



Sunday 28th November 2021

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Welcome to all at mass today and especially anyone who is new. Please take this Newsletter home with you. You may wish to share it with family and friends. This newsletter can also be found via our website. We ask God's blessing on you and your loved ones this week and know that we pray for you all each day.


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THIS WEEK

Sun 28 Nov 6.15pm (Vigil) 8.30am 9.45am 11.15am 5.30pm	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT Maurice O'Grady RIP Angela Mascarenhas RIP Gnanaathikham Chinnaiya RIP Irene Pereira RIP Francis Waddington RIP & PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
Mon 29 Nov 9.30am	S. Cecilia Holy Souls
Tues 30 Nov 9.30am	S. Clement I 1. Nancy Quinn RIP 2. Conceicao Fernandes RIP (1st Ann)
Weds 1 Dec 9.30am	S. Andrew Dung Lac & Comps Frank Hunt RIP
Thurs 2 Dec 9.30am	S. Catherine of Alexandria Fr Savio D'Gama RIP
Fri 3 Dec 9.30am	Of Requiem Santan & Rozario Santan Rodrigues 
Sat 4 Dec 9.30am	Of Our Lady Fr Wilfred Purney RIP
Sun 5 Dec 6.15pm (Vigil) 8.30am 9.45am 11.15am 5.30pm	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT George Hillier RIP PJ Neylon RIP Kevin Durcan RIP Anthony Lett RIP THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

TODAY'S MASS



Though Jesus predicts a time of destruction and fear, Jesus indicates that others will be frightened; Jesus' disciples are not to fear, but are to stand tall. Yet Jesus does not promise deliverance from anxiety or tribulations. He encourages his disciples to pray for strength. The early Christian communities did not find consolation in the promise of a utopia, nor should we. Instead, we find in our Christian faith the means by which we witness to God's unflinching love for us in all circumstances.

First Reading: *Jeremiah 33:14-16*
The Lord will fulfil his promises to Israel and Judah.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalms 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14*
The Lord will teach us his paths.

Second Reading: *1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2*
St. Paul encourages the Thessalonians to be holy and to please God.

Gospel Reading: *Luke 21:25-28, 34-36*
Jesus teaches his disciples to be vigilant so that they will be ready when the Son of Man comes in glory.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"Hold your eyes on God and leave the doing to Him.
That is all the doing you have to worry about."*

St. Jeanne de Chantal

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

DAILY MASS TIMES

SUNDAY MASS: 6.15pm (Saturday Vigil), 8.30am, 9.45am (Family) & 11.15am (Solemn), 5.30pm.

WEEKDAY MASS: Monday – Saturday 9.30am.

HOLYDAYS OF OBLIGATION: 9.30am, 8.00pm.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Friday 9.00-9.30am, Saturday 5.15-6.00pm.

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 5.15pm - 6.00pm. *and any time by appointment.*

DIVINE MERCY: Tuesday 10.30am.

ROSARY: Daily after Mass.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

SICK & HOUSEBOUND: Marie Rego, Eileen Kidd, Christopher Browne, Noel Gill, Tom Fernandes, Dee Auriol, Kathleen O'Brien, Allan Noronha, Fiona Power, SMR, Aaran Thayaparan, Jocalyn Almeida, Agnes Carr, Mary Frederick, Robert Fernandes.

RECENTLY BAPTISED: Joshua Fernando

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: Jamira & Sales Dias (25th)

RECENTLY DEPARTED: Mary Steele, Maire Crowley
Fr David Irwin

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: Mgr Wilfred Purney (Parish Priest of St George's), Frank Hunt, Maurice O'Grady, Conceicao Fernandes (1st)

SANCTUARY LAMP

Intentions of Eileen & Jim Sugrue

LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

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POPE FRANCIS INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER:

Catechists: Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Advent is a journey towards Bethlehem. May we let ourselves be drawn by the light of God made man.

POPE FRANCIS

A DAILY PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH
given to us by Pope Francis for this Year of St Joseph

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

Jesus, during his public ministry performed numerous signs: turning water into wine, calming the storm at sea and walking on water, multiplying seven loaves of bread in the wilderness to feed 5000 people, healing the blind and the lame, expelling demons, and raising the dead. While many believed in Jesus, many also questioned his signs and refused to believe his claim to be the Messiah sent by the Father to suffer and die for our sake on the cross. Jesus' last and greatest sign during his earthly ministry was his rising from the tomb on the third day after his crucifixion. This sign demonstrated his power to defeat death itself and to give abundant everlasting life to all who believed in him.

Jesus told his disciples that his final great sign would be his return in glory at the end of the age. He would come this second time as Judge and Merciful Redeemer to vindicate those who accepted him as Lord and Saviour and to punish those who rejected him. Jesus declared that this last sign at the end of the world would be unmistakable. All would recognize and "see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory". The title which Jesus most often used to describe his Messianic role was the expression "Son of Man". The image of a "Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory" was given in a vision where the prophet Daniel saw heaven opened before the throne of God.

