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*The Parish Office will be open Monday to Friday 10.30am to 3pm*

### **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT ( C )**

**1/2 December 2018**

Psalter Week 1

#### **Scripture Readings**

Jeremiah 33:14-16

1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

Luke 21:25-28. 34-36

**READERS:** Saturday 18:00 TBA  
Sunday 09:30 TBA  
Sunday 11:30 TBA

**2nd Collection** Advent Homeless Collection

#### ***ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:***

*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*

#### ***PSALM :***

*To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.*

#### ***ACCLAMATION:***

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

**SCRIPTURE REFLECTION** -The year of Luke's Gospel readings begins with a passage taken towards the end of his Gospel as Jesus was teaching in the Temple at Jerusalem a few days before his death. He paints a fearful picture of the "*Coming of the Son of Man.*" It is part of a much longer discourse where Jesus warns his audience of great disasters to come, including the destruction of the temple at Jerusalem. But we must not be without hope. We are told to be vigilant – not by standing around and waiting for signs, but by following him in the way we live our lives and relying on him through prayer. If we do that we will be able to "*Stand with confidence before the Son of Man*" when it is our turn to be called into his presence.

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#### **HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER** **INTENTIONS FOR**

**DECEMBER:** *In the service of transmission of faith*

-That in their dialogue with culture, people involved in the service and transmission of faith,

may find a language that is appropriate to the present time.

#### **ARCHBISHOP PETER'S ADVENT** **NEWSLETTER**

This week there will be a Pastoral Letter read at all Masses from our Archbishop for Advent. There are copies available to take home in the Narthex.

**24 / 25 NOVEMBER 2018**

**350 People celebrated the Eucharist.**

**The Offertory collection was £622.95**

**The 2nd collection for the Catholic Youth Services was £217.32**

**From Standing Orders we collected  
£788.00**

***Thank you for your continued support***

***Please Gift Aid where possible***

Please pray for the repose of the soul of  
**Elena Ireton RIP**  
May she rest in peace.

**ADVENT HOMELESS COLLECTION**

As tradition in our Parish during Advent we focus on homelessness and support the work of some homelessness charities. Rough sleeping is the most visible form of homelessness but there are less visible forms we may be aware of: people housed in temporary accommodation, living in hostels, squats or B&Bs, in overcrowded accommodation or 'concealed' housing, such as the floors or sofas of friends and family. This year we are supporting **THE PASSAGE, THE MANNA CENTRE, PROVIDENCE ROW and DE PAUL TRUST**. Please give generously to the Advent second collections and follow online the work of these charities. Some information will be available in the Narthex as well.

**CAROL SERVICE - CALLING ALL**

**CHILDREN !** Our parish Carol Service will be on **Sunday 16th December at 4pm**. There will be a children's nativity and we need lots of children to take part in this. No rehearsal required! Please come dressed as any characters from the Christmas story - Mary, Joseph, angels, shepherds, wise men and women, sheep, stars, .....

**SWOY CHRISTMAS FAIR - SUNDAY  
2ND DECEMBER - 12.30-2.30PM**

This Sunday is our fantastic primary school's Christmas Fair. Come and join us, for festive fun with stalls, food, games, Santa's grotto and much more. Free entry and everyone is welcome.

**RECONCILIATION THIRD SESSION -  
SUNDAY 2 DECEMBER**. Children in their groups. Parents/Carers in Parish Centre. Please arrive by 2.50pm.

**ITALIAN CHRISTMAS** Do you have an Italian connection by birth, heritage or marriage? You are invited to join our *Italian community's Christmas Celebrations* on **Saturday 8th December from 7pm** in the upper hall. Please bring food and drink to share. For more information, call Assunta on 07788 104259.

**CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS - HELP  
NEEDED !** Please come along to help and join in decorating our church for the Carol Service and Christmas. We will be putting up the Christmas stars and angels in church on **Sunday 16th December from 12.30pm** (i.e. after 11.30am mass) and would welcome help to do this. Thank you!

**SINGERS FOR CHRISTMAS MUSIC -  
DATE FOR YOUR DIARY!** We will be having our Wednesday evening practices, starting at 8pm during advent as usual, and also as usual we are looking forward to welcoming a wider group of singers as we prepare our music for the carol service (on Sunday 16th December) and at Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve. However this year we are putting in an extra singers' rehearsal for all singers but in particular for those who can't make Wednesday evenings. This is on **Sunday 9 December at 3pm in the church, and we will go on until about 4:30**. So do come along if you would like to join the singers group for either or both of those two big Christmas celebrations.



