

13th December 2020 – 3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)
(GAUDETE SUNDAY)

Isaiah 61:1-2,109-11 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

John 1:6-8, 19-28

“There stands among you the one coming after me”



ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Sunday, 13th December 2020 – 3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT (GAUDETE SUNDAY)

Mass: 9.30am, 11.00am (Live streaming only) & 12.30pm

Monday, 14th December – ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS, PRIEST & DOCTOR

Mass: 9.30am (Live streaming only)

Tuesday, 15th December

Mass: 6.30pm

Wednesday, 16th December

Mass: 9.30am (Live streaming only)

Simbang Gabi (Filipino Mass): 6.30pm

Thursday, 17th December

Mass: 6.30pm

Friday, 18th December

Mass: 12.00noon (Live streaming only)

Eucharistic Adoration: 7.00pm

Saturday, 19th December

Mass: 9.30am (Live streaming only)

6.30pm Vigil Mass of Sunday

Sunday, 20th December 2020 – 4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mass: 9.30am, 11.00am (Live streaming only) & 12.30pm

4.00pm: Tamil Mass

The Church will be open for Mass with
restrictions on the number of parishioners allowed at one time.

Live Streaming on www.ChurchServices.tv/wembley1

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK

Domingo Fernandes, Margaret Fay and Mary Toussaint that the Lord may lay His healing hands on them and bring them His peace

THE GOD WHO SPEAKS - YEAR OF THE WORD 2020 - SUNDAY MEDITATIONS, 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)

Meditate: John the Baptist appears in today's readings with a specific mission: to bear witness to Jesus, the Light. Given the current situation of uncertainty, many might think they are in darkness. We are called, by being who we are, to point to Jesus, light of the world

Act: Christ is the Light. make sure that at your times of prayer or in your "prayer corner", you lit a candle representing Jesus, the Light of the world coming to us..

DONATIONS AT CHRISTMAS

Special white envelopes are available in the church porch for those who donate by standing order or do not have planned giving envelopes and who wish to gift aid their Christmas contribution. Please fill in your details as required, insert your donation and place your sealed envelope in the normal collection bag.

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE

The Advent Penitential Service will be held on **15th, 17th and 22nd December** after the **6.30pm** Masses. Eucharistic Adoration will follow the Masses and confessions will be heard by our priests during this time.

THE CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

The Christmas giving tree is placed in the Church porch. Please use the labels on the tree to bring the gifts for the poor and needy. Please do not wrap your presents with gift paper but place them into the big purple box by the sanctuary.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Please join the Parish Community as we come together to praise and worship the Lord on **Friday, 18th December at 7.00pm** during which the Divine Mercy Chapter will be recited. There will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for an hour. This service will be livestreamed on Church services TV. All are welcome.

HOME MISSION SUNDAY

Each year the Church in England and Wales celebrates Home Mission Sunday. Normally this would take place in September, but this year September held so many challenges for everyone that it was moved to Gaudete Sunday. It is our hope that this is a better time of year to focus on Evangelisation. Our Mission is to help the local Church share THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL so the connection Gaudete Sunday.

Preparing for Christmas gives us several opportunities to share our faith with the people we love during these turbulent times. Collection baskets will be available at the back of the church this weekend in support of this appeal.

RCIA 2020

There will be a special service at the 9.30am Mass on Saturday 19th December 2020 for candidates from the Easter 2020 RCIA group to receive the Sacraments of the Eucharist and Confirmation which were not administered at that time due to Covid restrictions. The Mass will be live streamed only on Church Services TV.

CRIB OFFERING 2020

Since March the Catholic Children's Society (CCS) has provided emergency food and essentials, as well as mental health services, for over five and half thousand children and their parents/carers. These families have faced desperate situations due to the Coronavirus pandemic. Our parish will therefore be donating our Crib Offering to support this important work. Due to COVID-19, a special page has been set up at www.cathchild.org.uk/crib where you can make a donation. Please be generous.

SEA SUNDAY:

Next week is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. There will be a second collection for Stella Maris (the Apostleship of the Sea), the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. Special envelopes will be available in the church porch.

For an appeal from Bishop Paul Mason, and a video showing some of what Stella Maris does, please visit www.stellamaris.org.uk/SeaSunday.

Sea Sunday has been moved from July because of the pandemic and Stella Maris is particularly asking for donations by text or online. To donate and for more information, please visit: www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate or text 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. Stella Maris is dependent on voluntary donations, so please give generously. Thank you.

WESTMINSTER YEAR BOOK: 2021

Available from the Repository. Price £4.50.

FILIPINO NOVENA MASS:

SIMBANG GABI will be held on **Wednesday, 16th December at 6.30pm**. The Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Ino. Everyone is welcome to attend.

CHRISTMAS MASS

- 6 Masses will be celebrated at Christmas as follows:
 - 24-Dec: 5.00pm (Vigil Mass), 8.00pm and 11.00pm (midnight Mass)
 - 25-Dec (Christmas Day) 9.00am, 10.30am and 12noon.

- Please come on foot if at all possible. Elderly and disabled people will be given preference in the car park. If you bring your car, please do not arrive more than 30 minutes before the start of the Mass to enable drivers from the previous Mass to clear the car park.
- The marked bays must only be used for parking.
- Hand sanitization, a face mask and 2m social distancing is mandatory. Please be guided by the marshals

GETTING MARRIED IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THIS COUNTRY

You need to contact one of your priests at least 6 months BEFORE the proposed date of the marriage- and provide a recent copy of your Baptism Certificate (dated within 6 months of the proposed marriage), and a copy of your Confirmation Certificate.

GETTING MARRIED IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH ABROAD

In addition to the information requested above, you will also need a letter of freedom from this Diocese, which may be obtained through your Priest.

ROSARY

Join St Joseph's RC Church, Wembley for **MARIAN DEVOTION** online daily at **7:30pm**. It is very simple - Download Zoom on your laptop or phone. You do not have to register, just put in your name, meeting ID and password as below and you can join your Church at prayer.

Meeting ID: **726 5689 3653** / Password: **9pXAep**

Link:<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/72656893653?pwd=Zm5QWGorZ3RaT1l1VGpuemFlc3YvUT09>

In these uncertain and worrying times we need to spend time in prayer. All parishioners are invited to join in.

FOODBANK DONATIONS

Grateful thanks to all those who have contributed to this cause which has received a much needed boost in the last few weeks. Please continue to support this important appeal for those who are disadvantaged including children at this critical time of need. As before, non-perishable food and toiletry donations are badly required. If cash donations are preferred, they should be placed in a sealed envelope, labelled **FOODBANK**, and dropped in the presbytery letterbox.

PARISH REGISTRATION

The form for registering in St Joseph's Parish is now available on the website. Please download, complete all the Sections, and drop it through the letterbox. If you would like a personal box of envelopes for your weekly donation at Mass, and you pay tax, you will need to fill in a Gift Aid Declaration form which is available in the parish

office. You must come to the Presbytery, fill in the form and a box of envelopes will be given to you at the same time.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES AND OTHER DONATIONS

There will be a Collection Box at the exit of the Church – please put envelopes and donations as you leave the Church to facilitate the one-way system. Please no coinage at this time.

You can also visit: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/wembley/donate>

MASS INTENTIONS/OFFERINGS:

Please email your Mass intention(s), with date(s) and time(s), for the Mass to Wembley1@rcdow.org.uk. The name of the person requesting the Mass and a contact number is needed.