



Sunday 29th November 2020

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THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Welcome to our 'On Line' Newsletter It should be easier to read and to download and print if you so wish. Please use the readings and reflection as part of your spiritual Communion and with any streamlining Masses in which you may be watching and participating.

Sunday Cycle
Readings Year B

Weekday Readings
Advent week 1

Divine Office
Week 1 Advent

For children,
download a weekly sheet:
[http://www.sdc.me.uk/
sundayliturgy/](http://www.sdc.me.uk/sundayliturgy/)

THIS WEEK

Sun 29th Nov 9.30am	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT Intentions of Dorothy People of the Parish
Mon 30 Nov 9.30am	S. ANDREW, apostle Napoleon 'Junjun' Villanueva Jnr RIP In remembrance of Our Lord's suffering in Gethsemane
Tues 1st Dec 9.30am	Advent feria Frank Hunt RIP Olivia Orsorio RIP
Weds 2nd Dec 9.30am 11.30am	Advent feria Francisco Barretto RIP Olivia Orsorio RIP FUNERAL MASS Conceicao Fernandes RIP
Thurs 3rd Dec 9.30am	S. Francis Xavier Michael Fahey RIP Maureen Hennessy RIP
Fri 4th Dec 9.30am	Advent feria Mgr Wilfred Purney RIP (former Parish Priest) In thanksgiving
Sat 6th Dec 9.30am	S. Nicholas Pauline Pellegrini RIP Sarah Mc Cormack RIP
Sun 7th Dec 6.15pm Vigil 8.30am 9.45am 11.15am 5.30pm	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT Delphine de Lima RIP Darren O'Sullivan RIP Michael Fahey RIP Edward Johnston Snr RIP People of the Parish

TODAY'S MASS



Faced with the Second Coming of the son of Man which can be neither predicted or prevented, during this long vigil through this worlds night, our only hope is to remain on the alert, fully conscious of our responsibilities towards each present moment, and investing it with the full weight of eternity.

First Reading: *Isalah 63:16b-17,19b; 64:2-7*
Isaiah prays for the Lord's forgiveness of the people.

Second Reading: *1 Corinthians 1:3-9*
St. Paul gives thanks to God for the faith of the Corinthians.

Gospel Reading: *Mark 13:33-37*
Jesus warns his disciples to be watchful so that they will be ready when the Son of Man comes.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"True waiting means waiting without anxiety"

S. Francis de Sales

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

SICK & HOUSEBOUND: Catherine Kevill, Margaret O'Shea, Edith Geissler, Marie Rego, Eileen Kidd, Christopher Browne, John and Angela McCarthy, Germaine Duffner, Patrick McDonagh, Noel Gill, Tom Fernandes, Dee Auriol, Kathleen O'Brien, Allan Noronha, Nancy Quinn.

RECENTLY DEPARTED: Conceicao Fernandes, Heidi Condon

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: Mgr Wilfred Purney, Frank Hunt, Maureen Hennessy, Olivia Orsorio, Jim Quinn

AN ADVENT LITANY

Lord Jesus, you are the light of the world.
Come, Lord Jesus.

You are light in our darkness.
Come, Lord Jesus.

Son of God, save us from our sins.
Come, Lord Jesus.

Son of Mary, deepen our love.
Come, Lord Jesus.

Bring hope into the lives of all people.
Come, Lord Jesus.

Give your peace to all nations.
Come, Lord Jesus.

Be the joy of all who love you.
Come, Lord Jesus.

Bring unity among all who believe in you.
Come, Lord Jesus.

Bless us as we gather here in your name.
Come, Lord Jesus.

Lord Jesus, stay with us always.
Come, Lord Jesus.

Let us pray:
May Christ give us his peace and joy,
and let us share them with others.
All peace and glory are his for ever. Amen.

INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR DECEMBER: For a Life of Prayer

We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

SANCTUARY LAMP *Baptiste Fernandes Intentions*

LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM *Baptiste Fernandes Intentions*



At this Christmas when Christ comes, will He find a warm heart? Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving the others with God's own love and concern.

— Mother Teresa —

AZ QUOTES

On this first Sunday of Advent the Church begins a new liturgical year. This year is called B, which focuses on Mark's Gospel. The word 'Advent' comes from the Latin word 'Adventus', which means arrival.

Adventus was the term used in Roman time to refer to the ceremony by which the emperor was formally welcomed into a city, this was normally after a military campaign; but also common on his return to Rome. With the number of military campaigns throughout Roman history, the Adventus was rather commonplace. Ceremonies welcoming Caesar were a way to show both loyalty to the Empire's leader, as well as the man that was the link between them and their deities. With the incarnation, passion, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ (*true God and true man*) into heaven, the Church recognizes in him the true Lord who has brought us into a new and an everlasting Kingdom.

