



Rosary:
Mon - Sat before
9:30am Mass;
Sundays after
11:15am mass

Confessions:
Saturdays
10.15 -10. 45am
& 5.15 - 5.45pm

Sundays
Silent Adoration:
4 to 4.45pm
Eve Prayer:
4.45pm
Benediction:
5pm

UCM: The 3rd
Monday of the
month at
7.30pm

Legion of Mary:
Thursdays at
7.30pm

Knights of St
Columba:
The 3rd Friday
of the month at
8pm

French Speaking
Prayer Group:
Fridays at
7.30pm



The Second Sunday of Advent

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The strange figure of John the Baptist is placed before us: yet he is the beginning of the *Good News*. The source of consolation for God's people, because his works prepares for the for the work of Christ. The root of our consolation lies in the fact that God is faithful to his word and his promises.

Advent is the Church saying you have four weeks to prepare yourself, your family, friends and neighbours for celebrating of the Birth of Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of Mary. We are preparing to welcome the *Light of the World* into the darkness of some aspects of our life – violence, marriage breakdown, lack of belief, fall away in prayer and Mass attendance, injustice, homelessness – the list goes on and on.

During Advent the daily and Sunday liturgies are full of hope – looking forward to the Incarnation – the coming of God into this world. In some ways, the atmosphere among people of today can be a bit hopeless, empty, without much vision of the future except in terms of gloom and disaster. Well, let us, as Christians, encourage each other to hope.

This does not mean being over-confident, but refusing to be buried in gloom. Though Jesus Christ may seem a long way away – he has promised he is with us. He keeps his promise here and now today. Are we strong enough and simple enough to believe this?



Notices for the newsletter need to be emailed/posted to the presbytery by 6pm on Thursdays.

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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS (4th Dec—11th Dec 2016) (Year: A)

Sunday	4th	<i>Second Sunday of Advent (A)</i>	
	(Sat)....	6:00pm	Velma Campbell RIP
		9:30am	Nancy Del-Gardo RIP
		11:15am	Mrs Rose Kelly RIP
		5:30pm	People of the Parish
Monday	5th	<i>Feria</i>	
		9:30am	Christian & Emilia Nkpade RIP
Tuesday	6th	<i>Feria</i>	
	(Requiem Mass)	9:30am	For Family Bugajski & Kawski
		11:15am	John Victor Bishop RIP
		7:00pm	All Souls
Wednesday	7th	<i>St Ambrose</i>	
		9:30am	Rachael Loader RIP
Thursday	8th	<i>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	
		9:30am	Ronald Jones RIP
			+ Desmond Fortes RIP
Friday	9th	<i>Feria</i>	
		9:30am	Mrs Ena Rodrigues RIP
Saturday	10th	<i>Feria</i>	
		9:30am	Raffael Tomei RIP
Sunday	11th	<i>Third Sunday of Advent (A)</i>	
	(Sat)	6:00pm	Carlota & Pedro Fernandes RIP
		9:30am	People of the Parish
		11:15am	Olga & Lancelot Trype RIP
		5:30pm	Eileen Atkinson RIP

Sunday Teas:

This Sunday's teas will be served by the Flower Arrangers.

Next Sunday's teas will be served by the UCM.

Thank you to all those who help out with the Sunday Teas.

Last Week's Collections: The 1st collection was £643.18p + £374.80p in Gift Aid Envelopes giving us a parish total of £ 1017.98p. The 2nd collection for Parish Funds was £ 65.12p. Thank you for your generosity. The 2nd collection **today** is for Parish Funds.

Recently Deceased: Please remember the souls and families of John Victor Bishop and Teresa Margaret Mary Osborne in your prayers. The funeral for John Bishop will be on Tuesday 6th December 11.15am followed by the cremation at 12.45pm. John was the son of the late Alfred and Irene Bishop who were longstanding parishioners at St Anthony's. The funeral for Teresa Osborne will be on Monday 12th December at 12 noon followed by the cremation at Beckenham Crematorium at 1.30pm. May their souls rest in peace.

St Vincent de Paul Society: The SVP have launched their Christmas Time Appeal. Although they always need and welcome financial donations, they're also asking parishioners to give a little of their time to help others by joining our parish SVP group. As you plan your Christmas celebrations, spare a thought for those who dread the festive season as a time of loneliness or poverty. But giving a little of your time or money (or both) to help those in need could transform someone's life. Next week's second collection will be for the SVP, and we will be telling you more about SVP at each Mass. To find out more about our parish group, you are welcome to phone Alexis Pottinger on 020 8659 4266, or come to our next meeting on Monday 5th December at 7.30 in the Parish Centre.

Crying Babies and Young Children: If your baby or young child is crying during the Mass please do use the confessional box instead of leaving the Church. We have now installed a monitor inside the confessional box which means parents and carers are able to watch the Mass from inside the confessional box.

Mass Bookings: Please book your masses at least two months in advance.

St Anthony's Parish Fair: Many thanks to all those who donated goods to or who helped in any way with the Parish Fair this weekend. Thanks also to all those parishioners who came along to support this annual parish event.

Knights of St Columba Food Bank Collection: December's collection weekend will be on the weekend of 17th/18th December just before the celebration of Christmas. Many thanks to all those who donate to this worthy cause.

The Passage Carol Service: Please support a Carol Service in aid of The Passage, a charity working with homeless people, on Friday 16th December at 6.00 pm in St Margaret's Church, Westminster, the parish church of the House of Commons. Readers include Nick Hancock, Lynda Baron, Kathryn Pogson and Cardinal Vincent Nichols. Admission by advanced ticket only from The Passage tel. 020 7592 1856 email tickets @passage.org.uk minimum recommended donation £25.

Job Vacancies: Bishop Challoner is seeking a Mid Day Supervisor. Please see the website www.bishopchallonerschool.com or contact the school office on 020 8460 3546 for further details.

Hospital Admissions: If you are due to be admitted to hospital or if you know of a parishioner who has been admitted to hospital then please let one of the clergy know. Thank you.

Cold Weather: Please do remember to close the doors behind you when you are entering or leaving the church so we can conserve the heat inside the Church. Thank you.

Christmas Gifts: Please do take a look at all the gifts on sale in the repository.

Please pray for the sick of the Parish: Bridget McLaughlin, Ellen Garvey, John Barry, Margaret Southwell, Mercie Ihekwe-me-Hill, Kieran Quinn, Marie Harris and Michael Creech.