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Rejoice Sunday!

The Third Sunday of Advent is often referred to as "Gaudete" Sunday. The word Gaudete means rejoice. We can look at it as the mid-point of our season of Advent; our focus on preparation is still with us, but now our preparation is balanced with that sense of waiting- that is why we rejoice, our waiting is nearly over.

Advent is a time of rich symbolism, and on this Sunday we light the rose coloured candle on our Advent wreath and the liturgical colour of the vestment worn by the priest can also be rose, again to underline the theme of Christian joy, even in the midst of a penitential season.

Why does the Church have a variety of the liturgical colours?

Firstly the colours are used to give an effective expression to the character of the mysteries of faith being celebrated.

White expresses joy, light and purity, and is used during the Easter and Christmas season; also on celebrations of the Lord other than his Passion, of the Blessed Virgin Mary, of the Holy Angels and of Saints who were not martyrs, on the Solemnities of All Saints and on other Feasts; an example would be the Conversion of Saint Paul, or the Feast of Saint John the Evangelist.

Red expresses both the fire of the Holy Spirit and the blood of the passion and of martyrdom and is used on Palm Sunday or Passion Sunday and on Good Friday, on Pentecost Sunday, on celebrations of the Lord's Passion, on the feasts of the Apostles and Evangelists and on celebrations of

Martyr Saints.

Green, a festive colour but also a colour expressing hope and serenity is used in Masses of Ordinary Time; it is a clear and festive colour rather than being dull. Violet or purple expressing repentance is used in Advent and

Lent, and may be used for Masses for the Dead. White or Black vestments may also be worn at Masses for the dead, and Rose is worn on the Third Sunday of Advent and on the Fourth Sunday of Lent.

In some Asian Countries white is a colour of mourning, whilst blue is sometimes worn at Masses with a special devotion to Mary, especially in some Latin Countries. Historically all vestments were white, until

other colours were gradually introduced.

Rose is a colour that does not enjoy frequent use and is an unusual colour that reminds us that we are halfway through a penitential season.

At this point in the Advent Season how is our preparation going? Advent means coming or arrival, and we contemplate three aspects of the life of Jesus; the historical - his birth, the present- his presence in our lives today, and the hope and anticipation of his second coming.

At this moment we can seize the opportunity to see where we are, and how well we may have been preparing, and hopefully continue to rejoice in the Lord, in the realisation that he is near.



SATURDAY/SUNDAY 10th/11th December 2011

TOY SUNDAY

Third Sunday of Advent (B)

- Sat 6.30pm** Deceased Members of the Kenny Family
(Maureen & Alf Kenny)
- 8pm** Mass in Korean
- Sun 9am** People of the Parish
- 11am** Sue Smith RIP (Perks & Keely families)
CHURCH PARADE
- 12.30pm** **Baptisms: Joseph George Barton & Zakk
Peter John Nason**
- 2pm** Mass in Korean
- 5pm** Exposition, Evening Prayer & Benediction
- 6pm** Robert & Annie Eales RIP (FM)

**Appeal by Holy Cross Girls for
Thailand Orphanage Visit**

Daily Masses 12th-17th December 2011

- Mon Feria**
- 9.30am** Honora & Geoffrey Miles RIP (Pat Parker & Family)
- 4pm** Tolworth Hospital Mass - Holy Souls
- Tues St Lucy, virgin & martyr**
- 7am** Ron Dorey RIP (Janet Dorey)
- 9.30am** Tremenheere, D'Sousa & Middleton Families RIP
(Stella Tremenheere)
- Wed St John of the Cross, priest & doctor of the Church**
- 7am** Michael Long RIP (Fagin Family)
- 9.30am** Amabile, Sylvia & Silvio Ciccone RIP
(Mrs Mazza)
- Thur Feria**
- 7am** Kay Bridgland RIP
- 9.30am** Ottavio D'Agostino RIP (Mrs D'Agostino)
- Fri Feria**
- 7am** Frank Kilkely RIP (Cornelius Lynch)
- 9.30am** Emma Coutinho RIP (Joseph Coutinho)
- 10am** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- 8pm** **Penitential Service with Confessions**
- Sat Feria**
- 9am** Bridie Filmore RIP (Carol, Marc & Michelle)