The liturgical season of Advent then prepares us not only for Christmas but also reminds us to practice what the Church professes in the Creed. In it we profess our belief in the final and triumphant Coming of Jesus, who will come to Judge the living and the dead. This aspect is highlighted from this Sunday until 16th of December. In between these days the Church will bring our attention of two prophetic figures Isaiah and John the Baptist. From the 17th December to Christmas, the readings of the liturgy focus our attention into the events that surround the incarnation Jesus Christ, as a humble and fragile child in the manger, the first coming and the mystery of the God made man: the Emmanuel. The main figure leading to this is Mary the mother of the Lord.

However, in between these two comings of Jesus: as humble child in the incarnation and his glorious coming at the end of time, the Church recognises a third coming. This is made present, through the daily events and daily liturgies; which is summarised on the antiphon that the church recites everyday throughout the year in the Divine Office: *Oh, that today you would listen to his voice harden not your heart!* This is invitation calls us to have a constant attitude of conversion, by turning our heart to the Lord. It is made more strongly in today's Gospel where the Lord calls us to stay awake and vigilant, being ready at the door of our heart to recognise his coming.



HANDS



FACE



SPACE

NEWS UPDATE



A WORD FROM MGR JEREMY

This Friday 4th December marks my Silver Jubilee as a priest. I was ordained 25 years ago on this day by Cardinal Hume in Westminster Cathedral. Normally for a priest this would be a great time of celebration for his parish and friends. Well, this year it is not be. I will have to wait until next year and see how things go - . Maybe 25+1?

I will celebrate the Mass Friday morning at 9.30am at the usual time and then Fr Julio and I have almost immediately go to the school to hear our children's First Confessions. This is a celebration in itself because it was what I was ordained to do those 25 years ago. Other Celebrations will have to wait!

All I ask is you say a prayer for me, keep the presence of Jesus alive in your hearts, look after each other and stay safe in these difficult times.

PUBLIC MASSES BEGIN AGAIN ON WEDNESDAY 2nd DECEMBER at 9.30am

SO, WELCOME BACK TO MASS! if you've been away for a while and during the latest lockdown. The Mass continues to be much shorter than usual and without singing, the second reading on a Sunday, the Intercessions and the sharing of the peace are omitted. The offertory collection is suspended, but orange offertory buckets for your weekly offering and envelopes are by the entrance and as you leave Thank you for your support. Single use Newsletters and Mass sheets are available, but please take them home with you when you leave. Holy Communion is distributed at the end of Mass before you leave (inside at this time of year). Please follow always the direction of the stewards. Please put your face covering on before you enter the building, as this is for the protection of others as well as yourself. When queuing to receive Holy Communion (or a blessing), please keep the 1 metre plus distance between you and the person in front of you. We are glad to have you back with us.

We are now keeping again our traditional Mass routine for both Sundays and weekdays. i.e. Sat 6.15 (Vigil), Sunday 8.30am, 9.45am, 11.15am & 5.30pm.

The church will open on:

Saturday Vigil: Open at 5.45pm close at 6.45pm

Sunday: Open at 8.00am close at 9.00am

Open at 9.15am close at 10.15am

Open at 10.45am close at 11.45am

Open at 5.00pm close at 6.00pm

Weekdays: Open at 9.00am close at 10.00am

After each closure the church must be cleaned. Needless to say this involves a huge undertaking on the part of volunteer stewards/cleaners. Could you help? Maybe one mass each fortnight. Volunteers must be under 70 years of age and have no underlying health conditions. If you can help either with cleaning or stewarding talk to one of the parish team.

CONFESSIONS on Saturdays from 5.45pm-6.15pm.
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT with BENEDICTION Fridays 9.00-9.30am

KEEPING THE TO THE DIRECTIONS: the church has to operate a one way system and an entry door and exit door. Please keep to these. Not doing so is putting others at risk and entirely selfish.

PARISH TELEPHONE as of writing we are moving forward and we have our old number back (BT had "seized it") We can dial out but calls need to be prepared to come in. Hopefully we will be up and running by next week.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2020 These will be restricted in the same way as ordinary Mass going at present but we are planning to put on more services, especially on Christmas Eve. We have decided against an on-line ticketing system as many may not be able to manage this but it will be "First come - First served".

STEWARDS FOR CHRISTMAS: we can only manage our proposed schedule if we have YOUR help to see people in and to clean afterwards. Can you give a little bit more over Christmas to help in this way to make sure as many can get to Mass as would like? Just email the parish office/drop a note into the presbytery or speak to one of the parish team. Christmas Eve and Christmas Day? Could you help? If you are helping are there adults in your family that could help with you—without the turkey being burnt?

STEWARDS: A huge thank you to those who have volunteered to be stewards over this difficult time. Thanks to them and their commitment our church can open every day.

PLEASE SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS that we are producing this newsletter each week. It might be just the link that some parishioners need, to help to keep them in the loop and up to date. It is available on line and in a paper version from church. Could you deliver it to a neighbour?

