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PARISH NEWSLETTER

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1st Sunday of Advent

01st December 2024

ADVENT AGAIN!

Advent Season is a sacred season set apart in the Church that reminds us of the twofold coming of our Saviour Jesus Christ. On the one hand, Advent informs us of the first coming of the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity into the world, in the Flesh, through the instrumentality of the Blessed Virgin Mary. On the other hand, Advent points to the Parousia, second and final coming of Christ. Essentially, the primary characteristic of both comings of Jesus Christ is preparation. During Advent, we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ on Christmas Day. The word was made flesh, and dwelt among us (John 1:14). In a sense, it is right to argue that Advent evokes a deep sense of longing or yearning in us. The world longs for the birth of the child Jesus. Similarly, we yearn for the peace, love and joy that his birth brings to the world.

Advent reminds us of our incompleteness without God. As much as our world tries very hard to remove God from the scheme of things, we can testify from the standpoint of faith profession and existential realities that God is still very relevant in our lives. Jesus Christ offers us peace and love which are capable of calming the troubled waters of life if we are open to his grace. In this regard, Advent encourages us to be people of hope in the midst of the uncertainties of life. This hope is not deceptive. It is rather proactive to the extent that it introduces a certain level of reassurance in our lives. Advent motivates us to be witnesses of hope and joy in our world that is increasingly filled with hatred, ignorance, bitterness, wickedness and scandals of various kinds. Advent beckons on us to stay awake and to be shining light in the midst of darkness that is enveloping our world. Advent equally urges us to renew our faith and commitment in the service of God and humanity. Advent provokes a sense of awareness in us that despite the unfolding challenges, tensions and uncertainties of life, faith, hope and love will triumph.

Best wishes for a transformative Advent season.

SUNDAY MASSES

Sat Vigil 6.15pm
7:30am, 9am,
10.30am,
12noon
6pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon – Sat 9am
Mon -- Thu 6pm
Fri 7pm

CONFESSIONS

Friday 6pm –
6:30pm
Saturday 9:30am
– 10:15am &
4:30pm – 5:15pm

PARISH ROSARY

Mon – Sat at
8:15am

HOLY HOUR & BENEDICTION

Saturday 4.30-
5.30pm

THE ANGELUS

Before every
evening Mass

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY – THURSDAY 9:30AM – 1PM (FRIDAY THE OFFICE IS CLOSED)

Parish Priest: Fr Damian-Mary Moneke, CSSp.
damianmoneke@rcdow.org.uk (*Day off: Mon*)

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quyquannguyen@rcdow.org.uk (*Day off: Wed*)

2nd Assistant Priest & Chaplain at Heathrow

Airport: Fr Jude Kurumeh, CSSp.
judekurumeh@rcdow.org.uk (*Day off: Thurs*)

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Youth Worker: Ivan Čižmárik
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(BOOKINGS TAKEN BY PHONE MON, THURS,
FRI 7.00-8.30AM TUES/WED 4.00-5.00PM, OR BY EMAIL)

**PLEASE EMAIL OR CALL THE PRIEST DIRECTLY
FOR AN APPOINTMENT**

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priyajoseph@rcdow.org.uk

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PARISH NOTICES

PARISH ADVENT RETREAT

Parish Advent retreat - Saturday 7th December at 4pm in the Church.

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS DONATION

Annually, as a parish, we prepare Christmas Hampers to assist the families in need during the festive season. This kind gesture provides a lot of relief to such families, and they rely on us to make their Christmas celebration a happy one. We therefore appeal to everyone to kindly donate some food items which will be distributed to the families in need. Please do not bring perishable/fresh food items. Please kindly place the items in the red container placed in Mother Mary chapel marked '**Christmas Hampers Donation**'. Thank you very much for your anticipated kindness and generosity.

SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS'- THANK YOU

We raised a total of £1,941.46 from the collection which took place during the weekend 9/10 November. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS COLLECTION

There will be a collection for the Christmas flowers next weekend during all Masses. Thank you for your anticipated generosity.

FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

Goan Chaplaincy is celebrating Feast Mass of St. Francis Xavier on 3rd December 2024 (in Konkani) 7pm in the Church followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre.

SOLEMNITY – IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Solemnity – Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is on Monday 9th December. There will be 7:30am, 9am, 12noon and 6pm Masses. Please join us in the Parish Centre for tea & coffee after the 6pm Mass.

