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Masses: Tues to Fri 12:30pm
Thu 6pm
Sat 8:15pm & Sun 9am & 11am

Morning Prayer of the Church: Mon to Fri during Advent from 6:30am to 7:30am. Everyone is welcome!

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 2025



"As were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man."

Matthew 24:37

"Beloved, now is the acceptable time spoken of by the Spirit, the day of salvation, peace and reconciliation: the great season of Advent. This is the time eagerly awaited by the patriarchs and prophets, the time that holy Simeon rejoiced at last to see." St Charles Borromeo

"The hour has come for you to wake from sleep."



**Morning Prayer of the Church in the Crypt:
Monday to Friday 6:30am to 7:30am.
Everyone is encouraged to attend!**

Praying with the Scriptures for Advent.

Meeting every Wednesday of Advent
 10:30 am in St Charles' Crypt.
 Everyone welcome!

Simbang Gabi Raffle tickets will be available after Sunday Masses in preparation for our Christmas Filipino Mass on 14th December at 2pm. Everyone is welcome to join us!

Fr Aloyce will kindly supply for our Sunday Masses next Sunday while I am away on a stage of formation with my Community. Please pray for me as I shall pray for you. Fr Oscar

Mass Schedule

Sat 29 th November	8:15pm The Neocatechumenate
Sun 30 th November FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT A	9am C White wellbeing 11am Pro Populo
Mon 1 st December	6:30am Morning Prayer
Tue 2 nd December	12:30pm Mr Precioush RIP
Wed 3 rd December	12:30pm Catherine Tilson & St Francis Xavier Lenan Fogarty RIP
Thu 4 th December	12:30pm Mary Broodbridge RIP 6pm Mary Sampson RIP
Fri 5 th December	12:30pm John Rorke RIP

Take a look at the leaflet **"Advent 2025"** for activities for children and young people happening this Advent in our parish.

Christmas Retreat The Birth of Salvation



Christ saves by grace through faith for works of love.

Praying and experiencing salvation with the Holy Family.

Saturday 27th Dec 11am to 4pm at St Charles Borromeo, Ogle Street. Please register your interest at:

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/oglestreet/events/advent-retreat/>

Join our WhatsApp group to find the hymns to be sung on Sunday.



Remove all obstacles



Beloved,

"There was a time when he was not." This sentence by the heretic Libyan priest Arius provoked the greatest controversy about the nature of Christ ever to take place in the Early Church.

This crisis was resolved by the Council of Nicaea in 325 which upheld the divinity of Christ and taught that Jesus was made man when he became incarnate of the Virgin Mary by the power of the Holy Spirit while simultaneously being also for all eternity: *'God from God, Light from Light, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father'*.

Because Christ is man, he understands perfectly well when we tell him: "help me"; "I am afraid"; "don't let me fall"; "I need you" and "I love you".

Because he is God he wants us to understand when he tells us: "I am the Lord, there is no other"; "I am the Resurrection and the Life"; "There is nothing impossible for me"; "Seek first my kingdom" and "If you love me, keep my commandments".

Because he is man, he is able to empathise with our weakness. Because he is God, he is able to save us.

"Salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed" (Romans 13:11). The final, saving encounter with the God made man is always closer to us because every day we are getting closer to the day when Christ may return, we may die or the world may end.

During the season of Advent we prepare for this encounter.

As St Charles Borromeo taught, *"The Church asks us to understand that Christ, who came once in the flesh, is prepared to come again. When we remove all obstacles to his presence, he will come, at any hour and moment, to dwell spiritually in our hearts, bringing with him the riches of his grace."*

Because he is God and man, we can find him in every human experience once we remove all obstacles to his presence; and when he comes, he brings with him the riches of his grace.

Let us remove all obstacles to his presence.

Christmas Services

Christmas Eve

Wed 24th Dec

6pm

8:30pm

(preceded by Carols at

7:30pm)

Christmas Day

Thurs 25th Dec

9am & 11am

Fr Oscar