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FIRST SUNDAY OF THE ADVENT (A)

Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday marks a new liturgical year in the Church, and also the beginning of the Season of Advent. The Church encourages us to prepare for the coming of Our Saviour by fostering an attitude of expectation: 'Advent is therefore the propitious time to awaken in our hearts the expectation of 'he who is and who was and who is to come'.' (Rev1:8)-Pope Benedict XVI

Advent, like its cousin, Lent, is a time of great grace- a time for renewal. Tired and weary from the journey, the people of God being again. Throughout the Season of Advent, the Church encourages us to give of ourselves a little, through prayer, and almsgiving, so that we can become spiritually alive, and focus on the things that really matter. Advent therefore affords us an opportunity for reflection and spiritual growth. The more seriously we live out the spirit of Advent, the more Jesus will be born anew within us at Christmas.

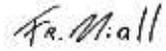
The Gospel passage today is from the chapter 24 of St Matthew's Gospel. It reminds us of our mortality. We are told to be vigilant, to stay awake, for we do not know the hour when the Son of Man will come! This points towards the Second Coming of Jesus, but also the hour of our own death. Our time here on Earth is limited. Are we ready to meet the Lord right now? Do we have our wedding garment ready? The collect today asks God to help us to be ready: '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.'

St Paul, in his letter to the Romans, our second scripture reading today, tells us how we can be ready to meet the Lord. We are to 'live decently as people do in the daytime'- to be children of light. Paul continues: 'no drunken orgies, no promiscuity

or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy.' The Lord Jesus Christ is to be our armour, to protect us from failing in this way.

As the Prophet Isaiah exhorts in the first scripture reading: that he may teach us his ways, that we may walk in his paths.

Have A Blessed Week



(Fr. Niall)

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MARRIAGES: By appointment. At least six months notice is required. Please speak to one of the priests for more information.

Holy Communion Our Fourth First Holy Communion session is on Saturday 7th Dec.

Sacrament of Baptism: Next Sunday we welcome into the Community of Faith through the Sacrament of Baptism Meabh Anne Kean and Elise Natalie Laura McNiesh. Every Blessing to both families.

Dates for your diary: Parish Advent Reconciliation Service 7:30p.m. Monday 9th of December. Parish Carol Service Sunday 22nd December at 5p.m. 6 priests available for individual confessions.

Please collect one or two or more altar servers albs for washing, so that they will look clean and fresh for Christmas. Thank you.

Walk With Me for Advent – Walk with Me is printed as an A6 booklet which contains a brief reflection, either on the scripture reading of the day or on a catechetical theme. Available from the repository for £1.

Readers Training Day Saturday 14th December 11 am to 2 pm. Jenny Richmond is having a training/rehearsal day for readers who would like to proclaim the word at Christmas Eve Midnight Mass and Christmas Day [8.30 am, 10 am and 12 noon] and at New Year's Eve Midnight Mass. Also any parishioners who are interested and would like to become a reader please come along to introduce yourself and rehearse.

SVP Senior Citizens Lunch This year's Senior Citizen lunch will take place on Sunday 8th December from 3 pm to 5 pm and as usual will be held in Our Lady and St George lower site school. Sign up sheet for those interested is on the noticeboard. Please let someone who you know and would be interested and in need of company invite them to come along. Places are limited to 50.

Booking a Mass Intention....Please note....if you want to book a Mass Intention for a certain day, you need to give at least 6-8 weeks notice. Sunday Mass intentions get booked up very quickly. In order to avoid disappointment please book the Mass well in advance.

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion This is an important meeting for all Extraordinary Ministers to be held on Saturday 7th December 2019 after morning Mass 10.30 am - 12.30 pm in the meeting room. Ministers are required [not optional] to attend if you are not able to attend please give your apology to Jenny Richmond so an appointment can be made for you to meet with her. Thank you to all Ministers who give their time for this important Ministry.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN We are planning to re-instate The Liturgy of the Word with Children at the Sunday Mass (probably the 10.00am mass) This involves the withdrawal of children to a room close to the main body of the church to celebrate their own Liturgy of the Word. The purpose of adapting liturgy for children is to lead them into full, conscious and active participation in the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Liturgy with children, as with adults, demands dignity, clarity, and simplicity. If you are interested and would like some more information as to what it involves please contact Bernadette on 07804611914 bernadette.wilson1@ntlworld.com

PARISH FILM CLUB - DECEMBER SCREENING The next screening of the film club will be on Sunday 15th December in the back room of the parish hall, Entrance to small hall will be signed and is at bottom of hall car park near OLSG school entrance gate, Doors open 3.40pm film starts promptly at 4.00pm. Entrance free. Refreshments available.

Youth Club – Volunteers urgently needed to get the new Court Yard youth project going – planning meeting on Tuesday, 3rd December in the church meeting room (off the entrance lobby) at 7.30pm to the meeting or call Paul Dowling 07962406134 for more information on how you can help.

