

Notices for the week beginning 30 November 2014

Sunday 30 November 2014 First Sunday of Advent

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Mass 6.00 pm (Vigil) Dymphna O'Shea (Anniversary); 8.30 am Margaret and Robert Pennicott (Anniversary); 10.30 am Claude de Rosario RIP

Monday *Advent Feria*

No Mass

Tuesday *Advent Feria*

No Mass

Wednesday *St Francis Xavier*

Mass 10.00 am Private Intention

Thursday *Advent Feria*

Mass 10.00 am November Dead List

Friday *Advent Feria*

Mass 10.00 am Mary Sanger RIP

followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday *St Nicholas*

Confessions: 10 – 10.30 am; 5.15 – 5.45 pm

Sunday 7 December 2014 Second Sunday of Advent

Mass 6.00 pm (Vigil) November Dead List; 8.30 am People of the Parish;

10.30 am Thanksgiving

PRAYERS

Please pray for: **Sick:** Terry Andrew, Gaby Boccino, David Bolton, Nina & Erica De Cesco, Bertram De Souza, Lorraine Davey, Eric Hazel, Gwen Herbert, Bill Holliday, Michael Hornsby, Sheila McGrath, Peter Miles, Gerry O'Shaughnessy, Honor Owen, Peter Miles, Lana Ridley, Sylvina Rodrigues, Merridee and Naomi Wadling; **Latently**

Dead: Chris Addiscott and Rose King; **Anniversaries:** Charlotte Anghesku, Tess Bradley, Langdon Buck, Frank Czaykowski, Maurice Fox, Paul Green, John Hurley, Richard Kennedy, Josefa Kowalewski, Michael Lyons, Francesco Marangon, Ted Molloy, Jenny Morley, Muriel Morris, Dymphna O'Shea, Margaret and Robert Pennicott, Karel Sanda, John Uniatowski, Elias Vasili, Mary Walker and Geoffrey Whitehead. May they rest in peace.

PARISH MINISTRIES

| 2014 | | 6.00 pm Vigil | 8.30 am | 10.30 am |
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| 15/16 Nov | E | F Sherratt | A Halliday | D Marsh |
| | | G Booth | | H Houston |
| | R | J Ruck | M Hart | P Apps |
| | | Y Devereux | C Pennicott | G Maloney |
| | W | M Miles | S Kerr | J Brown |

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

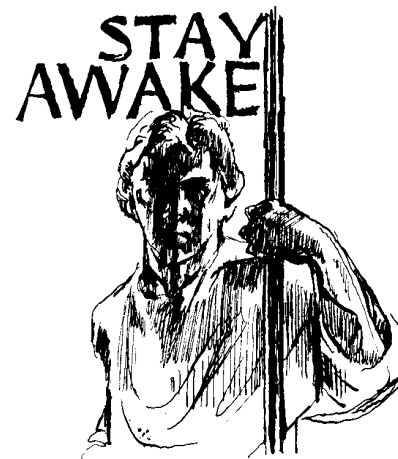
Envelopes: £337.50

Loose: £179.89

Building Fund: £78.30

PARISH NEWS

30 November 2014



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Times of Services

Sunday Mass: 6.00 pm (Vigil), 8.30 am and 10.30 am

Holydays Mass: 10.00 am and 7.30 pm

Weekday Mass: Wednesday to Friday 10.00 am

Saturday Sacrament of Reconciliation: 10.00 – 10.30 am
5.15 - 5.45 pm

Letter from Langdon Street

My dear people

Today we celebrate the beginning of the season of Advent. The Latin word Adventum means coming. We shall spend the next four weeks preparing to celebrate the coming of the Lord in the stable at Bethlehem and his second coming at the end of time.

There will always be tension between the spiritual preparation we need and the commercialism that overshadows this which gives the impression that Christmas ends on 25 December followed immediately by what used to be the January Sales which now start on Boxing Day. I can still remember taking my dog Petroc for a walk along the Kings Road in Chelsea on Boxing Day and being surprised to see the council workers removing the Christmas decorations and lights of the lamp posts.