When the Lord comes again as our Judge and merciful Redeemer he will right every wrong, vindicate every person who has accepted him as Lord and Saviour, and remove all sorrow, pain, and death itself. The world around us is plagued with greed, envy, strife, and uncertainty. It has lost hope in God and in his promise to restore the human race and all of creation when the Lord Jesus comes again. The anticipation of his final judgment is a sign of hope for all who trust in him. But what can keep us from recognizing the signs of the Lord's presence and action today? The Lord knows our shortcomings and struggles and he gives us the strength to bear our burdens and to walk in his way of holiness. The Advent season which precedes Christmas and Epiphany reminds us that we are a pilgrim people, aliens and exiles in this age who long for our true home with God in his heavenly kingdom, and who await with joyful hope the return of the Lord Jesus at the end of the age.

Happy Advent!

NEWS UPDATE



Thank you for wearing your face covering in church and for considering others

WELCOME to all at Mass today and a big welcome if you have not been to Mass for a while due to the Covid restrictions. At present you are not required to sign in though you can still choose to do so on the QR Code. Please continue to wear a face mask to protect yourselves and others (unless you are exempt). We know from mainland Europe that Covid 19 is still a concern. Although there will be no required social distancing in Church at present, the top left hand side of the church will be kept for those who wish to do so. We ask that you sanitise coming in and going out of church but if you wish to sanitise before communion we ask you bring your own and do so yourself. An extract from the recent advice from the Bishops Conference: *We now encourage all Catholics to look again at the patterns which they have formed in recent months with regard to going to Mass on Sundays. This would include consideration and reflection about what we might do on Sundays. This review, and the decisions which arise from it, fall to every Catholic and we trust this will be done with honesty, motivated by a real love for the Lord whom we encounter in the Mass.*

ABOUT ADVENT: The word "Advent," from the Latin *adventus* means "coming" or "arrival." The Advent Season is focused on the "coming" of Jesus as Messiah (Christ or King). During this time, our worship, Bible readings, and prayers not only prepare us spiritually for Christmas (his first coming), but also for his eventual second coming. This is why the scripture readings during Advent include both Old Testament passages related to the expected Messiah, and New Testament passages concerning Jesus' second coming as judge of all. Also, passages about John the Baptist, the precursor who prepared the way for the Messiah, are read. All of these themes are present in the Church's worship during Advent,

Since Advent looks forward to Christ's birth and Incarnation, it is an appropriate way to begin the Church Year. However, Advent is not part of the Christmas season itself, but a preparation for it. Thus, we should try our best not to sing Christmas hymns, or use Christmas readings, in Mass until December 25th, the first day of the Christmas season. The liturgical colour for Advent is violet (except for the Third Week of Advent, often called Gaudete Sunday, in which rose may be used), and the season is somewhat penitential, similar to Lent, although not so forceful. The character of worship during Advent is more solemn, quiet, and less festive than during other times of the year. In the Catholic Church, for example, the *Gloria in Excelsis* is not used. The use of violet reflects the general themes of Advent: penitence (generally expressed more in terms of expectant hope) and royalty. Some prominent feasts fall within the Season of Advent, including the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Secular culture and many non-Catholic churches celebrate the day of Christmas, but take it outside of the context of Advent and Christmastide. However, Christmas is not meant to be an isolated day, but a festival of the Incarnation in the midst of the Church year. Christmas is only properly understood after having the preparation provided by Advent. In the midst of the secular excesses leading up

to Christmas, Advent provides a welcome solace and an opportunity to continually re-orient ourselves to God's will as we expectantly wait with patriarchs, prophets, and kings for the true meaning of Christmas: the Incarnation of God the Son. The word made flesh: God living among us.

THANK YOU to all who have worked as stewards over the past many months enabling us to come to Mass safely and securely. We are all so grateful to you all.

REPOSITORY: Christmas cards, Christmas Mass cards and art calendars will be on sale outside church after all Masses this weekend.

ST. GEORGE'S SCHOOL: Raffle tickets will be on sale after all Masses this weekend.

FUNERAL LITURGY OF MARY STEELE on Monday 6th December at 1.30pm followed by cremation at Breakspear Crematorium. May she rest in peace.

FUNERAL MASS OF MAIRE CROWLEY on Friday 10th December 11.00am followed by burial at St Mary's at 1:00pm. Reception into church on Thursday 9th December at 7.00pm. May she rest in peace.

A CALL TO LISTEN AND WALK TOGETHER: SYNOD 2022-2023: Questionnaires are available for you to consider and complete. If you didn't receive one last week please take one today. Then there will be a designated Sunday when we can listen and talk to each other and make our response—limited as it will be—to the diocese.

THE PARISH OFFICE will be open for booking Masses etc every Thursday and Friday after 10.00am—3.00pm.

