

# THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

Copenhagen Street

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**Parish Office opening times:** Tuesday-Friday 10.00am -2.00pm



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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

3<sup>rd</sup> December 2017

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## Wake Up Call

A man goes on a journey leaving his slaves in charge, each with a job to do. A doorkeeper keeps watch to alert the slaves as to his master's return. The story illustrates the time of waiting between Jesus' first coming as a little baby at Christmas to his second coming on Judgement Day. Did the slaves really need a doorkeeper to alert them to the master's return? After all, waiting for the second coming shouldn't be a big cosmic game of 'Dixie'. The point is not to wait for the master's return before hurling ourselves into great busy-ness. We're not waiting for Jesus' return in the same way we would wait for a bus, we have to spend our waiting time in preparation and constant readiness.

"Keep alert," we are told "keep awake." We are asked to keep alert and awake not for fear of being caught out like naughty school children, but in a spirit of 'keeping our eye on the ball.' We all know how we would like to contribute. Each of us is aware of our unique place on the planet and how we would like to be remembered. Sadly, all too often it is easy for us to 'take our eye off the ball' and get caught up in other concerns.

The news is full of people who have reached the end of their life unexpectedly. None of us has been afforded an exact time and date for our final preparations. Instead we are asked to live in a permanent state of readiness seizing every opportunity on a daily basis to prepare for God's Kingdom. Our Advent goal needs to be about waiting in readiness from this day until our last.



## PARISH NEWS

**SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS FUND:** This important collection will take place at all Masses next weekend. There are currently more than 80 retired priests supported by this Fund in our Diocese. Please pick up a donation envelope from the back of the Church and return it next weekend with your donation. Please also consider gift aiding your contribution. Thank you!

**WELCOME:** Justin Tan is being received as a catechumen at the 11 o'clock Mass today. This is the first public rite as he prepares to be baptised at the Easter Vigil next April. Let us all accompany him with our prayers as he continues this faith journey.

**CHRISTMAS RAFFLE & BAZAAR:** Thanks for the support for the raffle. The list of winning tickets is posted at the top of the stairs. Please be sure to bring your ticket stub to claim your prize. Thanks also for all the effort and generosity that was shared in preparing for yesterday's Christmas Bazaar. Results will be published next week.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS, CALENDARS, CANDLES, ETC.** are available for purchase at the front of Church after Masses this month. New Westminster Year Books for 2018 available there too.

**FIRST CONFESSION:** next Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> December, is First Confession for the children preparing for their First Communion. Parents and children please be in the hall from 11:05am. There is no class on Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> December, but the children will receive their certificates at the 11:00 Mass.

**CONFIRMATION 2018:** A final reminder that completed application forms should please be returned by next Sunday, **10<sup>th</sup> December 2017**. For more details contact Fr David on [davidlucuy@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:davidlucuy@rcdow.org.uk)

**LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY COLLECTION:** Envelopes £249.03 loose plate £196.04  
**Thank you for your generosity.**

**REQUESTS FOR PRAYERS:**

**Please remember to pray for those who have died recently and for all those whose anniversaries are about this time. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.**

**HEALING FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:** especially Doreen Clayton, Tom Hunt, Sophia O'Donnell, Monica Smith (O'Leary), Cassie Robinson, Tessa Charlton, Michael Hehir, Emmanuel Tala, Mary Wallace, Nina & Jocelyn Hillgarth, Filomena Barbo, Colin Harris, Peggy Walsh, Nora Moran, Maria Carrano, May Cullen., Gordana Tancevska, Irene Bryan, Phuong Quach, Albert Boateng, Anne & Thomas Griffin, Freddie Mudd, Margaret Cross, Catherine Barnes, Ellen Hunt, Hazel Hoyte, Angela Neary & Jackie Payne.

<b>MASSES THIS WEEK:</b>			
<b>DATE</b>	<b>FEAST DAYS</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>INTENTION</b>
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	<b>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> <i>(Parish Mass Book p 82)</i>	8.30am 11.00am	Dena Adams RIP Mario Carrano RIP (Anniv.)
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	<i>Advent feria</i>	10.30am	Private Intention
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	<i>Advent feria</i>	10.30am	Private Intention
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	<i>Advent feria</i>	10.30am	Private Intention
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	<i>Advent feria</i>	10.30am	All our Parishioners
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> <i>(Parish Mass Book p 85)</i>	8.30am 11.00am	Frank Murphy RIP Patrick Morgan RIP (Anniv.)

**Weekday Masses:** Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 10.30am

**Weekend Masses:** Saturday 10.30am, Sunday 8.30am & 11.00am

**Confessions:** Sunday 8am-8.20am: 10.30am – 10.50am

*Weekday Mass at St John the Evangelist Monday - Friday at 10.00am – All welcome*

*Confessions at St John's on Saturday 10.30-11.15am and 5.15-5.45pm*