

CHURCH OF SAINT MARY

1 December 2019

First Sunday of Advent



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Fairtrade Certified Parish



Sunday Collection: 24 November 2019

The collection for this past weekend was as follows:

Cash	£878.86
Planned Giving	£484.90
Total	£1,363.76

Please remember the Diocese levies our parish at 33% (increased for 2018) of the weekly collections.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY (Second Sunday of Advent)

First Reading: Isa 11:1-10
 Psalm: 71:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17
 Second Reading: Rom 15:4-9
 Gospel: Matt 3:1-12



Reflection: wednesdayword.org/downloads/parish_docs/609-Advent-1-A-2019.pdf

CANDLES ON SALE IN AID OF CHRISTIANS IN THE HOLY LAND

Beautifully hand-crafted candles on sale this weekend in aid of The Knights of the Holy Sepulchre—a vital organisation that works to support Catholic teaching and organisations in the Holy Land where Christianity is under threat. Mgr Phelim is a Knight of the Holy Sepulchre. In addition to the candles, you will of course be able to make donations so please bring some extra cash to the Masses this weekend to support this worthy cause. The candles will make lovely Christmas presents or decorations for your own Christmas table.



ICON OF THE HOLY FAMILY



As in previous years our Icon of the Holy Family will be ready to be passed around the parish from this weekend starting after the Vigil Mass on 30th November. There will be a sign up sheet in church. Each family can have the icon in their home for a night (perhaps longer depending on the number of interested families) to pray and reflect on the Advent season and the Holy Family. Please email marystanier@rcdow.org.uk if you would like to take the icon on Saturday evening. It's a lovely way to begin your spiritual preparation for Christmas much nicer than scrolling through the Amazon website!

CAROLS AND MINCE PIES & WINE!

FRIDAY 6 DECEMBER, 5PM

Join us for carols at St Mary's at 5pm on 6 December followed by mince pies and wine in the Parish Rooms (on us!). Please come along and have a sing! Those of you with boys at St Anthony's can come straight from the Christmas Fayre!

CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY GIFT COLLECTION

Please contribute an unwrapped present to the collection for the CCS. There is a box on the altar where you can place your present. Gifts for teenagers are particularly sought after as they tend to be an overlooked group. Please give as generously as you can. These presents go to people who otherwise get nothing. Think about that! The last weekend for contributions is this coming one because we need take the presents over to the CCS next week. Thank you in advance.



CALLING ALL MUSICAL CHILDREN!



Do you have a budding musician in your family who would like to have the opportunity to contribute to our liturgy? If your child is grade 2 level or above and can read music (or is prepared to learn it in advance), please contact Charlotte Ayres at lottywotbot@mac.com with: name of child; name of parent; contact number or email; instrument; grade/level Our first mass will be on Sunday 8th December at 10am with a rehearsal beforehand at 9.15am. It is likely to be a termly event so if you can't make it this time but would be interested another time please get in touch anyway to register your interest.



ADVENT FAITH SHARING GROUP 1 DECEMBER 2019 5-6PM



The Faith Sharing Prayer Group will meet at 5pm on 1 December in the Parish Rooms. We will reflect on the Sunday Gospels during Advent using Lectio Divina. A good way to deepen our personal and lived out faith. Come and join us. All welcome.

SAINT MARY'S SCHOOL CAROL CONCERT TUESDAY 3 DECEMBER, 7PM

Saint John's Church, Church Row, NW3

All welcome

PARISH DINNER 13 DECEMBER 2019

The tickets for the parish dinner are now sold out. If you would like to be on the reserve list please let me know writing to marystanier@rcdow.org.uk If you are not going to use your tickets, please return them and we will refund you.



There are A LOT of people wanting to go and who are on the reserve list. It would be a great shame to have empty chairs at empty tables (to coin a phrase!) when so many people want to go. Thanks very much!



