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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B



Saturday	9th	5.00 pm		Tommy O'Donnel RIP Thomas Rooney RIP Anniv.
Sunday	10th	9.00 am 11.00am		Agnes Gallagher (int.) People of the Parish
Monday	11th	9.30 am	St. Damasus	Chitra Sebastian RIP
Tuesday	12th	9.30 am	Our Lady of Guadalupe	Holy Souls
Wednesday	13th	9.30 am	St. Lucy	Michael Sweeney RIP
Friday	15th	9:00am	Benediction & Mass	
3rd Sunday Advent Year B				
Saturday	16th	5.00 pm		
Sunday	17th	9 & 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, Margaret Watson, Patricia Reilly, Mariesha McDonagh, 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 Benedict Clifford De Silver, Alexander Nicolaides, Thomas Kilcommons and Rosalinda Zanre and those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 God is coming to save his people and to open up our way into the future

Second Reading: Second Peter 3:8-14 God gives us time to repent and so be ready to meet him when he comes

Gospel Reading: Mark 1:1-8 John the Baptist prepares the people for the coming of their Saviour

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK- A preacher's vocation

John the Baptist could be the central figure in today's homily. He prepared the minds of people in his circle to welcome the bringer of salvation. That is how God seems to work: sending the message of salvation and meaningful living to us through each other. St Paul once asked two vital questions, "How can people know about God if they have never heard? and how can they hear if nobody is sent to them?" So, the vocation to proclaim or preach religious truth is vital, if God is to be known and loved. As we prepare to welcome Jesus Christ in our heart this Christmas, may we truly be instruments of his message to others.

PARISH ADVENT RECONCILIATION

As part of our preparations for this Christmas, an advent reconciliation service will be organised at the Parish on Tuesday, 19 December 2023 at 7:30pm. You are all invited

SAFEGUARDING; Achieving a culture of safeguarding in our Parish

To help create a safe space and build a culture of safeguarding, I would like to remind parishioners that, the parish has a Safeguarding representative in the person of Trevor Mills. Contact Trevor on 07954438606/cheshuntsg@safeguardingrcdow.org.uk. www.catholicsafeguarding.org.uk

www.rcdow.org.uk/diocese/safeguarding. The diocesan safeguarding coordinator can be contacted on: 02077989350.

AWAKE LONDON

A Catholic Bible convention and Healing ministry on Saturday 16th December 2023 from 2 pm to 5 pm led By Fr. David Waller and Anointing Fire Catholic Ministry UK at Catholic Parish of Christ The King, 455 Chingford Road London, E4 8SP. Convention includes: Praise and Worship, Holy Mass, confession, Healing service and Eucharistic Adoration, spiritual sharing, sessions for children (www.afcmuk.org). Free car parking available.

SUPPORT SVP

"The SVP are distributing over 10,000 Vinnie Packs containing cold weather essentials to the homeless and those spending the principal part of their day on the streets. Each pack contains thermal gloves, thermal hat, two pairs of thermal socks, face flannel, toothbrush, toothpaste, information sheet and pen. Please could you consider sponsoring packs at a suggested donation of £4.20 per pack? Donations can be sent to Vinnie Packs, PO Box 72264, London SW1P 9EZ with cheques made out to SVP or by bank transfer to Nat West sort code 60-60-04, account no. 4608 8237. Thank you so much for your support."

REPOSITORY

The Repository will be open after the 11.00 am Masses this weekend. It is now stocked with Christmas cards and gifts. Please be aware that to pay, it is cash only.

SCHOOL GOVERNORS

Are you interested in becoming a school governor in a Catholic School? Please contact governors@rcdow.org.uk or check out some of the vacancies at Interested in working in our Schools-Diocese of Westminster Education Service rcdow.org.uk or use the QR reader on the poster at the back of the church. You do not necessarily need to have experience in education as training will be given.

URGENT APPEAL FOR WINTER CLOTHING- Supporting local refugees and asylum seekers

We urgently need clean winter clothes in good condition. No holes, broken zips or fastenings please. for men and women: Coats, jumpers, hoodies, joggers, long sleeved tops in S, M, L XL. For children: age 3-14 Coats, jumpers, hoodies, joggers, long sleeved tops. Sorry but we cannot accept summer clothing at this time of year.

KNOCK PILGRIMAGES

Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock & Co Mayo, 10th March 2024. £899.00 pps. Price includes flight, 10kg hold luggage, 5 nights in 4* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Lunch on three days. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock, Galway City, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick & Ashford Castle. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact Patricia or Natali on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

DIOCESAN JOBS

Are you looking for job opportunities? Westminster Diocese has some opportunities for you. For a list of current vacancies and further details, please visit <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/>

CARITAS WESTMINSTER

Advent is a special season in the Church's year when we prepare to celebrate the coming of Christ. However, with the cost-of-living crisis, many in our communities are facing difficulties. This Advent Giving Calendar is designed for you to use this season as a time to think about those who might need some extra support this Christmas. You can follow along each day and you can leave your donations for the Broxbourne Foodbank in the box by the Altar. To download the Advent Giving Calendar go to <https://www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/food-security-918.php#AGC>.

APPRECIATION

Thank you for your continuous support to the Parish in these challenging times, especially to our stewards/volunteers and all of you, for your generous giving to the Parish.

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