

NEWS AND VIEWS

Christmas Decorations: Please we will put up the Christmas decorations on Wednesday the 1st of December, any helping hands are welcomed. Please contact the parish office to leave your names and number for further correspondence.

Parish Community Christmas Carol Singalong comes up on Friday 3rd December at 6.30pm. Please come with friends and family. Our Duo (Iwona & Jasmine) are preparing very hard and needs to be appreciated, there will be congregational carols too. We will share some light refreshments on our way out at the end. The Carol raffle tickets for excellent prizes are now on sale @ £1 for 5 strips, after Masses or ask in the parish office.

Parish Volunteers' Thanksgiving Mass comes up on Monday 13th at 7pm. All who serve our parish community in any capacity are to attend.

St Aloysius college Christmas Concert for the elderly which comes up at the school hall on the 10th of December 2021 from 2.30 - 3.30pm. Could the elderly parishioners who wish to attend kindly contact the school via 020 7561 7800 or by email to enquiries@sta.islington.sch.uk There will be Music and Carols from the boys. Also refreshments will be available.

First Holy Communion 2021/2022 diary dates: Dec. 5th, 19th, Jan. 9th at 10.15am. Please enter through the parish car park.

Christmas Food Donations for the Needy: Please think of the less privileged in our community as you do your Christmas shopping. We need tins, confectioneries, biscuits, beverages, toiletries etc. Items could be dropped with the Parish Office. Thank you.

Calling On All Young-Adult Catholics If you are between the ages of 18-45, join us at 7:00 pm in the St Gabriel's meeting room. Every Tuesday there will be the chance to meet other young Catholics, pray together and grow in our faith. There will be refreshments available. If you would like to know more, contact John and Alessandra Knight on john.knight@rcm.ac.uk or on 07512781274 .

Ghanian Chaplaincy here in St Gabriels will be meeting with Fr David after the 11.30am Mass.

Future Matters is a free service for Islington residents. It offers one-to-one support and can help you (as required) to setup (i) Lasting Powers of Attorney (ii) adding your information to the NHS Electronic Urgent Care Record for emergency services e.g ambulance services, A&E, out of hours GP and district nurses and (iii) organising other Advance Care Plan(s). It also offers advice as required on a wide range of items including Wills, Prepaid Funeral Plans etc. For future information refer to: <https://www.ageuk.org.uk/islington/our-services/future-matters-service/> Alternatively, you can contact Maria Pioli who is a parishioner with over 7 years' experience as a Future Matters volunteer. Contact Maria: via Email: projects@gentledusk.org.uk or Mobile: 07986 63770.

Christian Stewardship: (21st November 2021)

Envelopes: £243. **Loose:** £364.75. **Contactless:** £125.86. We also receive £500 weekly from standing orders. Thank you for our continuous support of our parish.

December Diary

Wednesday 1st 10am: Church Christmas Decorations day
 Friday 3rd 12noon: First Friday Healing Mass, Holy Hour and Benediction
 6.30pm: Parish Community Christmas Carol & Raffle draw.
 Friday 10th 8pm: Festive parish zoom quiz
 Monday 13th 7pm: Parish Volunteer's Thanksgiving Mass.
 Tuesday 21st 7pm: Christmas Penitential Service and Confessions. Guest priests will be available.

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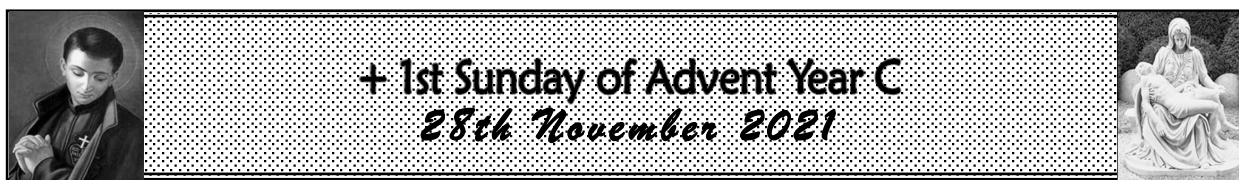


We wish those who celebrate their birthdays and anniversaries during this week a happy celebration

A drunk stumbles across a baptismal service on Sunday afternoon down by the river. He proceeds to walk down into the water and stand next to the Preacher. The minister turns and notices the old drunk and says, "Mister, Are you ready to find Jesus?" The drunk looks back and says, "Yes, Preacher, I sure am." The minister then dunks the fellow under the water and pulls him right back up. "Have you found Jesus?" the preacher asked. "No, I haven't!" said the drunk. The preacher then dunks him under for quite a bit longer, brings him up and says, "Now, brother, have you found Jesus?" "No, I have not Reverend." The preacher in disgust holds the man under for at least 30 seconds this time, brings him out of the water and says in a harsh tone, "Have you found Jesus yet?" The old drunk wipes his eyes and says to the preacher... "Are you sure this is where he fell in?"