**DIOCESAN PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR ADVENT & CHRISTMAS**

**TIME:** Archbishop Peter asks you of your kindness to pray for these intentions:- **Openness to the Word of God especially**

*on Bible Sunday, Second Sunday of Advent. Migrants and Refugees especially on Migrants Day 3rd December. Expectant Mothers especially on Fourth Sunday in Advent.*

**HOLY HOUR - Friday 7 December after**

9.15 Mass there will be a period of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction until 10.15.

**TAKE SOME TIME TO REFLECT THIS**

**ADVENT** Advent is a very special season of the year – and yet it can sometimes pass us by, because we're so busy preparing for Christmas. For the past couple of years, our diocesan Spirituality Commission has produced a series of short daily emails, to help us focus on the true meaning of Advent. These have been very well received, so we would like to make more people aware of them. To sign up, please visit [www.southwarkdsc.org.uk](http://www.southwarkdsc.org.uk)

**HCPT CAROL SERVICE - Tuesday 11 December - 7pm,** Westminster Cathedral.

Expect beautiful singing from school choirs with strong links to HCPT. This year's service features School choirs from around the South of England including Coloma Convent Girls School. There will also be plenty of opportunities for singing yourself (including the HCPT unofficial anthem "Rise and Shine"). Its the perfect way to get into the festive spirit. Entrance is Free there will be a collection to raise funds to enable young people with special needs to go to Lourdes with HCPT. For further information speak to Fr Gregory. You are all welcome.



**RCIA/JOURNEY IN FAITH**

Next Sunday we celebrate the *Rite of Acceptance and*

*Welcome* with our Enquirers as they prepare to enter the second stage of their Journey in Faith, the *Catechumenate*. So our session this Tuesday (**4 December at 19:45 for 20:00 in the Lower Hall**) is dedicated to a prayerful preparation for this Rite.

Maybe you might like to know more about the Rite. If so, why not join us? Refreshments will be available from **19:45**, with the session starting at **20:00**. A short period of prayer and reflection on next Sunday's Gospel reading brings the session to a close at **21:00**.

All are welcome!

**TRAINING FOR NEW ALTAR**

**SERVERS** - We welcome all children in Year 4 and above who have celebrated their First Eucharist to join our parish altar servers. We will be running a training session for new servers on **Saturday 8th December, 11.15am-12.30pm**. Please contact us at [swoy.altarserving@gmail.com](mailto:swoy.altarserving@gmail.com) to let us know if you would like to come along so we know how many to expect. If you cannot come this time, we will be running another session in January, date and time TBC. If you would like to start serving at Mass, you need to come to a training session first.

**CONFIRMATION 2018-2019 -**

**INFORMATION MEETING** If your son/daughter is in year 10 or above and wishes to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, there will be an information meeting for **parents and candidates** on the **9th December at 6.15 pm in the upper hall**. Application forms will be distributed at the meeting.

Looking forward to meeting you.

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

### **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT ( C )**

#### **Saturday 1 December**

18.00 Tommy Keane

19.30 Polish Mass

#### **Sunday 2 December**

09.30 For the Parishioners

11.30 Pauline Garley RIP

#### **Monday 3 December - *St. Francis Xavier, Priest and Doctor of the Church***

##### **Day of Prayer for Migrants**

9:15 Delia Cummins RIP

#### **Tuesday 4 December - FERIA**

9:15 Lord William Carron

#### **Wednesday 5 December - FERIA**

9:15 Richard Gallagher RIP

#### **Thursday 6 December - FERIA**

09:15 Bernadette's Children Conversion Mass

#### **Friday 7 December - *St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church***

9.15 Thanksgiving to Our Lady  
Holy Hour until 10.15

#### **Saturday 8 December - *THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY***

10.30 Marie Byrne Wellbeing

### **SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT ( C )**

#### **Bible Sunday**

#### **Saturday 8 December**

18.00 In Thanks to Our Lady

19.30 Polish Mass

#### **Sunday 9 December**

09.30 For the Parishioners

11.30 Robbie Sharp RIP

## **DIARY**

### **Sunday 2 December**

12:30 SWOY School Christmas Fair

15:00 Reconciliation Third Session

Children in their groups.

Parents/Carers in the Parish Centre.

### **Tuesday 4 December**

19:45 RCIA/JIF (Lower Hall - enter through church)

### **Wednesday 5 December**

18:00 Brownies

20.00 Singing Practice

### **Thursday 6 December**

18:00 Beavers & Cubs (Scout HQ on St. Germans Road)

18:15 Scouts ( Scout HQ on St. Germans Road)

### **Saturday 8 December**

9.15 Instrumentalists (Church)

11:15 Training for new Altar Servers (Church)

19:00 Italian Christmas Party (UH)

### **Sunday 9 December**

15:00 Singers Rehearsal for Christmas (Church)

18:15 Confirmation 2018/9

Information Meeting for Parents/Carers/Candidates (UH)

### **Scripture Readings 8 & 9 Dec**

Baruch 5:1-9

Philippians 1:3-6. 8-11

Luke 3:1-6

### **Readers - 8 & 9 Dec - TBA**

### **No Flowers - Advent Wreath**

### **Cafe York Rota - 9 Dec**

09:30 Liz Ballaster

11.30 Jo & Ewelina

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation -**

Saturday 11.00-12.00 noon

Saturday 19:00-19:30