

NEWS LETTER

8th December 2019
Second Sunday of Advent (A)

Mass Book Page

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1st Reading Isaiah 11:1-10
2nd Reading Romans 15:4-9
Gospel Matthew 3:1-12

PLEASE JOIN IN WITH THE SINGING, HYMN NUMBERS:

Sunday 9.30^{am} Mass

94 Entrance
p210 Lamb of God

p202 Kyrie
662 [v1-3] Communion

603 Offertory
100 [v1-2] Post Communion

p207 Sanctus
356 Recessional

Sunday 11^{am} Mass

92 Entrance
487 Lamb of God

72 Gospel Acclamation
78 Communion

609 Offertory
639 Post Communion

482 Sanctus
768 Recessional

483 Memorial Acclamation



PREPARE A WAY FOR THE LORD!

We prepare ourselves for the coming of Christ through repentance. We are called to change the pattern of our lives in order to be ready when he comes. John the Baptist calls us to look again at our lives, to make sure that the Lord will have no obstacle in his path.

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 7 th	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	Bible Sunday
Mon 9 th	9.10 ^{am}	<i>Divine Office</i>	
	9.30 ^{am} †	In Honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin
		<i>Rosary</i>	
Tue 10 th	9.10 ^{am}	<i>Divine Office</i>	
	9.30 ^{am} †	Rose Zinder's Intention	Ss. John Roberts, Polydore Plasden, Eustace White, Edmund Gennings & Swithun Wells
		<i>Rosary</i>	
	2.30 ^{pm}	† School Carol Service	
Wed 11 th	9.10 ^{am}	<i>Divine Office</i>	
	9.30 ^{am} †	Mollie Levis RIP	
		<i>Rosary</i>	
Thu 12 th	9.10 ^{am}	<i>Divine Office</i>	
	9.30 ^{am} †	Intention of Mary Kelly	
		<i>Rosary</i>	
Fri 13 th	9.10 ^{am}	<i>Divine Office</i>	
	9.30 ^{am} †	All Souls in Purgatory	St. Lucy
		<i>Divine Mercy Chaplet & Benediction</i>	
Sat 14 th	9.00 ^{am}	<i>Exposition & Divine Office</i>	
	9.30 ^{am} †	People of the Parish	St. John of the Cross
	6.30 ^{pm} †	Niamh Costello	First Mass of Sunday
Sun 15 th	9.30 ^{am} †	Thanksgiving for the wellbeing of Priscilla Rosemonde & Pierre-Marie	Third Sunday of Advent (A)
	11.00 ^{am} †	Rachael Matthews RIP	Gaudete Sunday
	4.00 ^{pm}	† Christingle Service	

Our Penitential Service of Reconciliation will be on Thursday 19th December at 7.30^{pm}

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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

£400 Not Gift Aided
£231 Gift Aided

£381 Standing Order Gift Aided
£350 Parish Development Fund

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 CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME

Sat 14th Dec at 5^{pm} in the Presbytery: Session Five: Sacraments.

2020 FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME

Sun 15th Dec at 10^{am} in the Presbytery: Chapter 4: God helps me Get it right (Reconciliation).

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 Regis Rubaya followed with Healing before the Blessed Sacrament.

SYDENHAM CATHOLIC CLUB

We are delighted to confirm that the Kilkennys, Ireland's exciting young folk and ballad group, will be playing in the club on Saturday 8th February 2020 from 9.30-11.30^{pm}. Tickets £20 (Please note this is a ticket only event). Tickets are now on sale in the club, don't miss out on this great night!

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

Our Christingle service is next Sunday, 15th December at 4^{pm}. All are welcome. If any child would like to do a reading please email Kitty Batten at k.walsh@hotmail.com. Come early if you'd like to take part in the service as there is an opportunity for some children to dress up.

PARISH NEW YEARS EVE PARTY

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

This is a ticket entry only party, open to all parishioners. Admission is free, but please bring your own food & drink. Music will be provided. One ticket needed per person, adult or child. Contact Paula on 0776 153 0739 for info and tickets.

200 CLUB

The first winner of the new year is Kathy Jayasekara (57) who wins the November prize of £75. Congratulations. There are still some numbers that have not been renewed. If you want to be a lucky winner it's not too late. Please put your money (£10 per number) in an envelope marked with your name and tel no and leave in the Presbytery.