We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Luke Edwards. The funeral service for Luke's soul will be on Tuesday 3rd of December at 11a.m. here at Our Lady and Saint George Church.

We pray for baby Kaleb-Luke who has died. Rest in Peace. We also pray for baby Tristan Ziarek Turner. Rest in Peace. May God comfort their grieving parents.

Mass attendance last weekend 673. Syro Malabar 151. The collection last week was £1499.30p. Average weekly standing order collection is £350. Diocese Youth Service Appeal £335.76p. Thank you.

<u>counting</u>	24/11F	01/12B	8/12F	15/12E	22/12B	29/12E
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<u>Hospital</u>	24/11B	01/12D	8/12A	15/12B	22/12B	29/12D
<u>Rota</u>						



Joke of the Week: I have put something aside for a rainy day. It's an umbrella !!

(Attributed to Tim Vine)

Our parish safe guarding officials are Jenny Richmond and Marina Tuddy.

Mass times and intentions at Our Lady and St. George

06:00pm	Holy Souls
Sun 1 December	FIRST SUNDAY OF THE ADVENT
08:30am	Diarmnid O'Sullivan (Rest in Peace) (Curis)
10:00am	Annette White (Rest in Peace) (English Family)
12:00noon	Shan-Choi Kwan and Choi-Yee Kwan) (Rest in Peace) (Ping)
02:30noon	Syro Malabar Mass
Mon 2 December	FERIA
9:15am	Nataline Rosario (Rest in Peace) (Family)
04:00pm	Whipps Cross Hopital- Mass-(Parishioners)
06:00pm	Philomena Spranklan (Thanksgiving)
Tue 3 December	SAINT FRANCIS XAVIERS, PRIEST
09:15am	Perinpanathan (Rest in Peace 10 th Anniversary) Family
11:00 am Funeral Service	Luke Edwards (Rest in Peace)
06:00pm	Philip Mitchell (Rest in Peace) (Family)
Wed 4 December	FERIA
09:15am	Oliver Ellul (Rest in Peace) (Dellapina)
06:00pm	Gobby's Intentions (Maria)
Thu 5 December	FERIA
09:15am	Joseph Sanches (Rest in Peace) (Louella)
06:00pm	Mary Mensah Boathene's Intentions
Fri 6 December	FERIA
09:15am	Special Intentions (Mary Mc Goldrick)
06:00pm	Parishioners
Sat 7 December	SAINT AMBROSE BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH
10:00am	Mary O'Brien (Rest in Peace) (K Cullen)
06:00pm	Bridget Browne (Rest in Peace) (Fitzpatrick)
Sun 8 December	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
08:30 am	Timothy Sullivan (Rest in Peace) (Mary)
10:00 am	Con and Concepta Harrington (Rest in Peace)
12:00noon	Anthony Yamson (Intentions) (Sylvia)
02:30 pm	Syro Malabar Mass

Prayer List

Christopher Browne, Rose Dennehy, Carol Hogermeer, Brian Keane, Ignatius Keane, Tony McCarthy, Rose O'Neill, Andrea Roberts, Promise Shinondo, Victoria Wyndham, Christine Conway, Nora Meades, Veronica Nolan, Mr and Mrs Charles, Esperanza Buenaventura, Joyce Ross, Christine Raymond, Jacky Boyrow, Thelma Lewis, Tasmin Sparks, Eileen Karim, Sandra Gibson, Archie Garrod, Martin Keane, Alix Charlery, Bridie Lacon, Peter Ikuptati, Mercy Fernando, Veronica Godsave,, Oliver Gaynor, Marjorie Singh, Gunanesan Singarajah, Bill Walsh, Bridget Lyons, Kristina Klimasauskaite, Philomena Spranklen, Jeffrey Mitchell, Michelle Boyle, Carla Cornelius, Cecelia Gibbs, Arthur Gibbs, Ural Gibbs, Gilbert Gibbs, Archie, George and Issac, Luis and Lukas, Comfort Kwawu, Judith Hilton, Gloria and Tracy Joseph, Regina Jose, Kojo Gyebi-Ababio, Thampirajah Baskaran, Linda Campbell, Brid O'Halloran, Hazel Belizaire, Tina Henriques, Christopher O' Neill, Alan and Ross Smith, Stefan, Monica Baugh, Eileen O Kane, Louis Marie, Grace Mecaley, Jadwiga, Matthias Fredberg, Michael White, Bernadette Wilson, Fr. Jean Laurent Marie, Fr Paul Dynan, Roy and Margaret Bandhu, Maura Stone, Alma Willox, John Walsh, Chantale Wildman,

Rosary: Weekdays after morning Mass Reconciliation (Confessions): Sat. 10.30am – 11.30am. 5.00pm – 5.45pm. During these times the priest is in the Reconciliation Room, inside the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, to the left. Confessions are also available at other times on request. **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** Mondays: 10am-7pm; Wednesdays 10am-4pm; Fridays 9.45-10.45am; Saturdays 10.30-11.30am.

Bible Study: Mondays at 8pm, Church Meeting Room