

## 03 Dec – 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)

**First reading: Isaiah 63:16-17, 64:1, 3-8**

*Oh that you would tear the heavens open and come down*

**Responsorial: Psalm 79**

*R: God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.*

**Second reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9**

*We are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed*

**Gospel: Mark 13:33-37**

*Stay awake, because you never know when the time will come*

# *Jesus is coming*

*Revelation 22:20*

Gospel today says – Don't give up. God is always near! Live in hope and preparation.

Stay awake to the season – the ways we can deepen and grow in our faith --- maybe do a retreat, do something good for others with your time or finance, notice **God** in the events of the next few weeks, **pray a bit every day**, make time to **be awakened to the centre of our world** who is **God**, and to **his central action** in creating the world each day, sending Jesus Christ his Son.

***Lord, send me, use me, create me for your work in the world.***

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### 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT:

SUNDAY, 03-Dec Mass: 9.00am, 10.45am, 12.30pm & 6.30pm  
4.00pm: St Francis Xavier's Feast Konkani Mass

MONDAY, 04-Dec Mass: 9.30am

TUESDAY, 05-Dec Mass: 9.30am & 6.30pm

WEDNESDAY 06-Dec Mass: 9.30am

THURSDAY, 07-Dec **St Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor:**  
Mass: 9.30am & 6.30pm

FRIDAY, 08-Dec **THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, Patron of the Diocese:**  
Mass: 12.00noon & 6.30pm

SATURDAY, 09-Dec Mass: 9.30am  
6.30pm – *Sunday Vigil Mass*

### 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT:

SUNDAY, 10-Dec Mass: 9.00am, 10.45am, 12.30pm & 6.30pm

### **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.

### **CONFIRMATION 2024 - CATECHISM CLASSES**

For those candidates who have submitted an application for the Confirmation Programme 2024, a parents meeting will be held on Wednesday 10th January 2024 at 6:30pm in the pastoral centre. At least one parent should attend (no requirement for the candidate to attend). Catechism classes for all candidates will commence on Saturday 13th January 2024 at 5pm in the Pastoral Centre.

### **OUR PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Will be held on Saturday 9th December from 12noon - 6:00pm at the Oakington Manor School Hall. Today 3<sup>rd</sup> December will be the last day of tickets sales. For convenience, admission on the day will be restricted to ticket holders ONLY.

### **SUNDAY EVENING MASS**

With effect from 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023, the 7.30pm Sunday Mass will be brought forward to 6.30pm at the request of parishioners.

### **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.

### **CHRISTMAS CONCERT DEC 13TH 2023**

We welcome you to join for an unforgettable and joyous evening of spectacular light and song performance in our church. This will be performed by our parishioners as well as special guest performers. Ticket price is £5 which will include a hot/cold drink with a slice of cake. Children under 4 go free. Please look at notice board for further details.

### **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. 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.

### **THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

There will be Mass at 6.30pm on December 8th to celebrate the feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

### **FOCUS PARISH MAGAZINE**

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

### **PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE**

There is a 7 Day - 7 Night pilgrimage to Medjugorje planned for next year to start on April 16th. For those interested please register your name with Carmen at the earliest possible. For more details please look at the church notice board.