



Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Church
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)

05 DECEMBER 2021

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School: Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Primary School + **Headteacher:** Mr Ben Martin

MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS		
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT		
YOU CAN ALSO PARTICIPATE VIA ONLINE LIVESTREAMING AT https://www.olionline.co.uk		
04 Sat <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	John & David Doyle <i>(Doyle Hall Family)</i>
05 Sun	9.00	Linford Fuller – RIP <i>(L Lewis)</i>
	11.00	John & Margaret Gowers–RIP <i>(FM)</i>
	18.00	<i>Pro Populo</i> – For the People
SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT		
EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION: Monday – Friday at 8.15am		
06 Mon <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Pat Amanpour – RIP <i>(F Amanpour)</i>
07 Tues <i>St Ambrose</i> <i>Vigil of the Immaculate Conception</i>	9.30	Mr Gentle – RIP <i>(F Amanpour)</i>
	19.00	Bertha D'Costa – RIP <i>(Family)</i>
08 Wed <i>Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	7.00	<i>Pro Populo</i> – For the People
	9.30	In honour of the Blessed Virgin <i>(A Sivers)</i>
	19.00	Subscribers to Church Building Fund – <i>(FM)</i>
09 Thurs <i>Feria</i>	7.00	Hodge & Moritz Families <i>(A Sivers)</i>
	9.30	Nubia & George – 36 th Wed Anniv.
10 Friday <i>Feria</i>	7.00	For Poor, Sick & Medics <i>(A Sivers)</i>
	9.30	Matthew Cruickshank – RIP <i>(M C Taylor)</i>
11 Sat <i>Feria</i>	9.00	Robert & Anne Eales – RIP <i>(FM)</i>
	12.30	Conferral of the Sacrament of Confirmation
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)		
11 Sat <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	Martin Hart - RIP
12 Sun	9.00	Nita Wickramasinghe – RIP <i>(Danil)</i>
	11.00	Margaret & Philip Barratt – RIP <i>(J. O'Regan)</i>
	18.00	<i>Pro Populo</i> – For the People

OTHER SERVICES	
Sacrament of Reconciliation	Saturday: 9.30-10am & 5.30-6.15pm
St Anthony of Padua Our Lady of Perpetual Help	Tuesday: after morning and evening Masses Wednesday: after morning and evening Masses
Our Lady of Fatima	1st Saturday of the month

SUNDAY OBLIGATION / LIVESTREAMING
 The dispensation from Sunday obligation granted by the Bishops Conference has been restored. The livestreaming of all our weekday and Sunday Masses will continue so that those who may not yet consider it safe for them to attend Mass in person, especially over the weekend, can continue to participate virtually.

PREPARING A WAY FOR THE LORD

Advent is a time of great expectation and preparation. Watching and waiting for the coming of the Lord, be it at the celebration of his birth at Christmas, or his glorious coming at the end of time, or his continuous coming into our lives, especially through his word and the sacraments, require proper and devout preparation.

The four-week cycle of Advent serves, among others, to provide us the opportunity to do this through prayer and reflection on salvation history and particularly on some key figures in the unveiling of the mystery of the incarnation. Notably, the second and third Sundays of Advent centres around John the Baptist and his role as the forerunner of Jesus, who prepared the way for him. His message in today's Gospel (Lk 3:1-6) resonates with the first reading (Ba 5:1-9) and second reading (Ph 1:4-6,8-11) as well as the responsorial psalm (Ps 126), since they all set before us a vision of a new order of things that would be achieved by openness to God through faith in God's promise of a glorious future that God has in store for his chosen people. This presupposes, in both Baruch and John the Baptist, ardent preparation, some committed work on the part of the people. Echoing the prophet Baruch, John the Baptist expresses this symbolically in terms of making a way for the Lord in the desert: "Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight."

