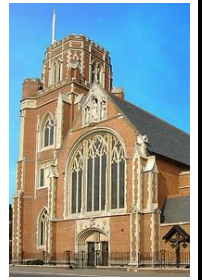




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First Sunday of Advent

3rd December 2017

Stay awake!

Mass Times

- 2nd Sat Feria**
 9.30 *Michael Lamb +*
 17.30 (Vigil Mass) *Noel & Carmel Murray +*
- 3rd Sun First Sunday of Advent**
 10.00 *James Monahan +*
 15.00 (Royal Hospital) *People of the Parish*
- 4th Mon Feria**
 9.30 *Tess Keaney +*
- 5th Tue Feria**
 9.30 *Brian & Margaret Gallagher +*
- 6th Wed St Nicholas**
 9.30 *Nicholas Lewis +*
- 7th Thu St Ambrose**
 9.30 *Jeremiah & Anne Keating +*
- 8th Fri Immaculate Conception**
 9.30 *Deceased Members of Grampsey & Farreh Families +*
- 9th Sat Feria**
 9.30 *Holy Souls*
 17.30 (Vigil Mass) *Tess Keaney +*
- 10th Sun Second Sunday of Advent**
 10.00 *Luke Jackson - Wellbeing*
 15.00 (Royal Hospital) *People of the Parish*

Confessions:

Saturday 10.15-11.00 and at call

Sunday Readings: Year B **Weekday Readings:** Year 2

This Sunday's Readings: Page 82 in Mass Book

Cycle of Prayer Autumn: The Harvest, Fruits of Human Work, Reverent Use of Creation, Students & Teachers, Spread of the Gospel, Justice & Peace, Prisoners & their Families, Victims of War, Young People

Next Week's Liturgy Group: Matthew

Baptisms & Marriages: Please contact the Parish Priest



The Blessing of the Advent Candle

Lord our God,
 we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ:
 He is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples;
 He is the wisdom that teaches and guides us;
 He is the Saviour of every nation.

Lord our God,
 let your blessing come upon us
 as we light the candles of this wreath.

May the wreath and its light
 be a sign of Christ's promise
 to bring us salvation.

May he come quickly and not delay.
 We ask this through Christ our Lord.
 Amen

Watch your thoughts;

they become your words

Watch your words;

they become your actions

Watch your actions;

they become your habits

Watch your habits;

they become your character

Watch your character

for it will become your destiny



Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Friday 8th December is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and is also the Foundation Day of the Salvatorians. There will be an additional mass at 19.00 to celebrate the feast.

**By doubting we are led to question,
by questioning we arrive at the truth**

Peter Abelard

Saint Thomas à Becket Feast Day

Our patronal feast of Saint Thomas à Becket takes place on Friday 29th December. We will be celebrating a solemn mass that evening at 19.00. Father Christopher Basden will be the special preacher. Refreshments afterwards in the Corry Hall.

Parish Christmas Dinner

Our Parish Christmas Dinner will take place at 19.30 on Saturday 9th December in the Corry Hall. Tickets are available after masses at £12.50. There will be a bar, raffle and entertainment. Donations of good quality items for the raffle would be appreciated.

Christmas Services at St Thomas

Carol Service 19.30 Wed 20th Dec
 Vigil Mass 17.30 Sat 23rd Dec
 Sunday Mass 10.00 Sun 24th Dec
 Hospital Mass..... 15.00 Sun 24th Dec
 First Mass of Christmas (children) 18.00 Sun 24th Dec
 Midnight Mass with Carols 23.30 Sun 24th Dec
 Christmas Day Mass 10.00 Mon 25th Dec
 St Stephen's Day..... 10.00 Tue 26th Dec
 St Thomas à Becket Feast 19.00 Fri 29th Dec

Confirmation

We will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2018. Would those in Year 9 or above who wish to be Confirmed complete the form at the back of the Church.

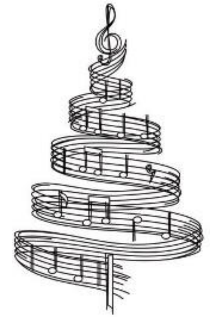
**God promises a safe landing,
not a calm passage**

Upcoming Dates

Seniors Club.....13th December
 Advent Reflection 6th December
 Parish Christmas Dinner 9th December
 Seniors Club Christmas Party16th December
 Penitential Service.....18th December
 Christmas Carol Service19.30 20th December
 Feast of St Thomas à Becket.....29th December

Christmas Carol Service

We want to breathe new life into our Christmas Carol Service. It will be held at 19.30 on Wednesday 20th December. We will be advertising it widely with a banner outside the Church and a leafleting campaign locally. The Carol Service will be conducted along traditional lines much like the famous Kings College Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols.



The Mayor of Wandsworth hopes to be present. There will be special input from the Choir and our School. Please come along and give it your support. Mince pies and mulled wine will be served afterwards in the Corry Hall.

Seniors Club Christmas Party

Senior Club Christmas Party 16th December 14.30 in the Corry Hall. £5 donation. Raffle and entertainment. Sign-up sheet at the back of the Church.

Christmas Fair

In support of the Friends of St Joseph's School, Friday 8th December at 15.45.

Christmas Day Bus Service

It may interest parishioners to know that a free volunteer bus service will operate hourly between Roehampton (Danebury Ave) and Putney Bridge Station on Christmas Day, along the 430 bus route using a vintage RT double deck bus.

Advent Reflection

Judy Carlisle will be leading an Advent Reflection on Martha and Mary after 9.30 mass on Wednesday 6th December. All welcome. It should last about an hour.

**One kind word
can warm three winter months**

Japanese Proverb

Last Week's Finances

Parish Collection £476.86, Bankers Orders £ 384

Upcoming Second Collections

Today 3rd December: Church Maintenance Fund

Rotas

Sunday Welcome & Coffee: A Oliva, E Falcone n/w F Azevedo, M Figueiredo

Readers: Sat: N Nolan, S Vas, E De Souza Sun: T Brown, A Harris, A Stacey n/w Sat: C Wilkins, I Smith Sun: G Fayers, C McCarthy, A Kane Blanes

Eucharistic Ministers: Sat: J Cato, D McGavin Sun: A Nobis, R Nwodo, P Fahy, R McMullan n/w Sat: D McGavin, K Dolan Sun: G Donaldson, C Kawesi, W Gallagher, R Kuleke, C Webb

Little Church: R & S Jackson n/w C & C Kawesi, C Webb

Tiny Church: B Cherian n/w E Lueth

Flowers: A Oliva n/w L Northeast

Royal Hospital: Angela Robbins n/w Sister Pauline