To help us prepare for Christmas, originally Christ Mass, the Church offers us special readings from the Prophet Isaiah who had to tell his contemporaries that they were being punished in exile for their sins but that God would send his Chosen One who will restore them to grace, care for the poor and offer them eternal happiness. We also hear the words of St Paul in his epistles who tells us of God's faithfulness, his wish to fill us with grace and send his Son to guide us along the right path to the heavenly kingdom. The Gospels introduce us to John the Baptist and his mission to his contemporaries (and us too) to call them back to the Lord and prepare ourselves for everlasting joy and happiness.

Today, 30 November, we usually celebrate the feast day of St Andrew, the brother of St Peter. Pope Francis is in Istanbul, formerly called Constantinople. He is visiting the Patriarch of Constantinople, his Holiness Bartholomew I. St Andrew is honoured as founder of the Church of Constantinople just as St Peter, together with St Paul, is honoured as the founder of the Church of Rome.

The city of Constantinople was founded by the Roman Emperor Constantine the Great who was the first Christian Emperor and who ended the great persecutions of the faithful and convoked the first Ecumenical Council in Nicaea in the year 325. The city of Constantinople therefore became a second capital of the Roman Empire, and as such, in the next few decades, the See founded by St. Andrew would grow to a great importance, as the second most important in Christendom after Rome. Pope Paul VI, Pope John Paul II and Pope Benedict XV all made the same pilgrimage as Pope Francis is doing this weekend.

St. Andrew, with his friend James, was a disciple of St John the Baptist who sent him to Jesus. Andrew later introduced his brother Simon Peter to Jesus. St Andrew brought a group of Jewish priests to meet Jesus and the young boy carrying a basket of loaves and fishes before the feeding of the five thousand. St Andrew was good at bringing people to Our Lord, something Our Lord wants us to do.

We have to use whatever opportunity we have now, and this Advent is a perfect reminder to all of us, that we have to prepare ourselves for the coming of the Lord. This Advent is more than just a preparation for Christmas and Christmas is more than just festivities and celebrations. They are all part of our larger preparation in expectation of the coming again of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ into this world as King, and this time to bring us all into the eternal glory and happiness He had promised all of us.

Just as St. Andrew believed in John the Baptist when he said about the Christ, 'there is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world' and immediately set about following Him as the first-called among many, we too should follow his example.

Yours sincerely



Parish Priest

CHRISTMAS EVE

Our Family Mass on Christmas Eve will include a Nativity. We need three helpers for "crowd control" and for help with lighting and costumes. We need older children to narrate the story and to play the part of Mary, Joseph, Angel Gabriel and the innkeeper and younger children to be angels and shepherds. There will be three rehearsals, 5 to 6 pm) on three Fridays, 5, 12 and 19 September.

FLOWER ARRANGING WORKSHOP

Joan, Margaret and Heather have very kindly agreed to do another flower arranging workshop on Saturday 13 December in the church at 2.30. These workshops are good fun and we learn to produce some really pretty arrangements for Christmas it also gives us an opportunity to get together and have some fun. At the back of the church is a list, please put your name and telephone number if you wish to come along, or get in touch with Annabelle via e-mail: annabelle_halliday@hotmail.com or by mobile no: 07736669019. Nearer the date we will let you know the items you need to bring.

PARISH DIARY

Our parish diary for 2015 is now available at the back of church. They cost £1.

WESTMINSTER YEARBOOK

The 2015 edition of the Westminster Year Book is on sale at the back of church. It is a useful reference book giving a full listing of Catholic Parishes, Priests, Schools and Societies. It costs £4.50. There are boxes on the back wall for the receipt of the purchases of Catholic papers, books, and repository items.

APF RED BOXES

Please arrange to have your boxes emptied this coming week.

CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY CONCERT

Please support the Community Christmas Concert in aid of DENS next Saturday 6th December at Victoria Hall 7.30pm. Tickets are on sale at Beechwoods in Frogmore Street. Children under 11 have free entry. Please support this wonderful event.

FILM CLUB

The next Film Club is on Monday this week, 4.30 until 6.30 pm. The film is called Nativity! Children from Year 3 + are welcome. Free popcorn.