



Sunday 6th November 2020

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THE SECOND 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 2

Divine Office
Week 2 Advent

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

THIS WEEK

Sun 6th 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
Mon 7th Dec 9.30am	S. Ambrose Ellen Kelly RIP
Tues 8th Dec THE 9.30am 11.00am	THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Kevin Durcan RIP FUNERAL MASS Maurice O'Grady RIP
Weds 9th Dec 9.30am	Advent feria Genoveva Adonis RIP
Thurs 10th Dec 9.30am	Advent feria Ida Lobo RIP
Fri 11th Dec 9.30am	Advent feria Pasqual Cardoso (Thanksgiving)
Sat 12th Dec 9.30am	Our Lady of Guadalupe Harry Ince RIP
Sun 13th Dec 6.15pm Vigil 8.30am 9.45am 11.15am 5.30pm	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT Paddy Cowan RIP The People of the Parish Kelly Ann Rehill RIP Edward Johnston RIP John Harrington RIP

TODAY'S MASS



In today's Gospel John says that he has baptized with water, but that the one who is to come will baptize with the Holy Spirit. John's baptism was not yet a Christian baptism, but a preparation for the Sacrament of Baptism through which sins are forgiven and the gift of the Holy Spirit is received. John the Baptist is presented to us as a model during Advent. We, too, are called upon to prepare a way for the Lord. Like John the Baptist, we are messengers in service to one who is greater than we are. Our Baptism commissions us to call others to life as disciples of Jesus.

First Reading: *Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11*

Isaiah tells the people to prepare a way for the Lord.

Second Reading: *2 Peter 3:8-14*

St. Peter teaches that we must always be holy because the return of the Lord cannot be predicted.

Gospel Reading: *Mark 1:1-8*

St. John the Baptist preached repentance and baptized the people, in preparation for the one who would baptize with the Holy Spirit.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Truthful soul, prepare your heart for this Bridegroom, that he may come to you and dwell with you"

St. Thomas a Kempis

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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: Maurice O'Grady, Heidi Condon, Ambrose Etan

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: Delphine De Lima, Thomas Ryan, Genoveva Adonis

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 /

in Memory of Darren O'Sullivan RIP

LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

In memory of Kevin Durcan RIP



In today's reading, God through the prophet Isaiah speaks of a much-needed words of hope and consolation. After an exceedingly difficult year in which we founded ourselves exiles from our parish community, from the celebration of the mass and the reception of other sacraments! Just as the Israelites were themselves exile to a foreign land and separated from the life of worship in the Temple of Jerusalem. Aware of the distress and anguish among members of our congregation who has lost relatives and friends during this pandemic; and other who, as result of it, have their jobs and have their incomes at risk; some with deep strains in their family and relationship, and perhaps others disoriented in regard to the future, and even other entrapped in old vices! God through the prophet Isaiah proclaims that this time of service is ended, that our crimes and sins are forgiven in the person of Jesus Christ and we can therefore look with hope and confidence for a brighter future during this time of advent.

Israel found difficult to learn the lesson of the exile, and God patiently sent prophets to them, again and again. We too, know it so well that we cannot overcome these difficulties on own strength; we need to hear fresh again the Good News that has the power to transform, not only the perception but, the our whole life!

In the gospel, John the Baptist is effectively the voice that cries in the wilderness and precariousness of our life, that this time of advent is the time to prepare the way for Lord! To make his paths straight! How are we meant to do this? Isaiah speaks again by filling the valley and emptiness of our life with the word of God and the prayers of the Church, by laying low the mounting of our sins and pride in the sacrament of reconciliation, by making of the cliff of our hurting words to others become a plain of kindness and conciliation. In other word, by embracing the invitation of John the Baptist, by recognising that there are still many things in our life that needs healing, to change and purifying. God in Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit is the only one who can do this.

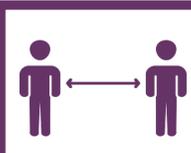
During this time of Advent, the Church invites us to shout Maranatha! Lord come! I do want you in my life.



WASH HANDS



COVER FACE



MAKE SPACE

NEWS UPDATE



MASS TIMES: 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

CONGRATULATIONS TO MGR JEREMY who celebrated his Silver Jubilee—25 years—as a priest last Friday

MGR JEREMY thanks all those who came to Mass, gave cards and gifts. It made it special, even under these difficult circumstances.