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We welcome all to today's Mass, especially visitors who are celebrating with us for the first time. Please take this bulletin home with you for further reflection on this week's celebration and to follow the activities in the Parish during the week.

REFLECTIONS ON THE GOSPEL

ADVENT SEASON - Being on Guard

Advent is the season that begins the Church's Liturgical Year. This weekend is the beginning of a new Liturgical Year C or 3. Advent originated in the early Church as a short period of intense preparation for the celebration of the nativity of the Lord on Dec. 25. Advent slowly came to be structured into four Sundays with proper readings and prayers. The Advent Wreath is a circle of evergreen branches with four candles on it. Each Sunday of Advent one candle is lit. The liturgical colour of Advent is violet or purple, and Rose used only on the third Sunday of Advent, otherwise known as the 'Gaudete Sunday.' During Advent, the playing of musical instruments as well as the floral decoration of the altar should be marked by a moderation that reflects the character of this season. Two biblical figures accompany us during this time of Advent are, John the Baptist and Mary. *John the Baptist* is the prophet who was sent to prepare the way of the Lord and herald His coming. *Mary* holds a special place in the history of Salvation. "Advent" means "coming" and the three readings of this first Sunday speak of "comings." This season is marked by devout and joyful expectation as we recall the first humble coming of the Lord at Bethlehem. At the same time, we are invited to direct our mind and heart towards Christ's coming in mystery and His final coming in glory at the end of time. This is well expressed both in the Scripture readings, in the prayers as well as in the two parts into which Advent is divided. During the first part of Advent, until 16 Dec., the focus of the liturgy is on the second coming of the Lord, while during the second part, from 17 to 24 Dec., the emphasis is on the immediate preparation for Christmas. These two 'comings' of the Lord are connected by the daily coming of the Lord in our life through His Word, Sacraments, other people and events. Our welcoming of the Lord in our daily life is the best way for us to prepare for His coming in mystery and in glory at the end of time. Our listening to the Word of God leads us to develop some inner attitudes during Advent. On this first Sunday of Advent, there is an insistent call to watchfulness, to being on guard. Vigilance and preparation while waiting for the coming of the Lord in mystery and in glory at the end of time are urged. Information has it that in RAF Museum in Hendon, here in England there is an exhibition of the memorabilia of Lord Dowding. He was appointed Commander in Chief of the RAF in 1936 to take on the challenge of expanding the RAF's fighting force to meet the Nazi threat. Lord Dowding has less than 4years to prepare for the epic Battle of Britain, while at the same time helping France. Lord Dowding's accomplishments in getting the RAF ready are summed up on a plaque: "It has been given to few men so to employ so short a time that by their efforts they saved civilization." Lord Dowding's vigilance while waiting are part of the theme of today's Advent gospel. Have a faith-filled Advent Season!

Mass Times & Intentions 28th November – 4th December 2021
Sat 27th Vigil Mass 6:30pm: Tom & Kitty Waldron, Willie Keogh (RIP), Rose Glackin (40th) (ANN), M. Carr (INT)
Sun 28th 9:00am: Kitty & Tom Waldron, Michael O'Callaghan, Rose Udo, Irene von Bock (RIP), Bill Allen, John Skelton (ANN), Julian Coelho (INT)
11:30am: Peter McCaba, Roseann O'Connor, Alan Mullee, Fr Andreas, (RIP), Rose & JJ McGrath, Henry Laffey(ANN), Fahey family, Jeanette Fayers (birthday) (INT)
6:30pm: Philip & Tunu, Ekanem & Uche, Amy & Larry, Udoh family, Essien-Oku Family, Eyo & Theresa (INT)
Mon 29th 12 noon: Carlo Avanzi, Pietro Pirolli, Amyot Da Costa (month's mind), Neville Taylor (RIP), Breeda O'Hara (ANN), Special ints. (INT)
Tue 30th St Andrew 12 noon: Fr Andreas (RIP), Sean Conway, Jimmy Rooney, Rica Coelho, Sam Haslam (INT)
Wed 1st 12 noon: Mary Jones, Denny Leane, Peter Sartori (RIP), Thomas Walsh (post humous b'day), Eddie Sweeney (ANN)
Thur 2nd 12 noon: Alan Mullee, Charlie McCarthy (RIP), Christopher, Margaret & Dora Conway, Philip Thompson (ANN)
Fri 3rd St Francis Xavier 12 noon: First Friday Healing Mass, Holy Hour and Benediction
Sat 4th St John Damascene 12 noon: Patricia Etim-Bassey (1st)(ANN), Wendy Winser (INT)