REBUILDING OUR PARISH: as we get back together again after all these months of lockdown and subsequent restrictions we do need help, especially in building up the Sunday Liturgy. The 9.45am Mass needs singers and musicians. Could you help with that? The 11.15am Mass Choir needs men and boys to sing together. Could you help with that? **PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE THIS TO OTHERS**—if you do nothing will happen. Thanks!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: A huge thank you to our fantastic team of Catechists & Helpers for helping the children carefully prepare for their First Reconciliation. We keep the children in prayer as they make this important step on their journey of faith. Parents/Carers are reminded they are also welcome to receive God's Mercy anew through the Sacrament of Confession every Saturday evening at the Parish from 5.15-6.00pm. We look forward to welcoming back **Parents/Carers only** on **Tuesday 25th January** as we begin Part 2 of the Programme.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY HELPERS: Children's Liturgy is starting-up again at the Parish this Sunday at the 9.45am Family Mass. We are looking for new volunteers to help the younger children (4-7yr) reflect on Sunday's Gospel during Mass in a fun, creative & simple way. If you might consider helping once every six weeks, joining an established group of experienced Catechists, please contact Una Moran una@bfmconsult.co.uk or peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk.

CHILDREN'S NATIVITY (VIGIL MASS): All being well, the Children's Nativity will once again be taking place at St. George's at the Family Vigil Mass on Christmas Eve at 6pm. Commitment is required for rehearsals on

Saturday 18th December from 10.30-11.30am & Sunday 19th December from 2.00-3.00pm. If your children (in Year 3 or above) would like to take part or you would like to help please contact Bushra on 07843 053 076/bushrakhosia@yahoo.co.uk.

SIGNING SCHOOL FORMS in the parish centre: (*Secondary Schools is now closed*)

Primary Schools 6.00-8.00pm Friday 10th December All in the parish centre. Please obtain the Certificate of Catholic Practice & a supplementary form from the back of church. These must be completed beforehand.

VOTIVE CANDLE PRICES: *LARGE CANDLES—£1.50, SMALL CANDLES - 50p.*

PARISH CENTRE: Please note there will be NO commercial lettings of the hall until 2022.

CONFIRMATION 2022: Young people in Year 10 & above are welcome to join our Confirmation Programme to prepare to receive this Sacrament of Confirmation. If you are a young person wishing to be confirmed in 2022, please join us in the Parish Centre with a Parent/Carer for the **Confirmation Information Evening at 7.30pm on Monday 10th January 2022** when Registration Forms will be provided to those attending wishing to be confirmed.

VOLUNTEERS FOR SUNDAY HOSPITALITY: Teas and coffees are back up and running after the 9.45am and 11.15am Masses in the Café Bar. If you would like to volunteer to help please contact Peter at peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk.

CHURCH CLEANING: Church cleaning takes place on **Mondays after the 9.30am Mass.** All are welcome! Thank you to all who are already helping.

ALTAR SERVING: If your child would like to help with Altar Serving at Mass please note that you must first complete an Altar Serving Form, providing Parental Consent. Blank forms are available for completion from the Sacristy. Only once this form has been completed can your child begin serving at Mass.

CHURCH LAMPS: These have now been rehung and the ship lamp at Our Lady of Walsingham has been restored. These can be booked each week in memory of someone. Just contact the parish office. We have several empty gaps from January onwards!

RCIA: Rite of the Christian Initiation of Adults. Do you know anyone (or it may even be yourself) who would like to explore what it means to be a Catholic Christian? If so, please speak or contact to Fr Julio.

SUPPORT WEEKLY FLOWERS AT ST. GEORGE'S: Might you like to make a special donation of towards church flowers one week? Perhaps for a wedding anniversary, birthday or in memory of a loved one? Please place donation, detailing names & words you would like included, in the Flower Donation Envelopes (which can be found at the back of church), post through the Presbytery letter-box or hand to one of the Parish Team.

OPEN MORNING AT ST GEORGE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL: St. George's Catholic Primary School is holding an open morning on Tuesday 30th November at 9:30am for parents of children born between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018 looking for a place in September 2022. Further details regarding the admissions process and Admission Policy can be found on the school website www.stgeorgesprimary.org.

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,
God, for ever and ever.

First reading: *Baruch 5:1-9*

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow
and distress,
put on the beauty of the glory of
God for ever,
wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you,
put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head:
since God means to show your splendour
to every nation under heaven,
since the name God gives you
for ever will be,
'Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness.'
Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights
and turn your eyes to the east:
see your sons reassembled from west and east
at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them.
Though they left you on foot,
with enemies for an escort,
now God brings them back to you
like royal princes carried back in glory.
For God has decreed the flattening
of each high mountain,
of the everlasting hills,
the filling of the valleys to make the ground level
so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God.
And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade
for Israel at the command of God;
for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory
with his mercy and integrity for escort.

Responsorial Psalm: *Ps. 125:1-6*

R/. What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,
it seemed like a dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs. *R/.*

2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels
the Lord worked for them!'

What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad. *R/.*

3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.

Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap. *R/.*

4. They go out, they go out, full of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back,
full of song, carrying their sheaves. *R/.*

Second reading: *Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11*

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes; and God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

Gospel Acclamation: *Lk 3:4, 6*

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



Gospel: *Luke 3:1-6*

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Iturea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice cries in the wilderness:
Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight.
Every valley will be filled in,
every mountain and hill be laid low,
winding ways will be straightened
and rough roads made smooth.
And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

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.
Through Christ our Lord.