of the 'crying room', will be open after the **5.00 and 11.00 am** Mass this weekend. It has been restocked with a range of Christmas, Sympathy and Mass cards. Lyn Brillus will be on hand to take orders for items such as rosaries, statues, candles etc which can be seen in a catalogue. The Advent Booklet (My Day by Day) costs £2 for adults and £1 for children. Get your copies at the back of the church.

MARRIAGE CARE

Willing to help couples forge a lifelong loving relationship? Marriage Care is a charity that runs marriage preparation courses for couples marrying in a Catholic church, and is looking for new course facilitators. Training is provided and volunteers will join the local Centre. More information can be found at: <https://www.marriagecare.org.uk/mpcf/>

ST PAULS SCHOOL STAY AND PLAY

You are invited to come to St Pauls School (Park Lane, EN7 6LR) with your under five year old child for a '**Stay and Play**' session every Friday morning from 9.15-10.15. Refreshments included. Fun for your child and a chance for you to meet other pre-school parents. Starting Friday September 30.

WARM SPACES PROJECT

Volunteers are needed to support Churches Together Warm Spaces Project which aims to provide warm spaces with refreshments and social contact from November 7 to March 31. St Josephs are running theirs on Mondays and the Rosedale Community Church on Fridays. To volunteer to help please contact the office at St Josephs on 01992 623156 or email walthamcross@rcdow.org.uk.

CATHOLIC PRIMARY ADMISSIONS 2023

St Pauls Catholic Primary School, Park Lane, Cheshunt, EN7 6LR website: <https://stpauls-herts.secure-dbprimary.com> and St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Royal Avenue, Waltham Cross, EN8 7EN website: <https://www.stjosephsherts.uk>

For both schools, you must apply for a school place online. The online application process for Under 11s (Reception) commenced on Tuesday 1st November 2022 and will close on Sunday 15th January 2023 on the following website www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions

Reception 2023 applies to children born between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019.

As well as applying online to Hertfordshire you need to complete a **Supplementary Information Form** which should be sent into the office of the schools to which you are applying together with any supporting documentation.

ST PAULS CATHOLIC PRIMARY ADMISSIONS ARRANGEMENTS 2024-25

The Governing Body of St Paul's Catholic Primary School and Nursery is currently determining proposed admission arrangements for admissions to the school in **September 2024**, they are required to consult on these arrangements and are inviting comments. A copy of the proposed admissions policy is available on their website at <https://stpauls-herts.secure-dbprimary.com/herts/primary/stpauls/site/pages/importantdocuments/admissions/admissions2024-2025>.

There are changes to the oversubscription arrangements. If you wish to comment on the proposed admissions arrangements, please send your response in writing for the attention of Mrs Worton-Geer either by post or emailadmin@stpauls373.herts.sch.uk by 20 January 2023.

NICHOLAS BREAKSPEAR CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Nicholas Breakspear will be holding an open evening on Monday November 28 between 6.00 and 8.00pm for those interested in applying to enter their Sixth Form in September 2023. Their website is nbsherts.sch.uk

NOW ACCEPTING CONTACTLESS DONATIONS

You will find our new DIGITAL COLLECTION PLATE, contactless terminal in the church. Just use your contactless debit/credit card or smart phone/ device to make a donation. There is also a link for donating to the Parish on our website <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/cheshunt/>

APPRECIATION: Thank you for your continuous support to the Parish in these challenging times especially to our stewards and to all of you, for your generous giving to the Parish. God bless you.