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Gaudete Sunday

The Third Sunday of Advent is also known as Gaudete Sunday, 'Gaudete' the Latin word for the command to rejoice. We are nearing the climax of the Season of Advent, our time of preparation for the celebration of the birth of Our Lord Jesus.

Gaudete Sunday- when the rose-coloured candle is lit at Masses- encourages us to pause and take stock. The world around us often celebrates Christmas without really knowing what the celebrations are about.

Are we rushing towards Christmas?

The opening prayers that may be said at the beginning of Mass will help us take stock of where we are meant to be in our Advent preparations. Here is one of them:-

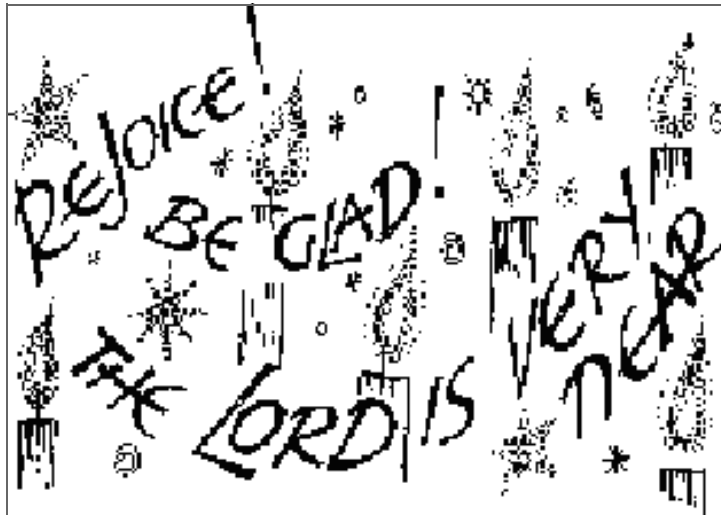
"Let us pray: Lord God, may we, your people, who look forward to the birthday of Christ, experience the joy of salvation and celebrate that feast with love and thanksgiving." This takes us beyond the immediate coming of our Saviour as an infant in swaddling clothes, to remind us of His ultimate purpose. We are to look forward with longing and rejoicing to His coming at the end of time.

The Seasons of Advent and Christmas bring with them a variety of images. There is, of course, the consumer Christmas, from which there is no escape these days. There is the Charles Dickens image-the snowy scenes, roaring fires, plum pudding etc. Then there

is the crib, which depicts for us what Christmas is about, and which in all its simplicity is deeply moving. The fourth and most profound image is the belief that in the person of the baby Jesus, God's Son took our human nature for himself and entered

our world in weakness and love. He came to remind us that we are God's children and have an eternal destiny. This last image is the one which will help us find the peace, joy and hope in the other three, even (or maybe especially) if we are bereaved or over-burdened with the affairs of the world in which we live- all of which are part and parcel of the humanity our Saviour took upon himself for love of us. Gaudete! Let us rejoice!

Al Callan



SATURDAY/SUNDAY 14th/15th December 2013
Third Sunday of Advent (A) Gaudete Sunday

Sat 6.30pm People of the Parish
Sun 9am Keith Bates RIP (Elspeth Casey)
11am Ottavio D'Agostino RIP (Mrs D'Agostino)
6pm John Cruse RIP (Family)

Daily Masses 16th-21st December 2013

Mon: Feria

7am Welfare of and in Thanksgiving for Earle, Anne and Andrea
9.30am Bridie Fillmore RIP (Carol, Marc & Michelle)
5.30pm Syro Malabar Mass

Tues: Feria

9.30am Well-being (Birthday) (Bryn)

Wed: Feria

7am For All Blessings Received (Gamier Family)
9.30am Terry George RIP (Friends)
5.30pm Family Carol Service

Thurs: Feria

7am Holy Souls
9.30am Concy Chella RIP (Family)

Fri: Feria

7am Anthony Durkin: In Thanksgiving (Rosemary Durkin)
9.30am Henry & Mary Joyce RIP (Jo & Colm Gray)
10am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Sat: St Peter Canisius, Priest & Doctor of the Church

9am In Thanksgiving: Teresa Bromley & Family (Anne Sheridan)

SATURDAY/SUNDAY 21st/22nd December 2013
Fourth Sunday of Advent (A)
Day of Prayer for Expectant Mothers

Sat 6.30pm Nancy & Noel Ryan RIP (Monica Tett)
Sun 9am People of the Parish
11am Mary Smith RIP: 3rd Anniversary (Patricia Collins)
6.00pm Ilda Noronha : 90th Birthday (Heather & George Trutwein)

Last week's Offertory Collection £ 2,125
(For the maintenance and upkeep of the church)

We thank you for your continued generosity.

(Cash counters this week Allan & Marie-Helene Cook
Next week: Tessa McLeod & One other)

We welcome into the Church **Thomas Hartley Cowell & Gabriel Nicholas Brown** who were baptised last Sunday.