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 is now working again. Phew!

FUNERAL MASS of Maurice O'Grady on Tuesday 8th December at 11.00am followed by cremation at Golders Green Crematorium. May he rest in peace

FUNERAL MASS of Ambrose Etan on Monday 21st December at 11.00am. May he rest in peace.

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". All the times will be printed out for you next week and can be found on our web site.

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?

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 v. much appreciated.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - We keep the children in prayer as they make their **First Reconciliation (Confession)** during these days. Those attending St. George's Primary School are making their First Reconciliation at the school & the other children at the Parish this weekend. Next week Parents/Carers should expect to receive an email including **Dates for Part 2 of the FHC Programme**.

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

COVID-19 AND VACCINATION The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales have issued a statement, in light of the tremendous news, of approval for a vaccine. You can read the statement here:

[Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales \(cbcew.org.uk\)](https://www.cbcew.org.uk)

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.

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](mailto: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. Email: christmastreesatstgeorges@gmail.com or call Matt on 07740437019



LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO? *Sycamore* - are running an online Advent course for four weeks: Searching for God in life - a renewal of faith

<https://www.sycamore.fm/pathways/b-formation-pathways/advent-course/>

LOOKING FOR A NEW JOB? For details of all job vacancies in the Diocese of Westminster please visit the Westminster diocesan website at <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/>

SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Is 30: 19, 30

O people of Sion, behold,
the Lord will come to save the nations,
and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard
in the joy of your heart.

Collect

Almighty and merciful God,
may no earthly undertaking hinder those
who set out in haste to meet your Son,
but may our learning of heavenly wisdom
gain us admittance to his company.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

First reading: Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11

'Console my people, console them'
says your God.

'Speak to the heart of Jerusalemand call to her
that her time of service is ended,
that her sin is atoned for,
that she has received from the hand of the Lord
double punishment for all her crimes.'

A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness
a way for the Lord.

Make a straight highway for our God
across the desert.

Let every valley be filled in,
every mountain and hill be laid low.

Let every cliff become a plain,
and the ridges a valley;

then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed
and all mankind shall see it;
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

Go up on a high mountain,
joyful messenger to Zion.

Shout with a loud voice,
joyful messenger to Jerusalem.

Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah,
'Here is your God.'

Here is the Lord coming with power,
his arm subduing all things to him.

The prize of his victory is with him,
his trophies all go before him.

He is like a shepherd feeding his flock,
gathering lambs in his arms,

holding them against his breast
and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 84:9-14

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

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace,
peace for his people.

His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land. *R/.*

2. Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.

Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven. *R/.*

3. The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps. *R/.*

Second reading: 2 Peter 3:8-14

There is one thing, my friends, that you must never forget: that with the Lord, 'a day' can mean a thousand years, and a thousand years is like a day. The Lord is not being slow to carry out his promises, as anybody else might be called slow; but he is being patient with you all, wanting nobody to be lost and everybody to be brought to change his ways. The Day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then with a roar the sky will vanish, the elements will catch fire and fall apart, the earth and all that it contains will be burnt up.

Since everything is coming to an end like this, you should be living holy and saintly lives while you wait and long for the Day of God to come, when the sky will dissolve in flames and the elements melt in the heat. What we are waiting for is what he promised: the new heavens and new earth, the place where righteousness will be at home. So then, my friends, while you are waiting, do your best to live lives without spot or stain so that he will find you at peace.

Gospel Acclamation: Lk3:4,6

Allelula, allelula!

*Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight,
and all mankind shall see the salvation of God. Allelula!*

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah:

Look, I am going to send my messenger before you;
he will prepare your way.

A voice cries in the wilderness:

Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight.

and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

Prayer over the Offerings

Be pleased, O Lord, with our humble prayers and offerings,
and, since we have no merits

to plead our cause, come, we pray, to our rescue with the protection of your mercy. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: Bar 5: 5; 4: 36

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

Prayer after Communion

Replenished by the food of spiritual
nourishment, we humbly beseech you,

O Lord, that, through our partaking in this mystery, you may teach us to
judge wisely the things of earth and hold firm to the things of heaven.