



## St. Paul's Church, Cheshunt

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**10/11 DECEMBER 2022**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR A GAUDETTE**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>10th</b>	<b>5.00 pm</b>		Douglas Kelly 5 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>11th</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>		Patrick Collins RIP
		<b>11.00 am</b>		Salvatore Placquadio RIP
<b>Monday</b>	<b>12th</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	Our Lady of Gaudalupe	Angela Smith 3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniv.
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>13th</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	St. Lucy, Virgin	Holy Souls
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>14th</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	St. John of the Cross	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>16th</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	Benediction and Mass	

### 4th Sunday of Advent Year A

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>17th</b>	<b>5.00 pm</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>18th</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>
		<b>11.00 am</b>

**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 all the faithful departed especially Douglas Kelly and Angela Smith whose anniversaries occur at this time.**

### SUNDAY READINGS

**First Reading:** Isaiah 35:1-6, 10 What God can do: he can open our eyes and turn the barren desert into a blossoming garden **Second Reading:** James 5:7-10 James urges us to follow the noble example of courage shown by prophets **Gospel Reading:** Matthew 11:2-11 From his prison cell, John is encouraged by the reports of Jesus' cures

### THOUGHT OF THE WEEK- Could the Baptist have doubted?

Why did the Baptist send from his prison cell that urgent question to Jesus: "Are you He that is to come?" Hadn't John recognised our Lord as the Messiah several months previously, at the Jordan, when he proclaimed Him publicly as the Lamb of God? Did John, faced with almost certain death under Herod, have doubts or second thoughts about Jesus? Some say no, John only asked the question for the sake of his followers, who needed confirmation of their faith from Christ himself. But if John did have doubts, it was because of the peaceful way that Jesus behaved, not at all like the violent revolutionary the Jews expected as their Messiah. The answer to his question came when Jesus told him what God's messenger would be like: healer of the sick, consoler of the suffering, preacher of freedom and truth to the poor. In this way, John's faith in Jesus was made strong, giving him courage to protest against Herod, and accept a martyr's death.

**PARISH ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE ON 13<sup>TH</sup> 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

### TEA AND COFFEE AFTER THE 11.00 AM MASS-

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. This is sponsored by a parishioner and family. 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. **Pick for free a copy of the *Kingdom Revelator* magazine.**

### **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 all Masses this weekend** It has been restocked with a range of Christmas, Sympathy and Mass cards. There are also children's Christmas books, calendars and other Christmas gifts. 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. Please note that payment can only be made with cash.

### **ST PAUL'S SCHOOL ADVENT REFLECTION**

Parishioners are welcome to join the Chaplaincy Team at St Paul's School. Park lane, Cheshunt EN7 6LR on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 2:45pm for an Advent reflection followed by mince pies. They hope to see you there.

### **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/>

### **WARM SPACES PROJECT**

St Joseph's church are providing a warm space in the Meeting Room in the Parish Centre each Monday. It's open from 10.00am – 3.30pm. They are offering hot drinks as well as a soup and sandwich lunch. They still need volunteers to help prepare the refreshments and to chat with the people who come along. There are three volunteer sessions each day. 9.30am – 12 noon; 11.30am – 2.00pm; 1.30pm – 4.00pm. If you are able to help please contact the Parish Office at St Joseph's on 01992 623156 or email [walthamcross@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:walthamcross@rcdow.org.uk).

### **ST PAUL'S SCHOOL NURSERY**

The school has spaces in their Nursery for mid-year admissions. They now take children from the term after they turn 3 years old. For more information, please contact the school office [admin@stpauls373.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stpauls373.herts.sch.uk) or 01992 635060.

### **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](http://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](mailto:emailadmin@stpauls373.herts.sch.uk) by 20 January 2023.

### **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.

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