SATURDAY/SUNDAY 17th/18th December 2011

Fourth Sunday of Advent (B)

- Sat 6.30pm** John Cruse (Cruse Family)
- Sun 9am** Patrick Grogan RIP (Pat Grogan)
- 11am** People of the Parish
- 5pm** Exposition, Evening Prayer & Benediction
- 6pm** John O'Shaughnessy RIP (Fagan Family)

Crib offerings for the Cabrini Children's Society

**Last week's Offertory Collection
for the upkeep of the church :** £1,903
We thank you for your continued generosity .
(Cash counters this week: Susan & Stephen Fleming
Next Week: Allan & Marie-Helene Cook)

We pray for all **the faithful departed** who have died recently, especially:-**Ron Dorey, Patrick Farmer** (father of Paul Farmer), **Richard Baker, Gerard Dodds, Sophie Laura Hague**, granddaughter of Gerry Hague, **Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus John Jukes** and **Richard Manche** (father of Justine & Petra Manche).

We pray for all those who mourn and those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

We remember all our **sick and elderly parishioners**, those in hospital, the housebound and those who care for them; Emma Rees (granddaughter of Toni Comer), Peter Zammit, Santhra Scgaram (Genny's husband), Elizabeth Gillman, Frances Fox, Michael O'Brien, Rhian Knapgate, Brenda Killeen, Ken Goodall, Sheila Durrant, Barbara Stevenson, Bernard Darney, Peter Groves, Baby Ella Hayes, Amandina Marsella, Mora Witton, Stephen Fleming, Derek Wells, Luke Nolan, Roisin Loftus, Theresa Keys, Maureen Dillon, Felicia Nazareth, Peter Ashdown, Mary McDonagh, Fr Simon Peat, Baby Thomas Haley, Anna Maria Maini, Veronica Heaton, Maureen Wilson, James Austin, Elizabeth Joège, Joan Lancaster, Francis Nazareth, Sergio Della Grotta, Marie Bast, John Ingrasci, Baby Patrick Ferris, George Matthew, Odile Froger, Clint Samson, Jenny Sathirasegaram, Eileen Rosenberg, Bridget McNally, Brenda Flaherty, Rowan Wolsgrove, Marcus Bird, Charles Thurley, Sandra Burlinson, Sophie Burridge, Sam Hitchin, Rene Boffa, Nicky Bushell, Shirley Enright, Tom Tyler, Finn Jordan, Margaret Inskip, Giancarlo Palermo, John Gleeson, Eva Hansford, Jeffrey D'Cruz, George Hayes, Michael Hoskins, Michael Byrne, Martin Dray, Seema Day, Graham Taylor, Freda Sirmon, Samantha Nosalik, Manual Pillai, Fay Kearney, Winna Duncan, Jennifer McIntyre, Carl Williams, Bridie O'Driscoll, Christine Keane, Josephine Bull, Vic Carrion, Norma Latham and Mary Bastiampillai.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
(Confession)**

**Saturday 9.30am to 10am and
Saturday 5.30pm to 6pm**



We welcome into the Church **Lois Emily Maranzano, Jessica Louise Weston, Thomas Michael Bartholomew Carter & Henry Mark Middleton** who were baptised last Sunday.

READINGS

This Week: : 3rd Sunday of Advent (B)

First Reading

Isaiah 61:1-2. 10-11
The prophet Isaiah says God's spirit brings him great joy. He prophesies that those who are poor will receive good news, broken hearts will be healed, prisoners will be freed and justice will reign.

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
Paul suggests that at all times and in all circumstances we are to rejoice, pray and give thanks to God.

Gospel

John 1:6-8. 19-28
John the Baptist points out that the Lord is quietly present in the world and that he himself is simply "a witness to speak for the light".

