

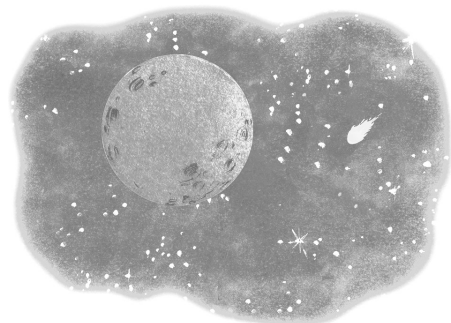
Our Lady & St. Philip Neri Church, Sydenham

NEWSLETTER

First Sunday of Advent • Year C

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1st Reading Jeremiah 33:14-16

2nd Reading 1 Thessalonians 3:12 - 4:2
Gospel Luke 21: 25-28; 34-36



YOUR LIBERATION IS NEAR AT HAND

We have no reason to fear the second coming of Christ if we allow God to teach us how to grow in holiness. We ask God to help us to love one another with generosity and integrity. In this way we can hold our heads high and have the strength to survive all that will happen in our lives; and so when the time comes we will be able to stand with confidence before Christ and his saints.

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POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER

In the Service of Transmission of Faith - That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS AND FEAST DAYS

Sat 1 st	6:30 ^{pm}	Charles Dean RIP	First Mass of Sunday
Sun 2 nd	9.30 ^{am}	Domingos Vincente Rodriguez RIP	First Sunday of Advent (C)
	11.00 ^{am}	James Matter RIP	
Mon 3 rd	9.30 ^{am}	Albert & Mary Browne RIP	Saint Francis Xavier
Tue 4 th	9.30 ^{am}	John & Michael O'Brien RIP	
Wed 5 th	9.30 ^{am}	Theophile N'Doman RIP	
Thu 6 th	9.30 ^{am}	Francis X Zahringe RIP	
Fri 7 th	9.30 ^{am}	Rose Zinder's Intention	Saint Ambrose
Sat 8 th	9.00 ^{am} 9.30 ^{am}	Morning Prayer & Exposition In Honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mar
	6:30 ^{pm}	Celebrating the 90 th Birthday of Cath Edkins	First Mass of Sunday
Sun 9 th	9.30 ^{am}	Philip Senior & Philip Junior Kiernan RIP	Second Sunday of Advent (C) Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin
	11.00 ^{am}	Matty Fitzgerald RIP	

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PRAYERS

Please Pray for the sick and the housebound, for those recently deceased and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time. Our blue "Prayers for Wellbeing", and black "Prayers of Remembrance" books are located at the back of the Church.

CONFESSION

Confession times are: Monday - Friday • 9am, Saturday • 9am & 6pm, Sunday • 9am, and by appointment.

COLLECTIONS

Last Week

£362 Not Gift Aided £288 Gift Aided
£300 Standing Order Gift Aided £367 Catholic Youth Work

This Week

Parish Development Fund

Next Week

Parish Development Fund

COME AND WATCH BISHOP BARRON'S TALKS

As a follow up to the Eucharistic Congress in Liverpool earlier this year and as a way to help our preparations, during Advent, for Christmas, you are warmly invited to come and watch the inspirational talks that Bishop Robert Barron gave at the Congress. The first talk will be shown on 9th December after 11^{am} Mass and the second talk will be shown on 16th December after 11^{am} Mass. Both last about 50 minutes, so come and join us - normal teas and coffees will be available.

9th December: The Mystery of the Mass

16th December: What makes us holy-The 3 paths

CATHOLIC CLUB

Good news for all those that missed our last Bingo 66 nite - The snowball 🎱 has still not been won so it will be £220 for 55 numbers at our December game. If the snowball is not won we will still pay out £50 for that game as a Christmas bonus. So get this date in your diary and come and join us for a fun night and maybe you will be a winner. Try your luck! Everybody is welcome, you don't need to be a member to join in the fun.

Cathy from St Christopher's Hospice will be in the Club this Thursday 29th November at 8.30pm so we can present her with a cheque for over £6,000 which has been raised through our Thursday quiz nites. So all you quizzers please be sure to be there as you made this happen.

WOMEN'S GROUP

Will be meeting in the presbytery on Thursday 6th December at 8^{pm}.

PARISH NEW YEARS EVE PARTY

MONDAY 31ST DECEMBER - 8.30^{PM} TO 1^{AM}

Tickets are going fast, 35 of the 150 have already gone! Admission is free. Music will be provided but do bring your own food & drink. For more info contact Paula on 0776 153 0739.

CARER HELP REQUIRED

A carer for a local parishioner is required. Help is required twice a day, three days a week, between 1-2^{pm} and 6.30-7.30^{pm} and the carer will be paid £10.20/hour. No experience is required as training is provided. If you are interested please email:

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CHRISTMAS IN THE CHURCH

We will be decorating the Church for Christmas on Wednesday 19th December starting at 6^{pm}, and anyone from the parish is welcome to join us.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION '19

Our next lesson is **Sunday 9th December at 10^{am}** in the hall.

Chapter 5: Glory to God in the highest.

CONFIRMATION '19

Our next lesson is **Friday 7th December at 7.30^{pm}** in the hall.

Chapter 4: To know the Holy Spirit.

200 CLUB

The winner of the November £75 prize is Vincent Richards(8). Congratulations.

This is the first draw of the new year for the 200 Club. Many thanks to everyone who renewed their numbers and to those who joined for the first time.

It is not too late to join; just put £10 per number into an envelope marked 200 and leave at the presbytery.

Please remember to include your name and telephone number.

GARDEN FETE COMMITTEE '19

Next year's Garden Fete will be in our new school playground and hall, on Saturday 6th July. If you would like to help organise this event please contact either Fr. Regis, or Steve.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

This will be in the presbytery on Monday 3rd November at 7.30^{pm}.

Please do not park in the Church grounds, this is reserved for blue badge holders, or those who need to drop off those with ability considerations. Thank you.

During Mass, please keep your children with you at all times, and accompany small children to the toilet.