

# SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

## Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 25 (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: *Isaiah 2:1-5*

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In the days to come the mountain of the Temple of the Lord shall tower above the mountains and be lifted higher than the hills.

All the nations will stream to it, peoples without number

will come to it; and they will say:

Come, let us go up to the mountain

of the Lord, to the Temple of the God of Jacob that he may teach us his ways so that we may walk in his paths;

since the Law will go out from Zion, and the oracle of the Lord

from Jerusalem.

He will wield authority over the nations and adjudicate between many peoples;

these will hammer their swords into ploughshares, their spears into sickles.

Nation will not lift sword against

nation, there will be no more training for war. O House of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

## Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 121*

*R/. I rejoiced when I heard them say: "Let us go to God's house."*

1. I rejoiced when I heard them say:

"Let us go to God's house."

And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

2. Jerusalem is built as a city strongly compact.

It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord.

3. For love of my brethren and friends

I say: "Peace upon you."

For love of the house of the Lord

I will ask for your good.

## Second Reading: *Romans 13:11-14*

You know 'the time' has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon - let us give up all the things we prefer to do under the cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

## Gospel Acclamation

*Allelula, allelula!*

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

*Allelula!*

## Gospel: *Matthew 24:37-44*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left. 'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

## 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 85 (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.

## ST. GEORGE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, SUDBURY

Sunday 27th November 2022

# THE 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.

Sunday Cycle  
Readings Year A

Weekday Readings  
Advent Week 1

Divine Office  
Week 1

For children,  
download a weekly sheet:  
<http://www.sdc.me.uk/sundayliturgy/>

## THIS WEEK

Sun 27 Nov  
6.15pm

### FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Isobel Scannell RIP & Ints. of Janet Scannell

8.30am

Tom Fernandes RIP

9.45am

Thomas Fernandes RIP

11.15am

Edward Golman RIP

5.30pm

THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Mon 28 Nov

### Advent feria

9.30am

David Shawyer RIP

Tues 29 Nov

### Advent feria

9.30am

Alejo RIP

10.30a

FUNERAL MASS

John Walsh RIP

Weds 30 Nov

### S.ANDREW, apostle

9.30am

Nancy Quinn RIP

Thurs 1 Dec

### Advent feria

9.30am

Frank Hunt RIP

Fr 2 Dec

### Advent feria

7.00am

Fr Clement Russell RIP  
(former Parish Priest)

9.30am

Maureen Isaacs RIP  
Daphne Denson RIP

Sat 3 Dec

### S. Francis Xavier

9.30am

Francesca Rozario (Birthday Ints.)

Sun 4 Dec

### SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

6.15pm

Delphine De Lima RIP

8.30am

THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

9.45am

Kevin Durcan RIP

11.15am

Mgr Wifred Purney RIP  
(former Parish Priest)

5.30pm

Alice O'Sullivan RIP

## TODAY'S MASS



Today's Gospel speaks more about the manner of waiting, rather than the details of the preparation. Jesus compares the vigilance required of Christians to the vigilance of a homeowner who knows the plans of the thief. If one knows that the thief's action is imminent, one remains watchful. As Christians, we know that our Lord is coming even if we cannot know the precise timing. Jesus calls us to be watchful and vigilant, like the homeowner. If we become lax in our Christian living, we may be caught unprepared.

### First Reading: *Isaiah 2:1-5*

Isaiah describes his vision in which all nations are gathered together by God in peace.

### Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 122:1-2,3-4,4-5,6-7,8-9*

Rejoicing, let us enter the house of the Lord.

### Second Reading: *Romans 13:11-14*

Be prepared, salvation is near.

### Gospel Reading: *Matthew 24:37-44*

Jesus tells his disciples that the coming of the Son of Man will catch many people unprepared. Jesus tells his disciples that they are to always be ready for the day of the Lord.

## SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Open wide your door to the one who comes. Open your soul, throw open the depths of your heart to see the riches of simplicity, the treasures of peace, the sweetness of grace".

St. Ambrose

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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, Dee Auriol, Allan Noronha, Fiona Power, SMR, Aaran Thayaparan, Jocalyn Almeida, John, Rowland Watts, Catherine Corcoran, Shaun Scoon and Helen Jordan, Sean Marren, Gerald Doody, George Beel

**RECENTLY BAPTISED:** Amy De Souza, Nikodem Bialozyt

**RECENTLY DEPARTED:** John Walsh, Isabel Scannell, Neville Smith., Gerald Doody

**ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED:** Frank Hunt, Maureen Hennessy

### BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP

Irene Singarayer (Thanksgiving)

