

NEWS LETTER

1st December 2019
First Sunday of Advent (A)

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1st Reading Isaiah 2:1-5
2nd Reading Romans 13:11-14
Gospel Matthew 24:37-44

PLEASE JOIN IN WITH THE SINGING, HYMN NUMBERS:

Sunday 9.30^{am} Mass

851 Entrance p202 Kyrie 604 Offertory p207 Sanctus p210 Lamb of God
88 [x3] Communion 938 Post Communion 112 Recessional

Sunday 11^{am} Mass

984 Entrance 72 Gospel Acclamation 604 Offertory 482 Sanctus 483 Memorial Acclamation
487 Lamb of God 627 Communion 989 Post Communion 84 Recessional



"Stay awake so that you may be ready."

BE PREPARED!

During Advent we prepare ourselves for the birth of Christ. We make ourselves ready as the new homes into which he will come. The long hours of waiting are nearly over and the dawn of our salvation is about to break. Soon we will walk in the light of the Lord.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER

Universal: That every country determine to take the necessary measures to make the future of the very young, especially those who suffer, a priority.

MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS AND FEAST DAYS

Sat 30 th	6.30 _{pm}	† Charles Dean RIP	First Mass of Sunday
Sun 1 st	9.30 ^{am}	† Albert & Mary Browne RIP	First Sunday of Advent (A)
	11.00 ^{am}	† Richard Marbaix RIP	S ^s . Edmund Campion, Ralph Sherwin & Alexander Briant
Mon 2 nd	9.10 ^{am}	<i>Divine Office</i>	
	9.30 ^{am}	† Ann (Tessie) Tobin RIP <i>Rosary</i>	
Tue 3 rd	9.10 ^{am}	<i>Divine Office</i>	
	9.30 ^{am}	† Padraic Joyce RIP <i>Rosary</i>	St. Francis Xavier
Wed 4 th	9.10 ^{am}	<i>Divine Office</i>	
	9.30 ^{am}	† Antoine Paraiso RIP <i>Rosary</i>	
Thu 5 th	9.10 ^{am}	<i>Divine Office</i>	
	9.30 ^{am}	† Francis Zahringe RIP <i>Rosary</i>	
Fri 6 th	9.10 ^{am}	<i>Divine Office</i>	
	9.30 ^{am}	† Francis X Zahringe RIP <i>Divine Mercy Chaplet & Benediction</i>	
Sat 7 th	9.00 ^{am}	<i>Exposition & Divine Office</i>	
	9.30 ^{am}	† People of the Parish	St. Ambrose
	6.30 _{pm}	† Mrs Mollie Levis RIP	First Mass of Sunday
Sun 8 th	9.30 ^{am}	† Philip Kiernan & Family RIP	Second Sunday of Advent (A)
	11.00 ^{am}	† Jimmy Butler RIP	

FR. TOMAS (TOM) CREAGH-FULLER RIP



Following the sad news of the death of Fr. Tom, the following funeral arrangements have been made. **Tuesday 17th December at 7^{pm}** reception of his body, followed by Requiem Mass at St. William of York, Forest Hill (4 Brockley Park, SE23 1PS). **Wednesday 18th December at 12^{noon}** Funeral Mass at St. Edmund of Canterbury Church, Beckenham (20 Village Way, Beckenham, BR3 3NP).

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Parking: Do not park in the Church grounds, this is reserved for blue badge holders, and those dropping people off.
Children: During Mass please keep your children with you at all times, accompanying small children to the toilet.

