

Our Lady & St. Philip Neri Church, Sydenham

NEWSLETTER

Second Sunday of Advent • Year C

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1st Reading Baruch 5: 1-9

2nd Reading Philippians 1: 4-6; 8-11
Gospel Luke 3: 1-6



CHRIST IS THE JOY WE AWAIT

God will bring to completion the work he has begun in us. Our love for one another will help us to be blameless when Christ comes again. Our lives on earth are a preparation for the day when the Lord comes, and so we can be full of joy and expectancy.

◀ All mankind shall see the salvation of God.

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 8 th	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	
Mon 10 th	9.30 ^{am}	Wellbeing of the Keane family	
Tue 11 th	9.30 ^{am}	Francis Zahringe RIP	
	2.00 ^{pm}	School Christmas Carol Service	
Wed 12 th	9.30 ^{am}	Wellbeing of Christine Goodwin	
Thu 13 th	9.30 ^{am}	Holy Souls	Saint Lucy
Fri 14 th	9.30 ^{am}	In Honour of the Sacred Heart	Saint John of the Cross
Sat 15 th	9.00 ^{am} 9.30 ^{am}	Morning Prayer & Exposition People of the Parish	
	6:30 ^{pm}	Celebrating Mollie Lewis' 96th birthday	First Mass of Sunday
Sun 16 th	9.30 ^{am}	Thanksgiving for the Assemien family	Third Sunday of Advent (C)
	11.00 ^{am}	Rachael Matthews RIP	
	3.00 ^{pm}	Christingle Service	

Please note that with immediate effect the Parish email accounts have changed as part of the diocesan GDPR initiative to make Church communications more secure.

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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

£357 Not Gift Aided £330 Gift Aided
£300 Standing Order Gift Aided £345 **Parish Development Fund**

This Week

Parish Development Fund
Next Week
Knights of S^t. Columbia Charities

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.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH

It is the custom of this parish to donate money for the flowers and decorations of the Church at Christmas in memory of the 'faithful departed'. A Mass will be offered for them after Christmas. Please mark your envelope 'Christmas Flowers' - writing name(s) in block capitals - and pop it in through the presbytery letterbox. Thank you.

NEW YEARS EVE - MONDAY 31ST DECEMBER MASS & CELEBRATION PARTY

This year we will be celebrating the New Year with a new Mass at 8^{pm}. If you attend this Mass, and would like to join the celebration in our hall afterwards, please contact Paula on 0776 153 0739. Tickets are free, but a ticket is required for each person (adult or child) as we have to keep to our safety limit of 150. 35 tickets have already gone. The party is from 8.30^{pm} to 1^{am}, music will be provided along with that all important countdown to 2019. All we ask is that you bring your own food and drink, which can be left in the hall before Mass.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION '19

Our next lesson is **Sunday 13th January at 10^{am}** in the hall.
Chapter 6: The Word of the Lord.

CONFIRMATION '19

Our next lesson is **Friday 14th December at 7.30^{pm}** in the hall.
Chapter 5: Sacraments.

TAKE SOME TIME TO REFLECT THIS ADVENT

Advent is a very special season of the year, but it can sometimes pass us by, as we're so busy preparing for Christmas. Our diocesan Spirituality Commission has produced a series of short daily emails to help us focus on the true meaning of Advent. To sign up, please visit www.southwarkdsc.org.uk

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.

ALTAR SERVERS - 26TH DECEMBER MASS, 11^{AM}

A reminder to all altar servers & their families, that we celebrate being part of the Guild of S^t. Stephen by attending Mass on S^t. Stephen's feast day. Thank you.

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: melissa.dyer1@virginmedia.com

CHRISTMAS IN THE CHURCH

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

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.