Rebecca Campbell, Babs Kavanagh, Ella Humphreys, Rita Avanzi, Nancy Olaiya, Jarlet Fallon, Nora Hoare, Ann Larkin, Mary Wallace, Christopher Jerome, John Bruno, Theresa Reilly, Mary Slow, Isabella King, Derek Gomes, Mary Burton, Cornelia Henshaw, Rebecca Ononogbo, Frank Gibbons, Maria Kuozwatski, Philip Mayne, Giovanna Spittle, Bridget Munnelly, Brian Coleman, Shiela Farrell, Augustina Okelue, Mary Theresa Madigan, Maria Cecile Perine, Christopher Nelson, Paddy Essang, Padra Williams, Phillip Duggase, Terry Earley, Elizabeth Earley, Caroline de Vasconcellos, Mary Mullarkey, Mary O'Connell, Bernadette Ikwuka, Margaret Togher, Geraldine McKeaney, Mary Dunne, Lina Pioli, Pilar, Christy & Maria Christopher, Lourdes Sisneros, Angela Fairbank, Emmanuel & Magdalene Debonne, Douglas Meyers, Sylvia Traynor, Danielle, Lilian Montague, Fr Kevin, Frances Quinn, Tony Colbert, Kathleen Panayiotou, Fr. Aodh, Maureen Walsh, Gabby Mehmet, Freda Glackin, Maureen Currie, Joan McGonigal, Debbie Whitehed

Parish is served by the Holy Ghost Fathers (Spiritans) Congregation of the Holy Spirit
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Pastorals/Devotions: Confessions Sat 11am, 6pm, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament/Meditative Rosary: Sun. 10.30am
Healing Mass/Holy Hour/Benediction: First Fridays (New time) 12noon Legion of Mary: First Wed. 6.30pm Monday
Prayer Group: 1st & 3rd Mon. 6.30pm
Mission Statement: To animate a loving multicultural Christian community

Gentle reminders: Please turn off your mobile phones. You have the right to remain silent ...

TODAY'S READINGS

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.

OPENING PRAYER

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Jeremiah 33:14-16

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah: ‘In those days and at that time, I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David, who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land. In those days Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell in confidence. And this is the name the city will be called: The-Lord-our-integrity.’

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 24)

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

Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. **R.**

The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor **R.**

His ways are faithfulness and love
for those who keep his covenant and will.
The Lord's friendship is for those who revere
him;
to them he reveals his covenant. **R.**

SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints. Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

GOSPEL Luke 21:25-28. 34-36

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect; hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand. Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.’

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Accept, we pray, O Lord, these offerings we make, gathered from among your gifts to us, and may what you grant us to celebrate devoutly here below, gain for us the prize of eternal redemption. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Mass

Sat. 6.30pm
Sun. 9.00am
Sun. 11.30am
Sun. 6.30pm

Readers

Carmel Cannon
Ann Waldron
Mark Renner
Joanna Hemmingway

Stewards

Joan Fitzgerald/Bernie Shevlin/Jeanette Fayers
Essien E-Oku/ Gabriel E-Oku
Bernie Shevlin / Ignatius Etukudoh
Joseph Ogbonna

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May these mysteries, O Lord, in which we have participated, profit us, we pray, for even now, as we walk amid passing things, you teach us by them to love the things of heaven and hold fast to what endures. ugh

The Prayer Of the Synod: Adsumus Sancte Spiritus

Attributed to St. Isidore of Seville (560-636), it has been traditionally used at Councils and Synods for hundreds of years. The version below was specifically designed for the Church's Synodal journey from 2021 to 2023.

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever.

Amen.

THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise You,
We bless You,
We adore you,
We glorify You,

We give You thanks for Your great glory.
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, the almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, the Only-begotten Son.
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us; You take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
You alone are the Lord.
You alone are the Most High. Jesus Christ, with the Holy
Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God,
the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
He descended into hell;
on the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from there He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Holy Catholic Church,
the communion of Saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.

Key Notes:

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- Minors **MUST not** go to the toilets, rooms, or outside the church during services unaccompanied.
- There **MUST be** at least 2 adults present at any ministry to minors e.g. Children's Liturgy, Catechism and Youth Club.
- Vulnerable people **MUST be** accompanied in the Church.

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