Every valley will be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, winding ways will be straightened and rough roads made smooth." Again, for both Baruch and The Baptist, to prepare a way for the Lord is to change, that is, to turnaround their lives and ways towards the Lord and his vision and values. John the Baptist expresses this by his ministry "through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins." For Baruch, repentance is not only a negative action, that is, of turning away from a sinful past, but also involves concomitant positive action in the present, that is, of practising godly values. Thus, in the opening words of the first reading he exhorts the people of Israel, on the one hand, "take off your dress of sorrow and distress," and on the other, "put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever, wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you." This is summarised in the symbolic name given to the people by God: "Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness." Of course, this would require resolute effort on the part of the people. But they can find encouragement from the fact that their labours would be rewarded at the Lord's coming. For, like "those who sow in tears," they "will sing when they reap."

Similarly, while commending the Philippians for helping him in his work of spreading the Good News, St Paul also exhorts them to remain steadfast in their commitment to the Gospel as they prepare for the Day of Christ which, for him (and them), was imminent. Paul's confidence that "the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes," was a great encouragement to the Philippians – and no less to us today as we strive, like Paul and them, to respond to the call of the Gospel by increasing our "love for each other" and "never stop improving our knowledge and deepening our perception."

This Advent, we are all called to prepare a way for the Lord in our hearts, home, and community through conversion and positive efforts at living the Gospel in imitation of Christ. What are the mountains and hills that need to be flattened, the valley that needs to be filled, the crooked paths that need straightening, in my life, home, and community, so that the glory of the Lord might shine upon and through me? Besides, like Baruch (and Isaiah), St Paul, and John the Baptist, we are also called to help others to welcome the Lord into their lives, homes, and communities by encouraging them not only through our words but also exemplary conduct / action to repent and reform their lives and ways in the light of the Gospel. ©IAE

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS	
1ST READING	Zephaniah: 3:14-18
2ND READING	Philippians 4:4-7
GOSPEL	Luke 3:10-18

PRAYERS REMEMBRANCE



Please remember in your prayers all those who have recently died, especially, Michael Donovan, Patrick Okon Udofia, Christiana Nta, Allison Hudson, Nita Wickramasinghe, Colm McDonagh, and those whose anniversaries are remembered at this time. May they rest in peace. Amen.



Please remember and pray for the sick, the housebound and all who care for them, especially those within our own parish community: Vanessa Andrew, Martin Dray, Anthony Durkin, Sue Ewen, Pauline Ferrara, Ann Groves, Thomas Haley, George Trutwein, Yvonne Norman, Esme Mills, Frances Cox, Mary Ryan, Betty Harte, Joan McGovern, Rita Reginald, Thomas O'Connor, Jimmy Simon, James & Sarah Mills, Samar Staussi, Annita Smith, Shirlene A., Ida Rebello, Kathleen McGuinness, Kathleen O'Connell, Claire Pender, Christine Howey, Hazel D'Aguiar, Mary O'Mara, Eileen Cullen, Monica Tett, Elizabeth Jones, and Ray Lewry.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS



LAST WEEKEND

Non-Gift-aid: £490.14

Gift-aid: £421.20 **Total: £911.34* TOTAL COLLECTION FOR NOV 2021**

A. Cash / cheques – 4,375.64

1. Gift-Aided – 1,907.00

2. Non-G/A – 2,468.64

B. Standing Orders / Bank Transfers – 3,717.00

1. Gift-Aided – 2,625.00

2. Non-G/A – 655.00

C. Contactless Machine – 437.00

Total = £8,092.64

Thank you for your generosity to your parish.

Kindly consider making your regular contribution to the Church via standing order (form available at olionline.co.uk), or by online banking:

RCAS Our Lady Immaculate Church, Account Number: 06467032; Sort Code: 60-21-05.

IMPORTANT: Please include your Gift Aid number in your online instruction to your bank. Non-Gift Aid donors, please include the letters NGA in the instruction to the bank.