Next week: 4th Sunday of Advent (B)

First Reading

2 Samuel 7:1-5. 8-12. 14. 16
The Lord will always look after his people Israel.

Second Reading

Romans 16:25-27
In the person of Jesus Christ the mystery of God's will for us all is revealed.

Gospel

Luke 1:26-38
Mary accepts graciously God's invitation to be the mother of God's Son.

Appeal by Holy Cross Girls This Weekend

We are students from the Holy Cross School and we are currently planning to take a trip in the Summer to Thailand to do voluntary work. We will be helping with a number of projects run by the Thai Children's Trust, working with and supporting the most needy children and young people in Thailand including orphans, children with HIV and AIDS, street and refugee children and children with disabilities.

We aim to bring a donation as well to further enhance the good work already being done, to make day to day life for these vulnerable children a lot easier. Your generosity is much appreciated and please keep us and the Thai children in your prayers.

Libera- The Christmas Album 2011

Libera is a non-profit choir. Its boys are drawn from a wide range of south London schools, encompassing a good spread of social backgrounds. The boys work phenomenally hard, they sing like angels and the beautiful and ethereal music provided for them by Robert Prizeman is perfect to showcase their considerable talent. The Christmas Album's 16-track programme is a reassuringly familiar mix of traditional carols such as Joy to the World and Once in Royal David's City, and more recent favourites including White Christmas and Carol of the Bells. You can listen to extracts on You Tube and on Libera's official website.



PARISH DINNER

27th January 2012 at the Sorrento Restaurant

It's that time of year again! Our Parish Dinner will be taking place on Friday 27th January 2012 at The Sorrento Restaurant, Ewell Road, 7.30pm for 8pm. Join us for a three course meal for £15 per head. Includes service charge. Drinks and coffee extra. Numbers are limited, so please contact Elaine at the Presbytery on 020 8399 9550, or email info@olionline.co.uk to purchase your tickets. Please arrange your own groups in advance if you would like to sit on the same table.



Our Lady Immaculate Church

Parish Lenten Project

OLI Parish Lenten Project has been running successfully for over 40 years. It was originally set up to give the parish a charitable

focal point during Lent and give everyone in the parish the opportunity to take part in fund raising for third world projects.

Throughout Lent the parish and the OLI School will be running a series of fund raising events to support the Parish Lenten Project. **On Sunday 11th December there will be a meeting in the Old Chapel at 7.15pm.** At this meeting the nominated charities will be discussed and up to 4 charities will be chosen as the charities we will be supporting in 2012.

We need people to get involved. If you often wonder what extra you can do during Lent, then this may be exactly the opportunity you're looking for - to do some lasting good and to make a difference to some really disadvantaged people around the world. If you have an idea about a fundraising event then we'd like to hear about it. Please come to the meeting on the 11th December.

You may also know of a charity which you'd like to put forward for consideration. Below are the criteria the charity would need to meet to be adopted. If you would like to nominate a charity there are forms at the back of church or you can download one from the parish website under the news/events tab.

The criteria:

- Charity or organisation needs to be based in the third world
- Direct help – we looking for small charities/ organisations rather than large established charities - no intermediate organisations or government agencies
- Christian based
- Confidence in the recipient – we need to know that the money will be going directly to the charity
- Value for money – small and professionally run charity/organisation in the third world

Organisations that have small overheads – we want to make sure that our money will make a real difference. If you would like to run an event or are thinking of nominating a charity then please contact Phil Townsend on 8399 3481 or email: Townsend4@blueyonder.co.uk. Thank you in advance for your support and generosity.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2012

If your son or daughter is in year 9 or above, then they are eligible to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation next year. The application form can be found on the parish website along with details of eligibility criteria (www.olionline.co.uk then go to Sacraments, then Confirmation - please read the criteria before printing off the form at the bottom of the page). The closing date for application forms - **which must be signed at one of the Priest Signing Sessions-** (below) is Saturday 17th December. Any queries, please call Andrew Richardson on 02083993466. Dates for form signing (each session lasting one hour so please arrive in plenty of time) are Tuesday Dec 13th at 7.30pm, and Saturday Dec 17th at 3pm. Additional information can be found on the application form itself.