PRAYERS

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

CONFESSION

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

COLLECTIONS - THANK YOU

LAST WEEK

£272 Not Gift Aided
£391 Gift Aided

£381 Standing Order Gift Aided
£389 Catholic Youth Services

THIS WEEK: Parish Development Fund
NEXT WEEK: Parish Development Fund

DONATIONS

GIFT AID	UK tax payers increase your donation by 25% at no extra cost to yourself. Forms are available at the back of the Church or via our website.	CHEQUE	Place your cheque, made payable to: RCAS ST PHILIP NERI SYDENHAM in an envelope stating the purpose of your donation and post in at the parish house, or place in the Offertory Collection.
STANDING ORDER (Preferred Method)	Ask your bank to make a standing order to: RCAS ST PHILIP NERI SYDENHAM Sort Code: 60-21-12 A/c No: 37298445	CASH	Offertory Collection at Mass.

NEWS

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL - CHILDREN'S BAKE OFF

SVP are having a coffee morning on Sunday **8th December** after the 11^{am} Mass. We would like the children of the parish to take part in a Bake Off competition. The cakes will be judged at the start of the coffee morning and prizes will be awarded to the winner and runner up. The cakes will then be sold with the proceeds going to the SVP. We are sure parents will help the participants with their creations.

CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD THE 2019 FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS & CAROLS

As we look forward to celebrating Christmas, the parish of the Church of the Resurrection of Our Lord is organising a Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols on Sunday **15th December 2019**. Time: 4.00^{pm} – 6.30^{pm}. If any member of the choir or members of the choir would like to participate either singing a Christmas song or playing any of the musical instruments, please, contact our parish choir leader, Marie-France marierancebogui@yahoo.com on or before 1st December 2019. Refreshments will be served.

APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA (STELLA MARIS) CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

Many seafarers will not be home for Christmas this year, working at sea and in ports during the festive period. That doesn't mean they'll be forgotten. This year we invite you to attend our Christmas Carol Service at The Church of Our Lady of the Assumption, 10 Warwick St, London W1B 5LZ on **12th December at 7^{pm}**, paying tribute to seafarers for all they do. We are joined this year by the choir of St Columba's College, St Albans. Afterwards there will be traditional refreshments including mulled wine and mince pies. Please RSVP to roland@apostleshipofthesea.org.uk or call 020 7901 1931.

PARENTS, CARERS & TODDLER GROUP

This year we are seeing Aladdin starring Christopher Biggins at the Churchill Theatre in Bromley on Wed 18th December at 1pm. Tickets are £14 each. Contact Paula on 0776 153 0739 for more info and tickets.

2020 FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME

Sun 8th Dec at 10am in the Presbytery: Chapter 3: Celebrating our rescue (Reconciliation).

2020 CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME

Sat 7th Dec at 5^{pm} in the Presbytery: Session Four: To know the Holy Spirit.

LIGHT OF CHRIST CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

We meet every Wednesday in the parish hall. Praise & worship at 7.45^{pm}, with Mass at 8^{pm}. Celebrant Fr. David Gummet. Followed by Healing before the Blessed Sacrament.

SYDENHAM CATHOLIC CLUB

Eyes down for our next bingo game, on Friday 20th December from 8^{pm}. The snowball wasn't won this month so it will be £140 for 49 numbers. Get this date in your diary & come play with us to join in the fun. You may be a big winner! Thanks to all our regular supporters for your continued enthusiasm every month.

SAFEGUARDING

Please note the contact details for our Safeguarding Representative. The new details are on the posters located on the Hall, Church, and Presbytery noticeboards.

SISTERS OF S^T. ANDREW

An "Advent Evening Prayer" on Wednesday 11th **December 7.30-8.30^{pm}**. Details are on the posters located on the Hall, Church, and Presbytery noticeboards.

THE YEAR OF THE WORD

How will you prepare for Christmas? **Saturday 7th December 2-4^{pm}**. Details are on the posters located on the Hall, Church, and Presbytery noticeboards.

S^R. MARY HICKEY

Sr. Mary is quite poorly at the moment after a bad fall. Please remember her in your prayers. If you would like to send a card of wellbeing, please send to: St. Joseph's Convent, Layhams Road, West Wickham BR4 9QJ. If you wish to visit, please call the convent first on: 0208 777 5730.