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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (MIGRANT DAY) YEAR B



Saturday	2nd	5.00 pm		George Hagan (int)
Sunday	3rd	9.00 am		Margaret Watson (int)
		11.00am		People of the Parish
Monday	4th	9.15 am	Joint Service at St Paul's Primary School	
Tuesday	5th	9.30 am	Advent Feria	Sonia Thomas (int.)
Wednesday	6th	9.30 am	St. Nicholas	Holy Souls
Friday	8th	9:00am	Benediction & Mass (Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary)	Mary Willson RIP
2nd Sunday Advent Year B				
Saturday	9th	5.00 pm		
Sunday	10th	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, Mariasha 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 Nicolaidis, Thomas Kilcommons and Rosalinda Zanre and those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 63:16-17,64:1,3-8 O that you would tear the heavens open and come down

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 We are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed

Gospel Reading: Mark 13:33-37 If he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK- wake up

Advent is the season when we hear that wake-up call repeatedly, as in today's gospel reading. The master of the house, Jesus said, could come at any moment. Later, the first Christians expected the Second Coming of Jesus in their own lifetime, but as the years passed, they had to get used to a longer perspective. This was difficult for them, and they had to struggle to make sense of it. Peter did so by quoting Psalm 89, "To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone, no more than a watch in the night." (2 Peter 3:8). Paul had to tell the Thessalonians to get back to work: "We hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living" (2 Thessalonians 3:11-12). *May this advent season get us to work, get us ready for our Lord's coming*

THANKSGIVING MASS LAST WEEKEND-Appreciation

From Fr. Clement: you joined me last weekend at all the Masses to celebrate and give thanks for my twenty years as a priest. Thank you all for the untiring support throughout the years. God bless you for your kind support.

JOINT SERVICE AT ST PAUL'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Parishioners are invited to a joint Advent Mass at St Paul's Primary School, Park Lane on Monday, 4 December 2023 at 9.15 am All are welcome.

COPE28 LONDON MARCH

March in solidarity with people on the frontlines of the climate crisis and bring Pope Francis' COP28 message to the streets of London. Sat, 9 Dec 2023 11:45 - 14:00 GMT Central London - Location to be confirmed - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/cop28-london-march-tickets>. Sign the petition to the president of COP28 prepared by Laudato Si: <https://laudatosimovement.org/cop28/>

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 and email at cheshuntsg@safeguardingrcdow.org.uk

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 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.

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/>

SOCIETY OF THE FRIENDS OF WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL

Westminster Cathedral the mother Church of our diocese has improved the lighting of its main sanctuary. The previous aged and inefficient system had to be replaced as spare parts were no longer available. The improved lighting is of great benefit on major occasions particularly if they are being broadcast or live streamed. The improvements are being funded by the Friends of Westminster Cathedral. They are asking for our help by supporting their Big Give Campaign with online donations. For donations made from 12.00 noon on Tuesday 28 November and before 12.00 noon on Tuesday 5 December every £1 given is worth £2 with matched funding and £2.25 if you can tick the Gift Aid box. The link to the donation site is <https://bit.ly/FriendsBG23>

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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