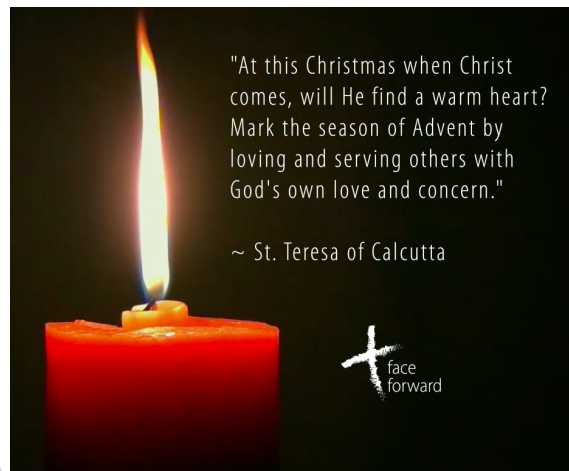
### LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

Maureen & Kevin Hennessy RIP

### POPE FRANCIS' INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER

#### Volunteer Not-for-Profit Organizations

We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.



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

~ St. Teresa of Calcutta

Today the Church throughout the world begins its keep of the Season of Advent – a very short period which prepares us in a twofold way: for the coming of Christ at Christmas and for that time when he will return in glory. Let us listen to the warning of St Paul: *"You know the time has come: you must wake now: our salvation is nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon!"*

The gospel of this Sunday puts us firmly on the alert. It emphasises the state of unpreparedness, the sense of false security developed with regard to the unforeseeable coming of the Son of Man. As in the days of Noah, people are not troubled, they go happily about their daily business and chores. And then suddenly, the catastrophe comes! The comparison of the Lord to one coming in the night brings out clearly the need for constant watchfulness. *"Behold I stand at the door and knock"* (Rev 3.20); yet is there always a danger that we may not hear the one who is knocking in order to waken us to the call of the spirit?

A new Church year, is also a time of new beginnings and fresh starts. We have a short time now before Christmas, not just to do the necessary shopping but to put our lives in order so that we may truly welcome the Christ child when he is born for us in Bethlehem.

Throughout the Parish there are fresh signs of renewal both physical and spiritual. Whilst these are only symbols of a greater journey they remind us that we should always remain watchful acting that we may be generous in the service of God's Kingdom and that we are to go about our affairs so as not to be surprised in the evening of our lives and in the evening of the world by the judgement of the Lord.

Our Advent wreath has four candles, one for each week and a fifth for Christmas itself. The light increases as we get closer to Christmas, the birth time of the light of God. Let us pray that our Advent together, our new Church year, may be full of evergreen hope leading us out of darkness towards Christ who is the light of the world.

# NEWS UPDATE



**WELCOME** to all at Mass today and a big welcome back if you have not been to Mass for a while due to the Covid restrictions.

**WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL** The annual Christmas Celebration concerts at Westminster Cathedral will take place this year on Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st December. For tickets, visit [www.westminstercathedral.org.uk](http://www.westminstercathedral.org.uk).

**FUNERAL MASS** of John Walsh on Tuesday 29th November at 10.30am followed by burial at Carpenders park. May he rest in peace.

**FUNERAL MASS** of Isobel Scannell on Monday 5th December at 11.00am followed by burial at Greenford Cemetery. May she rest in peace.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS** and **CHURCH ART CALENDARS** have arrived and can be purchased from the Repository after all Masses from this weekend.

**CATHOLIC EVENTS FOR YOUNG ADULTS** - If you're a young adult at the Parish, why not sign-up to the Westminster Youth Ministry Newsletter, with lots of information about Catholic youth events in the Diocese? Visit <https://dowym.com/>.

**SERVING TEAS & COFFEES AFTER 11.15AM MASS** - Might you consider joining the hospitality team, providing refreshments to parishioners after the 11.15am Solemn Mass. The commitment is usually once every six weeks. Your help would be hugely appreciated. For further details please contact Julie Kidd at [juliekidd21@gmail.com](mailto:juliekidd21@gmail.com) or 07918 130798.

**ADVENT FAIR** is now planned for Sunday 11th December in the morning in the Parish Centre. Please take a flyer if you have not received one and EVERYONE do think how you yourself (or you family together) can help. You can sign this week up to do a stall on the board at the back of church. Thank you to so many of you who have volunteered already. All the funds raised will be going to buy a defibrillator for the parish (2 if we raise enough- one for the church, the other for the hall).

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** - The **First Reconciliation Rehearsal** is taking place this coming **Tuesday 29th November at 7pm**. Children are to attend the rehearsal with a Parent/Carer. Thank you for arriving promptly. It would be helpful to watch the 'refresher video' and to help the children practice at home so they feel comfortable & confident receiving the gift of God's Mercy through the Sacrament this Advent.

**CONFIRMATION 2023** - Those in Year 10 & above who would like to be confirmed at the Parish are asked to please attend the **Confirmation Information Evening** with a Parent/Carer in the Parish Centre on **Monday 9th January at 7.30pm** when registration documents will be provided. Please note that a copy of one's baptism certificate is also required for registration.