SVP ADVENT CALENDAR 2024

The St Vincent de Paul (SVP) Team have prepared the SVP Advent calendar that gives a suggestion for items to be donated to our SVP foodbank for each day leading to Christmas. This initiative has been successful in previous years, helping us collect

essential food items for families while minimising food waste. Kindly see the poster in the Porch area. Thank you for your continued support of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The SVP Parish Foodbank is available on the following schedule:

When: Every 2nd Saturday of the month

Time: 10:30am to 12pm

Location: Church Car Park / Parish Centre

All safety guidelines are adhered to (Note: If you want to donate food then you can either do that during the above time slot or **before/after weekday/weekend masses in the Church**. Contact the number below for more information) SVP Contact: Jwela on 07824 067524 or email ssmmsvp@gmail.com.

ADVENT REFLECTION WITH BISHOP NICHOLAS HUDSON – Sunday, Dec 1st, 2024 at 7:30 PM,

Topic: The God Who Comes!

This Advent, join us for a special series of reflections via Zoom with Bishop Nicholas Hudson and other priests! All parishioners, especially young adults, are invited to take part in these inspiring weekly sessions every Sunday evening throughout Advent. Each week, different priests will lead reflections on a variety of topics, offering spiritual insights and the opportunity to dive deeper into the Advent season. Bring your questions, big or small, and join in for a positive and enriching conversation.

ZoomLink:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87363810549?pwd=FkuEJsoif1ISJaG2G6898o2Fjq15b6.1>

Meeting ID: 873 6381 0549

Passcode: 461312

BIBLE STUDY PROGRAMME

Prophets: Messengers of God's Mercy starts on Wednesday, December 4th. The ten-week course will be held on Wednesdays in the Parish Centre. Parishioners can attend the sessions after 9 am or 6 pm Mass. Cost: Participants of Prophets will receive a workbook that costs £28. You can participate without purchasing the workbook. For more information or to register, contact Ivan via email at ivancizmarik@rcdow.org.uk. All are welcome!

PARISH YOUTH GROUP MEETING

The next Parish Youth Group Meeting will take place on Sunday, December 8th at 12:00 noon in

the Parish Centre. The meetings take place every second Sunday of the month at 12:00 noon. Calling all parish youth ages 11-18! Come hang out with other young people and explore how YOU can get involved in the parish - and make it even better! There's something for everyone: community-building opportunities, service projects, social events, and more. Bring your friends! Everyone is welcome. (Contact: ivancizmarik@rcdow.org.uk)

FLAME 2025 - YOUTH (AGED 13-17)

We warmly invite all young people aged 13-17 to join our parish at Flame 2025 on 15th March at the SSE Wembley Arena.

This exciting event will bring together over 10,000 young people for a day of inspiring talks, live music, fun, and reflection. Tickets are £31, with an opportunity to fundraise up to 50% of the cost through parish activities. Contact Ivan at (ivancizmarik@rcdow.org.uk) as soon as possible to secure your place. For more info, visit: <https://cymfed.org.uk/flame/>

CATECHETICAL PROGRAMMES

WHERE TO FIND INFORMATION ON PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES: Type parish.rcdow.org/Hounslow in your browser. Then navigate to PARISH WEBSITE → PARISH LIFE → SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION; it has general information on the various programmes. The next place to check is the Parish Newsletter. If the information you seek is not found on either of these then email the Parish Catechist Lionel Pereira on hounslowcat@rcdow.org.uk.

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE

in our parish is held once every two months. Parents are advised to register for the preparation course even before the delivery. Use the online form available on the Baptism page of the Parish website to sign up. Please read the Baptism webpage for requirements & other details.

JACOB'S ANGELS

As we do every year, angels bearing the name, age and gift idea for a child/person, will be displayed on the notice boards in the Mary chapel at all Masses beginning next weekend (7/8 Dec). Parishioners are invited to choose an angel and purchase the

Christmas gift written on it. This will be presented to that child or person by one of the five charities that serves them. The requirements and ages are specific to actual persons; however, the names have been changed to protect their privacy.