OLI PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

After the huge success of our trip in October 2010, we have arranged another. Full information (including some of our destinations) can be found on the poster in the narthex and on the parish website (click on "Our Parish"). There are leaflets with details regarding the pilgrimage on the window sill above where the hymn books are laid out for Mass. We will travel from 10th – 17th October 2012 on a full board basis. The price is £1,200 each (based on 2 people sharing a room) and an additional £54 if you wish to take the tour operators travel insurance. If you wish to secure a place (we have only 36 available) please place a cheque (payable to Our Lady Immaculate) in an envelope addressed to Andrew Richardson (and hand in at the presbytery) by way of a deposit for £250 per head (plus £54 for the insurance if you are taking it). Please also enclose inside the envelope your full postal address, telephone number, email (if you have one), and name for each pilgrim. Any queries, please call Andrew on 0208 399 3466.

Sunday Missals

We are now using our new parish missal published by McCrimmon. There are 2 volumes for each year. We have a three-year cycle. This parish Mass book will cover all 3 years in 6 volumes. A much more practical way of having your own Sunday missal is to buy the Redemptorist Missal which costs £19.95. Copies are still available in the Repository. If you want a missal that will only last for the year and you then discard it, there is the St Paul's Missal. Price £5.95. The Catholic Truth Society is bringing out a Sunday missal for £18.00 and a deluxe edition for £25. Next year they are publishing a daily missal that will have both Sundays and weekdays in one volume. The price of this will be £45. *Fr Anthony*

Korean Catholic Community

We wish them all God's blessings in their new church building in Sutton. This weekend is the last time they will be using OLI Church.

Message from Archbishop Peter Smith

This weekend the first edition of the new monthly Diocesan Newspaper will be available after every Mass. I am asking you to support this new venture in the Archdiocese which I hope will help to improve communications within and between parishes. It will also be in time a means of developing catechesis so that we all become more knowledgeable about our Catholic faith and the teaching of the Church. I hope that every family in the parish will buy a copy, and then perhaps pass it on to others who do not come regularly to church. The price is 50p, which I think even in these days of austerity should not take too much out of the monthly family budget, so I do urge you to support this new venture.

Southwark Catholic Directories 2012

These are now available to buy in the repository (church shop). Cost £3.00.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS WEEKEND THE LATEST ISSUE OF GRAPEVINE WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AFTER ALL MASSES. SUGGESTED DONATION £1.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Volunteers are needed for all the Christmas Masses i.e. Christmas Eve 6.00pm (Vigil Mass); Midnight Mass (**begins at 11.30pm with carols and readings**); Christmas Day 8.00am; 9.15am and 11.00am. A separate sheet for each of the five Masses can be found in the RDJ Room. We need Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Readers, Gift Bearers, Collectors and Welcomers. If you can help with any of these please enter your name on the Rota sheets in the RDJ room for the Christmas Mass of your choice. It is important that we have a full complement for every Mass. You are asked to enter your name as soon as possible please, preferably by Sunday 18th December. Welcomers and servers are asked to be there half an hour before Mass starts.

Many Thanks for your help.

PRIEST VERIFICATION FORMS PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS FOR 2012

Fr Anthony and Fr Arbo will be available to sign forms on Wednesday 14th December from 5pm to 6pm. Dates and times for future form signing sessions will appear in each weekend's newsletter.

World Youth Day Group

Last Sunday the pilgrims from World Youth Day from the Deanery met for ongoing faith discussion. The theme we took was 'forgiveness'. We have all agreed to meet from now on at least twice per term for faith discussion as a lasting legacy from World Youth Day. When details are known about Brazil 2013, the group will be extended to include those wishing to go to Brazil.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR 2012

We are already receiving quite a number of requests for Masses in 2012. If you wish to request a Mass for a particular date next year, please let us have it in good time. If you are a member of the Gift Aid scheme, please remember to tick the box in the label on the back of the brown Mass Offering envelope (or, if there is no label, simply write "Gift Aid" and add a tick). Thank you.