CAROL OF THE BELLS

FRIDAY 6 DECEMBER 2019 7PM

St Clement Danes Church, Strand, London WC2R 1DH

A traditional Polish - British Charity Concert. In aid of the Knights of Malta Hospital in Barczevo, Poland and the Homeless in London. Tickets £20 (£25 at the door) Under 16s free. Cheques and donations to: APKM(UK), 2 Brentham Way, London W5 1BJ or via PayPal online at; donate@apkmuk.co.uk. Contact: polishknightsofmalta.uk@gmail.com

JRS ADVENT SERVICE

The Jesuit Refugee Service UK will be holding its Advent Service at Farm Street Church on Friday 6th December at 7pm. It will be an evening of readings and carols, led by Bishop Paul McAleenan, including a drama performance by our refugee friends. The service will be followed by refreshments and an opportunity to see the JRS UK art exhibition. All are welcome! More info: <https://www.jrsuk.net/news/advent-service-2019/> RSVP by Friday 29 November to Sara Adan: sara.adan@jrs.net



LAUDATO SI' QUOTES FROM POPE FRANCIS

'Saint Francis of Assisi reminds us that our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us. "Praise be to you, my Lord, through our Sister, Mother Earth, who sustains and governs us, and who produces various fruit with coloured flowers and herbs". (LS 1)

GENERAL ELECTION 2019

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS SUGGESTED BY CAFOD ETC TO ASK CANDIDATES

- 1) Global Poverty and Aid (How will each party tackle poverty overseas and protect quality of UK aid ?)
- 2) The Climate Crisis (Does the party support 2050 net zero target of emissions?)
- 3) Britain in the World
- 4) Poverty in England and Wales (How will each party contribute to availability of housing and jobs that reduce poverty?)
- 5) Persecuted Christians and People of other faiths (Any policies? A Special Envoy?)
- 6) Find out where your local candidates stand on life issues. In the next parliament there will likely be an effort to relax part of the current abortion law and a renewed push to introduce assisted suicide. Whatever your usual allegiances may be, when casting your vote, please reflect on the importance of human life. Find out where your local candidates stand on life issues - abortion and assisted suicide - by visiting www.righttolife.org.uk/bothlives



ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN

"We can believe what we choose. We are answerable for what we choose to believe."

First Sunday of Advent

Saturday	18:30	Vigil Mass
Sunday	08:30	Mass, Mass
	10:00	Family Mass, Mass Intention Eileen Van Driel
	11:30	Solemn Mass
	18:30	Mass with hymns
Monday	02 Dec 09:00	Mass
Tuesday	03 Dec 09:00	No Mass
Wednesday	04 Dec 09:00	Mass, St John Damascene, Priest, Doctor of the Church,
Thursday	05 Dec 09:00	Mass
Friday	06 Dec 09:00	No Mass, St Nicholas, Bishop

PARISH SAFE-GUARDING REPRESENTATIVE - Deirdre Allen
She can be contacted in confidence at hampsteadsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk.

THE SACRAMENTS

Baptism: usually on Saturday by prior arrangement with the Parish Priest

Penance: Saturday 6.00–6.25pm

Marriage: by appointment with the Parish Priest

Visiting of the Sick and Housebound: please arrange with the Parish Priest

Confirmation: annually by participation in Confirmation Programme

Convert Instruction: regular courses run by the Parish Priest

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

*Details for some events can be found in the newsletter
or on the display board in the back of the church.*

1 Dec	17.00	Faith Sharing Group, Parish Rooms
1 Dec		After all Masses Candle Sale for KHS
8 Dec		After Sunday morning Masses waffle sale for Fr. Vincent's charity
13 Dec	19:00	Parish Dinner

Catholic Teaching For Children Attending Non-Catholic Schools

Our Pastoral Assistant, Mary Stanier, is responsible for the instruction of children who attend non-Catholic schools.

The classes take place every Sunday during term, beginning at 11am in St Dorothy's Convent, 99 Frgnal.

Children must be registered beforehand.

Please contact Mary:
marystanier@rcdow.org.uk.

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