JACOB'S ANGELS DROP-OFF

Kindly place your gift unwrapped in a paper gift bag along with the paper angel so that your gift reaches the right person/child. Please bring your gift bags to church for the evening Mass on Sat 14th Dec and any Mass on Sun 15th Dec and leave them at the Mary Chapel. This year's Confirmation candidates will help collect and put these away. NOTE: Gifts delivered after 15th Dec may be donated to other charities.

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED

We are seeking people with cars to help take the Christmas gifts from the Jacob's Angels project to the local charities on a weekday from Mon 16th Dec between 10am & 4pm. Please email Lionel hounslowcat@rcdow.org.uk your name and hours available if you can help. Thank you!

Leave a legacy

Please consider including our parish in your will or leaving a legacy for the parish. For further details please email us on hounslow@rcdow.org.uk

Online Giving/ Standing Order

To make your donation online, please visit: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/hounslow/donate/other-ways-to-give/>

Bank Transfer

To make a one-off donation please use the parish bank account details:

Account Name: **WRCDT Hounslow**

Sort Code: **40-05-20**

Account Number: **11095463**

Reference: **Surname and First Initial**

QR Code

Scan on the QR code below to donate



*If you are a UK taxpayer, please Gift Aid your donation. The government will top up your gift by 25 percent, meaning a £20 offering becomes £25, at **NO** cost to you.*

TEXTS FOR THIS SUNDAY'S MASS

1st Sunday of Advent

Jeremiah 33:14-16 – 'I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David'

Psalm Response – *To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul*

1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2 – 'May the Lord establish your hearts for the coming of Christ'

Luke 21:25-28,34-36 – 'Your redemption is drawing near'

NEXT SUNDAY'S MASS

2nd Sunday of Advent

Baruch 5:1-9 – 'God will show your splendour'

Psalm Response – *What great deeds the Lord worked for us! Indeed, we were glad.*

Philippians 1:3-6,8-11 – 'Be pure and blameless for the day of Christ'.

Luke 3:1-6 – 'All flesh shall see the salvation of God'.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION

23rd/24th November 2024

Loose: £3,428.43

Envelopes: £1,203.01

TOTAL: £4,631.44

Thank you very much for your generosity. May God continue to bless you as you support our parish

IN YOUR PRAYERS – REMEMBER

OUR SICK: Sybil Knox, Joaquim De Souza, Fr Derek McGuire, Jennita Aluan, Nizelle Soares, Peter Newton, Hubert Teles, Amy Burns, Steve, Sandra, Carson Javier Dabasia, Terry Lynch, Igor Sitarska and Don Lynch.

DECEASED: Emma Noronha, Michael Duncan Duff, Denzil Burns, Clara Nazareth, Rosita Teresa De Silva, Baby Angel Cardozo, Baby Perpetual Cardozo, Manuel Cardozo, Goldwyn Dias, Sean Feeney, Rosaria Castro, Remy Vaz, Marie Lynch, Baby Nyssa.

PARISH/PRAYER GROUP MEETINGS

SYRO-MALABAR CHAPLAINCY MASS

Sunday 08th December at 3pm

SINHALESE CHAPLAINCY MASS

Sunday 15th December at 4pm

GOAN CHAPLAINCY MASS

Sunday, 22nd December at 4pm

ST ANTHONY NOVENAS

Tuesday 3rd December, St Anthony novena will be at 8:30pm in the Church.

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

Wednesday at 5pm. There will be no Novena's held from 18th December. Novena will resume from 15th January 2025.

CHURCH CLEANING

Thursdays after 9am Mass. Thank you

DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS & IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

Thursday at 5pm

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION

First Friday of each month at 3pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every 2nd Thursday of the month after evening Masses.

FIRST FRIDAYS EXPOSITION

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on every first Friday of the month for adoration and silent prayers after the morning Mass and end at 5pm.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (SVP) MEETINGS

Weekend: 2nd Saturday after the Foodbank at 12pm in the Parish Centre.

LIVING WORD CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL PRAYER GROUP

Invites parishioners to our weekly prayer meeting/fellowship every Friday evening in the Parish Centre. Time: 7pm - 9pm. All are welcome. Email us at livingwordccr@gmail.com; contact Sam (447450355567), Graham (+447908287917) for other enquiries.

PRAYER FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Father, we thank you for the gift of your Son in the Eucharist. We now place before you all the sick and housebound of our parish. As they share in this Eucharist with us, we pray that they may come to know the depth of your love for them and, the joy, the peace and healing of your presence. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.