



## St. Paul's Church, Cheshunt

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### 3/4 DECEMBER 2022 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR A

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>5.00 pm</b>		Margaret Watson Int.
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>4th</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>		Nonsie Carr BD
		<b>11.00 am</b>		People of the Parish
<b>Monday</b>	<b>5th</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	Advent Feria	Soniya Thomas (Thanksgiving)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>6th</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	St. Nicholas	Maura & Martin (Int.)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>7th</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	St. Ambrose	Jaques Cunsamy RIP
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9th</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	Benediction and Mass	Ann Kelly (Int.)
<b>3rd Sunday of Advent Year A</b>				
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>10th</b>	<b>5.00 pm</b>		
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>11th</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 Ann Watson and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time.**

### SUNDAY READINGS

**First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10** A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse

**Second Reading: Romans 15:4-9** Christ is the saviour of all men **Gospel Reading** Matthew 3:1-12 The one who follows me will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire

### THOUGHT OF THE WEEK- John's greatness was that he pointed to him.

The voice of prophecy had been silent for four hundred years. John the Baptist spoke with such fire that people believed God had now broken the long silence. Even many of the Pharisees and Sadducees were convinced, or at least willing to consider it. We are more aware of the Pharisees - they get such a bad press in the New Testament. It must have taken an immense force to lift their heads from their study of the Torah, the Law. The Torah was God's definitive word, according to their belief. But here they were, listening for a new word from God. But there would be another diamond, an Immortal Diamond, and John's greatness was that he pointed to him. "He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire" - He, the Immortal Diamond formed in the crucible of earth's suffering. He did not insult or berate us; he joined himself to us. With him every mortal sufferer can be immortal diamond, can say with Hopkins: "I am all at once what Christ is, since he was what I am."

### 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 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

#### **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 **11.00 am** Mass 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. Next week (December 10 and 11) it will be open after every Mass. 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.

#### **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**

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).

#### **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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