

17 Dec – 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)

First reading: Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11

The Messiah, guided by God's Spirit. This text describes Jesus' ministry

Responsorial: Isaiah 61:10

R/: My soul rejoices in my God.

Second reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

The spirit of fervour encouraged among the early Christians

Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28

John the Baptist's testimony to Jesus

The Joy of Waiting

- Advent is a time of joy – joy in the waiting.
- The messenger in the first reading is the 'joyful messenger', and his joy is that God is near and God is coming.
- This would be the message of Jesus –that he was the joyful messenger of his Father's love. He would be the shepherd – the one who cares, knows and actively looks after the sheep. John the Baptist is the voice of joy and energy, preaching the new message.

Voices of Advent to bring God near - The central message within all the voices of Christmas.

God's Christmas voice is saying: ***I love you, you are all brothers and sisters, and nothing except love is final.***

Lord I believe your word was made flesh and appeared among us.

Life is what happens while you are waiting for it

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SUNDAY, 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT:

17-Dec Mass: 9.00am, 10.45am, 12.30pm & 6.30pm

MONDAY,

18-Dec Mass: 9.30am

TUESDAY,

19-Dec Mass: 9.30am & 6.30pm

WEDNESDAY

20-Dec Mass: 9.30am
11.00am: Requiem Mass of Joao Antonio Lopes

THURSDAY,

21-Dec Mass: 9.30am & 6.30pm

FRIDAY,

22-Dec Mass: 12.00noon

SATURDAY,

23-Dec Mass: 9.30am
6.30pm – *Sunday Vigil Mass*

SUNDAY, 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT:

24-Dec Mass: 9.00am, 10.45am, 12.30pm
5.30pm: Christmas Children Mass
11.30pm: Carol Service
12 Midnight: Christmas Mass

POPE'S INTENTION - DECEMBER 2023

For persons with disabilities - We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK

Paule Szczech, Martin Mongan, Louis Gabriel and Catherine Stock that the Lord may lay His healing hands on them and bring them His peace.

WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF

Joao Antonio Lopes who died on 29th November 2023. His Requiem Mass will be on Wednesday 20th December at 11.00am followed by a burial at Carpenter Cemetery. May his soul rest in peace.

DONATIONS AT CHRISTMAS

Special white Gift Aid 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.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Tickets for the Grand Christmas Raffle is available. Please see the volunteers selling the tickets and join them with the prospect of a prize of £100. There are 9 other prizes too.

CAR PARKING FOR CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR MASSES

Parking will be available free of charge at the car park at St Joseph's Parish Centre, Empire Way for parishioners attending services on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day Masses.

FOCUS PARISH MAGAZINE

The Christmas Focus Magazine is available at Church porch. Please pick up a copy at the end of the Mass.

Church will remain closed on 18th December after the 9.30am Mass for the Christmas Cleaning.

THE CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

The Christmas Giving Tree with labels for gift items is placed in the church porch. Please do not wrap your presents with gift paper, you may put them in carrier bags and place them into the box by the sanctuary. It is important that you do not give any used clothes as they will not be accepted. Donated children's gifts will go to Westminster Catholic Children's Society and other gifts will be delivered to charities that will help to distribute our gifts to those in need. This year, the Justice & Peace group have added labels for single sleeping bags along with other items to help people sleeping rough in London.

ONLINE MARIAN DEVOTION CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Experience the joy of the season with St Joseph's Church Wembley as the Rosary group presents a lively online Christmas celebration for parishioners. Mark your calendars for December 18, 2023, at 7.30pm. If you're keen on participating in the Star and Crib competitions, don't forget to reach out to the Rosary Coordinators beforehand for registration. Get ready for a festive day filled with online carols and multitude of exciting activities.

Christmas & New Year Mass timings

24th December 2023

5.30pm: Children's Mass

11.30pm: Carol Singing

12midnight: Christmas Mass

25th December 2023

Christmas Masses: 9.30am & 11.30am

31st December 2023

Mass at 6.30pm

Eucharistic Adoration: 11.00pm

Midnight Mass: 12.00am

1st January 2024

New Year Masses: 9.30am & 11.30am