DO YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE WHOM WE ARE NOT REACHING? Maybe an elderly person who lives alone and does not have the internet? Someone who is shielding with little family support who cannot get to Mass? Someone whom we can simply call to keep in touch? Please do get in touch with us if you feel there is someone who needs support. Thank you.

CONFIRMATION 2021 - Please keep us in your prayers as we continue to strive to plan an adjusted COVID-secure Confirmation Programme for those in Year 10 & above in 2021. **We hope to be in a position to provide further information by the middle of December.** If you might consider supporting the Programme as a Catechist/Helper please contact our Catechetical Coordinator, Peter, or one of the Clergy for further details. Especially during these challenging times, any additional support is very much appreciated.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - Hopefully last week's **Catechist Session Plan** arrived safely and helped you complete the session at home with your son/daughter. Thank you, also, for continuing to help your son/daughter practice making their First Reconciliation (Confession) at home using the **First Reconciliation Leaflet** so they begin to feel confident making their First Reconciliation in the coming days. Learning the **Act of Contrition (Prayer of Sorrow)** by heart is helpful. Those children attending **St. George's Primary School** will be making their First Reconciliation there on either **Friday 4th or Monday 7th December.** Those children not attending St. George's Primary School are asked to arrive at the church at **5.00pm on Saturday 5th December.**

SVP - During the current Pandemic, the **Parish SVP Group** is there to help the vulnerable of the Parish with tasks such as shopping, posting letters, urgent supplies and can provide telephone support if you are feeling isolated or lonely. If you need their help please call **0208 9000250, 0775 3654154 (Theresa)** or email StGeorgeSVP@pm.me

CHURCH LAMPS: Both the Sanctuary Lamp and the lamp of Our Lady of Walsingham have been sent away for some minor restoration. Whilst the lamps are not in their holders they are burning in the relevant places and for the intentions given.

DONA is a new Diocesan scheme to make your weekly giving (and any one-off giving) much easier. Basically it is a card/contactless system. You'll see the machine as you enter by the door. Please do use it as you wish, especially if you choose to carry no cash.

THE PARISH OFFICE remains closed. If you wish to book a Mass and for a Mass Card, the best way to get one is to give us all the details, your offering and an SAE and we will post it back to you ASAP.

THE SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS FUND is an important collection. You'll see a collecting bucket by the door as you enter. Envelopes are also available. If you have not already give but would like to, thank you and thanks to all who have give already.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH: On Christmas Day this year a group will arrange to deliver a traditional Christmas lunch to ANYONE otherwise alone in our community. If you would like to receive a meal or you know of someone who would benefit, please contact us on:
email: Christmaslunch25@gmail.com Tel: 07881400328

CHRISTMAS CARDS: Due to Covid restrictions, we are unable to hold the Christmas Card sale, this year, in the hall. However, "The Glen" convenience store, opposite the church, will stock a selection, of the packs of Religious Cards, that we would normally have sold.

CHRISTMAS TREES will be available from St George's Please take a flyer or see the poster. It will be best to order. You can always leave an order with your name phone number/email with the presbytery.



SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Ps 24: 1-3

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.

In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

Collect

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly kingdom.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

First reading: Isalah 63:16-17,64: 1,3-8

You, Lord, yourself are our Father,
'Our Redeemer' is your ancient name.

Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways and harden our hearts against fearing you?

Return, for the sake of your servants,
the tribes of your inheritance.

Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down!
– at your Presence the mountains would melt.

No ear has heard, no eye has seen
any god but you act like this
for those who trust him.

You guide those who act with

Integrity and keep your ways in mind.

You were angry when we were

sinners; we had long been rebels against you.

We were all like men unclean,

all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing. We have all withered
like leaves and our sins blew us away like the wind.

No one invoked your name

or roused himself to catch hold of you.

For you hid your face from us

and gave us up to the power of our sins. And yet, Lord, you are our

Father; we the clay, you the potter,

we are all the work of your hand.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 79:2-3,15-16,18-19

**R/. Lord of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us
and we shall be saved.**

1. O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
shine forth from your cherubim throne.

O Lord, rouse up your might,

O Lord, come to our help. **R/.**

2. God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.

Visit this vine and protect it,

the vine your right hand has planted. **R/.**

3. May your hand be on the man you have chosen,
the man you have given your strength.

And we shall never forsake you again;

give us life that we may call upon your name. **R/.**

Second reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

Gospel Acclamation: Ps 84:8

Allelula, allelula!

**Let us see, O Lord, your mercy
and give us your saving help.**

Allelula!

Gospel: Mark 13:33-37

Jesus said to his disciples, 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!'

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, we pray, O Lord, these offerings we make, gathered from among your gifts to us, and may what you grant us to celebrate devoutly here below gain for us the prize of eternal redemption.

Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: Ps 84: 13

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

Prayer after Communion

May these mysteries, O Lord,

in which we have participated,

profit us, we pray, for even now, as we walk amid passing things,
you teach us by them to love the things of heaven and hold fast to what endures.

Through Christ our Lord.