WE REGRET WE CANNOT ACCEPT ANY FOREIGN CURRENCY IN THE COLLECTION.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturdays 9.30am to 10am and 5.30pm to 6pm

READINGS

This week: 3rd Sunday of Advent (A)

First Reading Isaiah 35:1-6. 10

A wasteland in flower, blind people whose eyes are opened – these are among the joyful wonders that will accompany the coming of God.

Second Reading James 5:7-10

The practical example of a farmer waiting patiently upon the weather without losing heart is given as a model for the Christian life.

Gospel Matthew 11:2-11

Jesus' deeds are signs of the coming of God as foretold by Isaiah in the first reading.

Next week: 4th Sunday of Advent (A)

First Reading Isaiah 7:10-14

The prophecy in this reading from Isaiah speaks of the intervention of God in human history. A child will be born, called Emmanuel, which means "God-is-with-us".

Second Reading Romans 1:1-7

Salvation is offered through Christ Jesus, the Son of God, whose coming into the world is good news.

Gospel Matthew 1:18-24

This is the fulfilment of the prophecy given in the first reading, telling the story of Mary conceiving a child through the Holy Spirit and giving birth to a son named Emmanuel.

We pray for all **the faithful departed** who have recently died. We pray especially for:-

Rose Gleeson (mother of Fiona Perks), **Susan Biggins**, **Bernadette Cannon**, **Kathleen McGivern**, **Terry George**, **Clint Sampson**, **Canon John Redford**, **Baby Ella Hayes and Tony (Joseph) Coutinho**. 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: Lisa Borg, Pat Fulford, Breda Mitten, Louis von Malaisé (brother of Fr Nicolas), Guy Green, Pedro Castrence, Eleo Kayrouz, Sean McAleenan, James McGee, Myles Humphrey, Andrea Shepherd, Susan Cooney, Maria Simmonds, Elizabeth Doherty, Michael O'Brien, Maureen Kerr, Suzanne Godwin, Jim Spillane, Geoff Grenade (father of Debbie Dray), Azita Sohadi, Evie Durkin, Rouben Sarkissian, Francisco Dirago, David Moss, Frank McCabe, Jan Lewandowski, Tom McGlone, Emma Rees (daughter of Sue Rees), Rhian Knapgate, Brenda Killeen, Peter and Ann Groves, Amandina Marsella, Stephen Fleming, Roisin Loftus, Theresa Keys, Felicia Nazareth, Mary McDonnagh, Thomas Haley, Anna Maria Maini, Elizabeth Joège, Francis Nazareth, Sergio Della Grotta, Marie Bast, George Matthew, Odile Froger, Jenny Sathirasegaram, Eileen Rosenberg, Bridget McNally, Brenda Flaherty, Rowan Wolsgrove, Marcus Bird, Sandra Burlinson, Sophie Burrridge, Sam Hitchin, Rene Boffa, Nicky Bushell, Tom Tyler, Finn Jordan, Margaret Inskip, Giancarlo Palermo, John Gleeson, Jeffrey D'Cruz, 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 and Vic Carrion.

CONFIRMATION 2014:

If your son / daughter is in year 9 or above and they would like to be confirmed next year, please visit the parish website, go to Sacraments, then Confirmation, and then read the contents of the page. Please download the application form, and bring it with you (along with your son / daughter) on one of the following sign up dates (the last sign up date is the absolute closing date for next year's course):

Monday 16th December from 7-8pm

Confirmation for Older Teens and Adults

If you would like to be confirmed next year, and are aged 16 or above, please speak to one of the priests.

FAMILY CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

We will be having our Family Christingle (Christmas Carols) in preparation for Christmas on Wednesday 18th December at 5.30pm.

We are looking for volunteers for reading- so if you would like to be involved please contact either Fr Anthony or Fr Tom.

CHRISTINGLE CANDLES

If you are making a Christingle for Wednesday evening's Carol Service, please collect a candle from the RDJ Room after Mass.

We welcome **Fr Simon Leeworthy** this weekend, who is celebrating Mass with us. Fr Anthony is doing a swop with Fr Simon and preaching at all Masses at St Bedes, Clapham Park- his home parish.

PRAYER SPONSORS

Christmas cards from the first Holy Communion children for our prayer sponsors are available for collection in the RDJ Room after all Masses this weekend. Please pick yours up- thank you.

NEW PARISHIONERS

All new parishioners to Our Lady Immaculate Church are invited to meet with Fr Anthony and Fr Tom for cheese and wine on Friday 3rd January from 7pm to 9pm in the Presbytery (401 Ewell Road).

PRIMARY SCHOOL Priest Supplementary Forms

Please note that Fr Anthony will be signing the priest verification forms for primary schools on **Monday 16 December from 3-4pm & Tuesday 17th December from 5.30pm to 6.30pm**.

Please check the newsletter each weekend for dates and times when Fr Anthony is available for form signing.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Volunteers are needed for all the Christmas Masses i.e. Christmas vigil, 6pm, Midnight, 8.00, 9.15 and 11.00 am Masses. We need Readers, Gift Bearers, Collectors, Welcomers, Eucharistic Ministers and of course Altar Servers. If you can help please sign up on the relevant sheet in the RDJ room. **It is important that we also have ushers, particularly at the 6pm Vigil Mass.** Many thanks.