Any queries? Please contact Allan Cook: tolworthgac@rcaos.org.uk or 0208 8399 4368

INFANT BAPTISM

Please contact the Parish Office for information pack & to register for the pre-baptism course.

Next course: TBA

CONTACTLESS PAYMENTS

Contactless payment machines are available in the narthex whenever the Church doors are open:

Select the amount you wish to give, tap your payment card on the reader, and the payment will come through to the parish.

You can also Gift-Aid your donation directly on it.

Thank you for your generosity.

† COLM MCDONAGH – RIP

Kindly pray for Colm McDonagh, who died on Thursday, 18 November. Our thoughts and prayers are with his daughter-in-law, Dora, and the family. May he rest in peace. Amen.

Requiem Mass: Friday, 10 November at 11.45am. **Committal:** Kingston Crematorium at 1.40pm.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND (CHRISTMAS FLOWERS):

For the decoration of our Church at Christmas.

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

Wednesday 15th December at 5pm in the Church. This Service is a special Church Service that is held for children during Advent and celebrates Christ, who is the Light of the World. We are looking for children to read at the Service. Please e-mail Elsbeth.casey@virginmedia.com ASAP (by 10th December) if you would like your child to take part. Children (and adults) are invited to bring a Christingle to the Service (Instructions on how to make a Christingle can be found on the Parish website (<http://www.olionline.co.uk>)). A candle will be provided when you arrive at the Service.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

The Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) will be celebrated as follows in the parish this year.

There will be **3 Masses** on the Eve of Christmas and **3 Masses** on Christmas Day as listed below:

A. CHRISTMAS EVE

1. 5pm – First Vigil Mass

2. 7pm – Second Vigil Mass

3. 10pm – Mass during the Night (*Carols at 9.30pm*)

B. CHRISTMAS DAY: 8am, 9.15am, and 11am

Because of public health requirements due to Covid-19, we strongly advise that all who intend to attend any of the above-listed Masses should arrive latest 10 minutes before each Mass.

CHRISTMAS CARDS & REPOSITORY NEWS

The repository will now be open every Sunday after 9am Mass to sell Christmas cards and other gift items. Consider supporting your Parish by stocking up from the repository. We welcome back any of our long-standing volunteers to help open the repository but there won't be a rota just yet. Meanwhile, Denise has offered to sell the Christmas card boxes for £3.50 in the Parish Office from 10am to 2pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday.

SVP ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

On Saturday 11th December 2021 at 2pm, in the Catholic Hall. Entertainment provided by Baz and Dave. All welcome. If there are any parishioners who would like to support us with the celebrations on the day or would like more information about the event; please contact Helen Emmett: 07402327177.

ATTENTION ALL EXISTING ALTAR SERVERS!

We encourage existing altar servers to return to serve at all Sunday Masses. No rota for now. Turn up at the Mass you wish to serve and sign in (on the noticeboard), so we know who is at each Mass. We need your help and look forward to welcoming you back.



The Parish Lenten Project has been running successfully for 50 years. The aim of the Project is to give the parish a charitable focal point during Lent and give everyone (all groups, clubs, and societies) in the parish the opportunity to take part in fundraising for projects in the developing world.

The Lenten Project AGM will be held on Sunday 12th December 2021 at 7.00pm in the Old Chapel. At that meeting we will select the charities which we will be supporting during Lent 2022. We are now actively seeking parishioners to nominate suitable charities.

If you have a Charity you would like the parish to support in Lent during 2022, please complete the charity nomination form, in Word, which can be found with the **criteria for selecting a charity** at:

<http://www.olionline.co.uk/community/lenten-project/>

You can also find blank copies of the form at the back of Church or obtain one from the Parish Office.

The deadline for forms will be advertised in the newsletter.

Once you have completed the form, please either email it to tolworth@rcaos.org.uk or place it through the Presbytery letter box.

For more information, please contact: Phil Townsend on 8399 3481 or email: Townsend4@blueyonder.co.uk