



THE CHURCH of the HOLY APOSTLES  
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**17th December 2023 – The Third Sunday of Advent– Year B**

**TIMES OF MASSES**

**Weekday Masses**

Monday-Friday 9:30am

**Saturday Mass** 10.00am

**Sunday Masses**

Saturday 6:00pm Vigil Mass of Sunday

Sunday 9.00 am  
10.30am Family Mass  
12.30pm in Spanish

**Confessions**

Saturday 5pm to 5.30pm  
Or by arrangement

**Morning Prayer (Lauds)**

Monday—Friday 9:15am  
Sunday-8.30am

**Adoration & Benediction**

Wednesday after 9.30am Mass &  
Saturday after the 10am Mass

**Liturgy & Mass Intentions**

<b>Sat 16th December</b> Advent feria <b>Followed by Adoration &amp; benediction</b>	10:00am  6pm (Vigil)	Fr Pat (Intentions)  Pro Populo
<b>Sun 17th December</b> + 3rd Sunday of Advent	9am  10.30am	Francis & Carmalin Travasso & Family (RIP)  Confirmation Candidates
<b>Mon 18th December</b> Advent feria	9.30am	Amelia Mas (Intentions)
<b>Tue 19th December</b> Advent feria	9.30am	Frances Donnelly (RIP)
<b>Weds 20th December</b> Advent feria <b>Followed by Adoration &amp; benediction</b>	9.30am	Mr. Pat Daly (RIP)
<b>Thurs 21st December</b> Advent feria	9.30am	Special Intention
<b>Fri 22nd December</b> Advent feria <b>(Friday abstinence)</b>	9.30am	Wendy O'Brien (RIP)
<b>Sat 23rd December</b> Advent feria <b>Followed by Adoration &amp; benediction</b>	10:00am  6pm (Vigil)	Ann Heffernan (RIP)  Sarah, James & Con Boohan (RIP)

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As we are now in our third Sunday of Advent it is called Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete means "rejoice" and we are all prompted to this emotional action by concentrating, not just on Christ's Second Coming, but on His birth as well. It can be said that joy comes from within; it can be experienced independently of any external stimulus, but for many of us the stimuli are, in fact, all around us and pretty inescapable. The increase of lights and decorations, Christmas trees, Christmas Cribs, shops alight with festive goods, the appearance of foodstuffs we would not normally see grouped on supermarket shelves, the plethora of marketing temptations available through various communications media, the total excitement of seeing people who live far away returning to us for Christmas. And yet. For some there will be gaps at Christmas festivities, there will be the emotional pain that gets in the way of any semblance of "Gaudete". There will be none of the commercial glitter for those still grieving the loss of their loved ones, there is only the consolation of God through all possible means. We, as Church and not just as a parish, will know and keep the realisation in our hearts of the grief many feel now and for many times afterwards. It is our individual mission to instil wherever we can the emotional transition from grief to absolute JOY, the joy that comes from the realisation of life everlasting through Jesus Christ and His coming Birth. Happy Gaudete Sunday to you all!

**Fr Chinedu**

# Announcements

**Please pray for Charles Bellord** whose Funeral Mass is on Monday the 18th December 2023 at Twyford Catholic Church, 105 London Rd, Twyford, Reading RG10 9EL at 12.00 noon. And **Mary Phyllis Ferrin** funeral details later **May they rest in peace.**

**Repository;** will be open this weekend . They have a good supply of Christmas Cards, gifts etc. Please support them.

**The 2023/24 Confirmation programme** will commence today 17th December at the 10.30am with Bishop Nicholas Hudson, followed by a meeting for Parents & Confirmation candidates immediately afterwards in the Hall. Please keep these young people in your prayers.

**Our Christmas Schedule** was attached to last weeks newsletter if you were not here they are leaflets available in the porch.

**We wish all of you going away over the Christmas period** safe travel, Merry Christmas & a happy New Year, come back safely to us.

**Parish Advent Carol Service:** Is today Sunday the 17th December at 3pm in the Church for a hour of Christmas music lead by our folk group, followed by refreshments in the hall until 5pm.

**Advent Penitential Service:** Is tomorrow Monday 18th December at 7pm with 4 to 5 priests available to hear confession.

**Flowers for Christmas:** We would welcome donations towards the cost of the Christmas tree and flowers for Christmas. Put your donation in one of the envelopes on the seats in church, write in space "Flowers" and sign it if you are a tax payer thank You.

**Shopping for Presents?** Be original and meaningful!

Check out the **Refractory.** They turn all those blister packs you bring for recycling into products. Explore at :

<https://shop.myrefactory.com/product-category/products/>

**Gifts that keep on giving!** Check out out Cafod for stocking stuffers, at [cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk).

**Join Pope Francis!** Send a COP28 message to Nickie Aiken, our MP. Details at [cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk)

**Christmas Cards for Fr Pat:**

Several people have asked where to send cards for Fr Pat. Please do drop them off or post them to the Priest's House, we will make sure he receives them.

**The SVP** are distributing **over 10,000 Vinnie Packs** containing cold weather essentials to the homeless this winter. Please could you consider sponsoring packs at a suggested donation of £4.20 per pack? Donations can be sent to **Vinnie Packs, PO Box 72264, London SW1P 9EZ** with cheques made out to SVP or by bank transfer to Nat West **sort code 60-60-04, account no. 4608 8237** . Thank you so much for your support.

**The standing orders including GYE & one off donations for November came to £5663 The Loose plate including Dona contactless payments for November was £2666.58 & the Offertory envelopes for November came to £953.45. Thank you all very much indeed.** If you wish to make a payment direct to our Bank Account these are the details: **WRCDT Pimlico** Sort code 40-05-20 A/C no: 81308416 Address: HSBC 69 Pall Mall, London SW1Y 5EY, REF: Collection/Your surname.... **Or use our contactless card machines.**

**The best way to support the parish is by standing order,** you can download a standing order form from our website –just click the "Donate" button at the top of the screen, or Sarah at the parish office can give you a form.

**Justice & Peace Bidding Prayer:** Leon Cuzme Rigo- The Homeless — We pray for all homeless people in this time, that they may find refuge and comfort and a way off the streets.

**Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock & Co Mayo, 10<sup>th</sup> March 2024.** £899.00 pps. Price includes flight, 10kg hold luggage, 5 nights' in 4\* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Lunch on three days. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock, Galway City, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick & Ashford Castle. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact Patricia or Natali on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com).

**Action Prayer:** Our readings this weekend encourage us to be steadfast in our wait for Christ and like John the Baptist, be a witness to the light.

"...a voice that cries in the wilderness: Make a straight way for the Lord." John voiced his message and baptised. St Francis of Assisi also voiced his message through his actions. Both men walked their talk. Our **Action Prayer** this week as part of our Advent preparations will be to voice our message. What has God *underlined* to you in prayer. Have courage and speak peace? Have generosity with others? Forgive trespasses? Whatever bit of light we've been encouraged to do, let's do it! *Make way for the Lord!*

**Pope Francis monthly intentions for December 2023**

**For persons with disabilities:** We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.