KINGSTON FOODBANK COLLECTION

As ever, a huge thank you to everyone who has supported us in our monthly Foodbank collections – it is very much appreciated (see website for more information www.kingston.foodbank.org.uk). You may have seen from the media how busy all Foodbanks are, and the one in Kingston continues to be very much in demand.

Our next Foodbank collection is due to be after all Masses next weekend (21/22 December) – so do please remember to bring donations, even if it is one item, it really does help to make a difference. We need new, in-date, undamaged, non-perishable food, and donations can be left in a box in the church porch.

Food they particularly need at the moment is sponge puddings and tinned vegetarian meals (eg macaroni cheese, vegetarian casserole, chilli, curry etc).

Many thanks for your help.

Helen Emmett, Jackie Murphy, Anne O'Brien, Ruth Oliver (OLI Foodbank Coordinators)

Fr Nicolas von Malaisé

Father Nicolas is settling in at St Elizabeth's in Richmond. We have invited him back to say thank you for his work as a deacon and priest in our parish. There will be a special Mass on Friday 17th January 2014 at 7.30pm with refreshments in the Hall afterwards. Everyone is invited!

PARISH LIBRARY

Please note there will be no library at the end of this month.

Next date: weekend of 25/26 January 2014

Southwark Catholic Directories 2014 are now available in the repository (church shop) at £3 a copy.

Parish Lenten Project 2014 Charity Nominations

On Sunday 24th November the Parish Lenten Project Committee considered ten nominations for a variety of very worthy causes. A number of people spoke in support of a particular project. After due consideration a vote was taken and the five charities with the most support were adopted for the 2014 Lenten Project. Those present voted in favour of adopting five charities this year as there was a tie for the fourth and fifth place. The chosen charities for 2014 are:

SWAZILAND- Abandoned Babies for Christ is a Christian project which ministers to the whole child; mental, physical, emotional and spiritual. Abandoned or unwanted babies, often close to death, are taken in and nursed back to health. Those not able to be reunited with their families are placed in Children's Homes in Swaziland. The organisation works closely with the Royal Swazi Police and Social Services Department.

INDIA – The Sisters of The Holy Cross are based in various parts of India. This particular project is in the Northern Province of Uttar Pradesh. The Sisters began a school 2 years catering for children between the ages of 3 and 8 years old. In order to continue next year they need to build a new classroom to house the children. Two young parishioners who attended Holy Cross School have visited the school and reported on the need that existed.

PHILIPPINES - The Prada Foundation was set up some years ago by Fr Shay Cullen, a Columban priest, who has worked in the Philippines for over 44 years. Money is required in the wake of typhoon Yolanda (Haiyan) to set up a child feeding station and centre to provide a safe haven for the thousands of orphaned children and those whose families are still missing. The risk of abduction, illegal adoption and trafficking for prostitution is very high in this region. The centre will care for them and attempt to reunite them with their families. When the major Aid agencies retreat the Foundation will care for these children in the long term. Documenting each child is also a priority.

INDIA - This small community in Kerala is extremely poor. Most of the people earn their money through being daily wage earners in this mainly agricultural area. The average daily rate is approx £1.50 and less for women. They do not get paid when there is no work in the fields. There is no school in the area and the children sometimes attend a Government school where the teachers are unqualified and whose language skills are poor. The urgent need is to start a school giving these children the means to escape the poverty in the region. 500,000 rupees (approx £4900) would achieve this for the local people.

MADAGASCAR – The Sisters of Charity of St Louis are working in a very remote rural part of Madagascar. Sr. Josephine has visited them and they are isolated and following a devastating cyclone last winter the Sister's house was damaged and the school destroyed. The 'Lodging House' was for those children who lived too far from the school. They look after themselves but get support and food from the Sisters. The money raised would help to rebuild the 'Lodging House' so that more children could receive the education, food and care provided by the Sisters

A number of events have already been planned but we are looking for new ideas for fund raising.

Please e-mail Phil Townsend (PhilipTownsend@stchris.org.uk)

if you have any suggestions. Many thanks.

Parish Project Committee 2013

Celebrating International Migrants Day- 18th December.

Immigration is a key part of the society we live in. Many of us are migrants, and all of us benefit from the contribution that migrants bring.

"I was a stranger and you welcomed me." (Mt 25:35)
Today the immigrant comes before us like that 'stranger' in whom Jesus asks to be recognised. To welcome him and to show him solidarity is a duty of hospitality and fidelity to Christian identity itself.

VACANCY FOR CLEANER

Richard Challoner School (Manor Drive North, New Malden KT3 5PE) has a vacancy for a cleaner- working 2 hours a day from 3.30pm to 5.30pm, Monday to Friday. Hourly rate £8.04 plus holiday pay. The successful applicant will be required to undergo a check by the Disclosure and Barring Service. For further details please contact Sean Flowers on 07725 794 244 or Penny Strath on 07872 507 022