**CHILDREN'S NATIVITY ON CHRISTMAS EVE** - We are delighted to announce that the Children's Nativity will be taking place, once again this year, at the Christmas Eve Vigil Mass. Children are required to attend two rehearsals from 2.00-3.00pm on Wednesday 21st December and Friday 23rd December. To

register your child's interest please contact Bushra at 07843 053 076 / [bushrakhosla@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:bushrakhosla@yahoo.co.uk).

**THE PSA FROM ST.GEORGES SCHOOL** will be selling raffle tickets for the Christmas fair at all of the masses on the following weekends - 19th/20th Nov and 26th/27th Nov. Please bring cash!

**THE WINTERSHALL NATIVITY JOURNEY** - The Parish is considering taking a group to enjoy the Wintershall production of The Nativity Journey in December. Details and ticket prices can be found at [www.wintershall.org.uk](http://www.wintershall.org.uk). For further information and to register your interest, please contact Stephen Dunn at [stephen.w.dunn@gmail.com](mailto:stephen.w.dunn@gmail.com) or 07802 223018.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (SVP)** : If you are feeling isolated and would like a home visit or a chat with a friendly person over the phone please get in touch. If you are struggling financially or would like other practical assistance please do not hesitate to contact us. If you are over 18 and are interested in becoming a member of the SVP you would be very welcome, just call the number below or drop in to our next meeting. Tel. 0775 3654154 (Theresa). Email. [frain.home@gmail.com](mailto:frain.home@gmail.com)

**CALLING NEW CONFIRMATION CATECHISTS** - Might you consider a new ministry at the Parish helping our young people prepare for their Confirmation in 2023? If you might consider helping, please contact our Catechetical Coordinator, Mr. Peter Kingsley, at [peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk) for further information.

**READING AT 5.30PM MASS** - Might you consider reading at the Sunday Evening Mass? This ministry offers the opportunity to reflect a little more attentively on the Word of God whilst also serving the community at Mass. The commitment is just once a month. There are some gaps in our regular rota that we remain keen to fill. If you might consider helping, please contact our Catechetical Coordinator, Peter, at [peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk), for further information or speak to any of the Parish Team. Thank you.

**ROSARY AT HOME** - If you would be interested in becoming part of the 'Rosary at Home' initiative, where a statue of Our Lady of Fatima is brought to your home for a period as you say the Rosary each day, please fill-in your details on the clipboard in the church porch.

**THE OVER 60's CLUB** 1.00pm every Tuesday in the café/Bar. **LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU**—just turn up as everyone is welcome!

**THE PARISH OFFICE** is open Thursdays & Fridays and from 10.30am until 3.00pm

**SPONSORING THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP & THE LAMP AT OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM** is a lovely thing to do for a departed loved one or a particular intention. There are some possibilities in the coming months. Please contact the office.

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

out.

**JOB OPPORTUNITIES ACROSS THE DIOCESE:** for details go to: <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/>

**SIGNING FORMS ETC.** Please always make an appointment if you want school forms, passport forms, pension forms countersigned/witnessed by the clergy. The same if you want one of the clergy to act as a referee. Please don't just turn up at the door expecting it to be done immediately. Please also know if you want an English passport witnessed or naturalisation form we must have known you for a minimum of 3 years.

**PRIMARY SCHOOL FORM SIGNING (In Parish Centre)**

**Friday 9 December 6.30-8.30pm**

Please do not ask for forms to be signed outside these times

**DIOCESAN AND SCHOOL VACANCIES** please see folder in porch or School/diocesan website.

**FOLDERS in the church porch:** look for pilgrimages & retreats, job opportunities, schools & colleges information.

**FLOWERS IN CHURCH**—if you'd like to make a contribution, especially in memory of a loved one there are envelopes at the back of church

**MANNA SOCIETY** - a day centre helping the homeless. All donations to the Manna Society, up to 28th December, will be matched £ for £ by the Aviva Community Service. If you are in a position to help and would like to donate, please click on this link <https://www.avivacommunityfund.co.uk/p/the-manna-day-centre>.

**VACANCY - School Office Receptionist/Admin Assistant:** Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary School in Stonebridge is seeking to appoint a Receptionist/Admin Assistant for a January 2023 Start. If you are interested in the position, or would like further information please visit the school website [www.lourdes.brent.sch.uk](http://www.lourdes.brent.sch.uk)

**THE PASSAGE:** The Big Give - from 29th November to December 6th all donations to The Passage will be matched. If you wish to donate please click on [Urgent support for the cost of living crisis \(thebiggive.org.uk\)](http://Urgent support for the cost of living crisis (thebiggive.org.uk))

## ADVENT PRAYER Week 1, Hope

Dear Jesus, you are the hope in our messy world. This Advent, help us slow down, listen to your voice, and focus on what's really important. We place our hope in you as we prepare our hearts to celebrate your birth on Christmas. Amen.