



THE CHURCH of the HOLY APOSTLES
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15th December 2024 – The 3rd Sunday of Advent-Year C

TIMES OF MASSES

Weekday Masses

Monday-Friday 9:30am

Saturday Mass 9:30am

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 at 5pm

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Liturgy & Mass Intentions

Sat 14th December St John of the Cross Priest & Doctor of the Church	9.30am 6pm (Vigil)	Bridie Walsh (Intentions) Pro Populo
Sun 15th December +THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT	9am 10.30am	The deceased members of the Boohan & McEnery Families (RIP) K Alolaine , Peter Liutai & Sister Afuafa (RIP)
Mon 16th December Advent Feria	9.30am	Freddie Maes (Intentions)
Tue 17th December Advent Feria	9.30am	John Hopkins (RIP)
Weds 18th December Advent Feria Followed by Adoration & Benediction	9.30am	Kathleen Bradley (RIP)
Thurs 19th December Advent Feria	9.30am	Sarah Harcher (Intentions)
Fri 20th December Advent Feria (Friday abstinence)	9.30am	Mr Pat Daly (RIP)
Sat 21st December Advent Feria	9.30am 6pm (Vigil)	Alan & Brenda Stapleton (Intentions) Bridie Walsh (Intentions)

Gaudete! Gaudete!! Gaudete!!! This Sunday is called 'Gaudete Sunday' from the first word of the Entrance Antiphon in the Latin original, Gaudete (meaning 'Rejoice!'). And indeed today's Mass text is suffused with expressions of joy and jubilation. Even the colour of the vestments can be modified from penitential purple to a pinkish colour (officially termed "rose").

In the Gospel, we hear John the Baptist telling different groups what to do - they must repent, and change their lives. We might think of this as a rather joyless thing - something which is hard and unrewarding. The message of this Sunday is that repentance and changing our lives to welcome Jesus is something richly joyful. When we are planning to welcome anyone we love to our homes, we set about cleaning and preparing for their visit with enthusiasm - nothing is too much trouble for someone we care for greatly. Even scrubbing the bath or polishing the furniture can be a happy and joyful thing! The message of this Sunday is that preparing to welcome the Lord - even though it may involve hard work - is something utterly joyful, because of our love for Him, and His love for us. Gaudete! Gaudete!! Gaudete!!!

Fr Chinedu

Announcements

FINANCE: The standing orders including GYE & one off donations for November was £4278. The Loose Plate for November came to 1599.58, the Contactless collection for November was £800.50 & the Offertory envelopes for November came to £759.50 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.

SANCTUARY CANDLE- INTENTION THIS WEEK IS for: Jane D'Angelo (RIP)

PARISH CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE AT 3PM TODAY SUNDAY 15TH DECEMBER : Followed by seasonal refreshments in the parish Hall. All are welcome to attend. At the end of the Service a special collection will be taken towards the costs of the Parish Ambulance Project for the elderly and the housebound.

If you cannot attend the service but would like to support this initiative, you are welcome to leave a donation in the presbytery. Thank you.

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE: This Monday 16th December at 7pm with 4 priests available to hear confession. Please do make use of this opportunity to receive absolution before Christmas.

OUR CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE is attached to this weeks newsletter. Please do take time to read it and mark the dates in your diaries.

CHRISTMAS OFFERTORY: Please also find attached to this weeks newsletter an envelope for your Christmas offering .

REPOSITORY: The repository will be open every weekend until Christmas. They have a good supply of Christmas Cards & gifts so please do support them.

CRIB DONATIONS FOR THE CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY: From now until Candlemas all donations for the Crib will be given to the Catholic Children's Society. The donation box is by the candles near the Crib.

WE WISH ALL OF YOU GOING AWAY OVER THE CHRISTMAS PERIOD safe travel, Merry Christmas & a happy New Year, come back safely to us.

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

JUSTICE & PEACE BIDDING PRAYER: From Alcinda Veríssimo- End Waste of Earth's Resources -Let us pray for an end to the waste and desecration of God's creation and that the access to the fruits of creation to be shared equally among all people.

ACTION PRAYER: Our readings are more joyful on this the Third Sunday of Advent! Our pink Advent candle is the Shepherds Candle...

St John the Baptist's crowd was filled with anticipation for Christ. St John had to deflect their attention away from him and redirect the focus towards Jesus. We can get that way too sometimes! Waiting for a much-needed change is challenging--especially if that change feels like it's overdue and right around the corner! One might be tempted to jump towards the first whiff of relief! But St John reminds us that what we actually want is coming with the Holy Spirit! Very specific! This gospel may be apropos for our current world events. Leaders and governments seem to be shifting and rearranging the political landscape everywhere. Our **Action Prayer** is to get in touch with our inner Joy, a Holy Spirit fruit. Ask Jesus to drench us in that Joy, helping us to stay more balanced and better able to discern the global events; identifying where perhaps He and the Holy Spirit have a guiding hand.

POPE FRANCIS MONTHLY INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER 2024

For Pilgrims of Hope

Pope Francis requests this month's prayers “so that this Jubilee strengthens us in faith, helps us recognize Christ risen in our lives, and transforms us into pilgrims of Christian hope.”