

CHURCH OF SAINT MARY

8 December 2019

Second Sunday of Advent



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Sunday Collection: 01 December 2019

The collection for this past weekend was as follows:

Cash	£ 899.53
Planned Giving	£490.80
Total	£1,390.33

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

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY (Third Sunday of Advent)

First Reading: Isa 35:1-6a, 10
Psalm: 145:6-7, 8-9a, 9b-10
Second Reading: Jas 5:7-10
Gospel: Matt 11:2-11



Reflection: wednesdayword.org/downloads/parish_docs/610-Advent-2-A-2019.pdf

DOWNSIDE SCHOOL CAROL SERVICE 9 DECEMBER 2019 AT 18:15

Please join us here at St Mary's at 18:15 to listen to the choristers from Downside School and then afterwards for refreshments at St Anthony's School 90 Fitzjohns Ave where relics from the Downside Abbey Collection will be on display including the personal bible of recently canonised St John Henry Newman. To book please visit www.downside.co.uk

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. Thank you!



ICON OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Please sign up to have the Icon of the Holy Family in your homes. There is 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.

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 week starting 9th December. 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.



'Let us take things as we find them: let us not attempt to distort them into what they are not.. We cannot make facts. All our wishing cannot change them. We must use them.'



ADVENT LECTIO DIVINA PRAYER GROUP 8 DEC 2019 5-6PM

The Lectio Divina Prayer Group will meet at 5pm 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.



WAFFLES ON SALE SUNDAY 8 DECEMBER



Please indulge in some delicious waffles which will be sold for the Sister Mura Foundation, a charity in South Africa which assists children with HIV/AIDS. Fr Vincent will be there to speak about the important mission. All donations welcome. You can pay by transfer also: Sister Mura Foundation, First National, Killarney Mall, Johannesburg, Branch Number 256205, Account Number 62809888136, Swift code FiRNZAJJ.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING CHRISTIANS IN THE HOLY LAND

The candle sale in raised £1,532!! 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. Thank you for your generous support.



CATHOLIC BISHOPS' GENERAL ELECTION 2019 STATEMENT

The Catholic Bishops' of England and Wales have issued a statement on the forthcoming General Election. It concentrates on the key issues – not parties or manifestos – offering a series of points that can be put to candidates prior to voting. Visit <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/2019-general-election-statement-and-bishops-plenary/>

GENERAL ELECTION 2019

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS SUGGESTED BY CAFOD ETC TO ASK CANDIDATES

- 1) How will each party tackle poverty overseas and protect quality of UK aid ?
- 2) Does the party support 2050 net zero target of emissions?
- 3) Britain in the World
- 4) How will each party contribute to availability of housing and jobs that reduce poverty in England and Wales?)
- 5) Policies re: persecuted Christians and People of other faiths?
- 6) Attitudes on abortion and assisted suicide. Whatever your usual allegiances may be, when casting your vote, please reflect on the importance of human life.

AID TO CHURCH IN NEED CAROL SERVICE 12 DECEMBER 7-9PM

FARM STREET CHURCH, 14 MOUNT STREET, MAYFAIR, LONDON, W1K 3AH

We invite you to our annual carol service to enjoy the talent of the Schola Cantorum of the London Oratory, directed by Charles Cole with organ and brass ensemble. This service has proved popular in previous years so please register your interest early by emailing acn@acnuk.org. Free entry with refreshments after the service -a collection will be taken for ACN's work with persecuted Christians.

LAUDATO SI' QUOTES FROM POPE FRANCIS

‘This sister (our Mother Earth) now cries out to us because of the harm we have inflicted on her by our irresponsible use and abuse of the goods with which God has endowed her. We have come to see ourselves as her lords and masters, entitled to plunder her at will.’ (LS 1-2)



CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION 18 & 19 DECEMBER 2019 7.30PM-9PM

Westminster Cathedral, 42 Francis St, Westminster, London SW1P 1QW, UK

Join us for a candlelit evening of festive readings read by some familiar faces, congregational carols and superb music provided by our world-famous choir and cathedral orchestra. Spread over 2 nights, the annual Christmas Celebration will be held at Westminster Cathedral on Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th December 2019, with entry from £10.



Tickets for both nights available at ticketmaster.co.uk and in the Cathedral Gift Shop.

Second Sunday of Advent

Saturday	18:30	Vigil Mass
Sunday	08:30	Mass,
	10:00	Family Mass, Mass. Int. Jaqoda Dadzik, RIP
	11:30	Solemn Mass
	18:30	Mass with hymns
Monday	09 Dec 09:00	Mass, The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tuesday	10 Dec 09:00	No Mass
Wednesday	11 Dec 09:00	Mass at St Dorothy's Convent, St Damasus I, Pope
Thursday	12 Dec 09:00	Mass, Our Lady of Guadalupe
Friday	13 Dec 09:00	Mass, St Lucy, Virgin, Martyr

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.*

- 8 Dec After Sunday morning Masses waffle sale for Fr. Vincent's charity
- 8 Dec 17:00 Advent Lectio Divina Prayer Group, Parish Rooms
- 13 Dec 19:00 Parish Dinner
- 14 Dec 17:00 Advent Lectio Divina Prayer Group, Parish Rooms

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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