

11th DECEMBER 2022: THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)

Mass Book Page 88	1 st Reading: Isaiah 35: 1-6, 10 2 nd Reading: James 5: 7-10	Gospel: Matthew 11: 2-11	
Hymns for 11 am Mass	Entrance: 458 Post-Communion: 88	Offertory: 881 & 475 Recessional: 768	Communion: 111



Rejoice, the Lord is coming soon!

God sends his own Son to save us. Joy and gladness are ours, and the time for sorrow and lamenting is over. Christ is standing at the gates and we know he is the one for whom we have been waiting. Do not lose heart. Take courage! Your God is coming!

Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention - For volunteer not-for-profit organisations

We pray that volunteer non-profit organisations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

Mass Times, Intentions & Feast Days

Sat 10 18:30	First Mass of Sunday Richard Marbaix RIP
Sun 11 09.30	✠ THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A) Thanksgiving for Jean, Pauline, Priscilla, Rosemonde & Pierre-Marie Assemien Rita Fahy & Lesley and Jane RIP
Mon 12 09.30	Pat & Mary Earley RIP Rosary
Tue 13 09.30	Saint z Lucy Joseph Horgan and family RIP Rosary
Wed 14 09.30	Saint John of the Cross Apolonia Gdaszewsha - For Divine Mercy Rosary
Thu 15 09.30	Joe Mcntyre RIP Rosary
19:30	Service of Reconciliation
Fri 16 09.30	Wellbeing for Obinna Maduaka Exposition
Sat 17 09.30 18:30	People of the Parish First Mass of Sunday Intention of Nardia Darby
Sun 18 09.30 11.00	✠ FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A) Philip Kiernan and family RIP Rachael Matthews RIP

Sharing the Word

First Reading: This is a message of hope for God's people in exile. God himself is coming to their rescue and will lead them back to Zion. The image of the desert made fertile by the rain is used to portray the confident hope that God would restore his people, crushed by misfortune. The crippling disabilities - blindness, deafness and lameness will be relieved when God sends salvation to his people.

Second Reading: St James is talking about the second coming of Jesus. He urges the kind of patience and hope farmers show in waiting for the harvest, and which the prophets of old showed as they waited for the promises to be fulfilled.

Gospel: John the Baptist had doubts about Jesus because he did not fit his image of the Messiah. Jesus dispelled John's doubts by showing that he was doing precisely the kind of things that had been predicted for the messianic times. "Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good news is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me."

Prayer Requests

If you request for yourself or an immediate family member to be listed in the Parish Newsletter, it will run for a month per request. Send an email to Fr Regis or send a message on the parish mobile number 07857801938.

Service of Reconciliation

"Oh God you know my folly; the wrongs I have done are not hidden from you."

Lord restore to me the joy of your salvation so I may rejoice in the sign of the virgin who conceived Immanuel, God with us.

We will celebrate our Christmas service of reconciliation on Thursday 15th December. This is an opportunity for us to put the past behind us and to begin afresh with Christ.

Special Ministers and Readers

The Christmas and New Year Rota is now available in the porch for those who have not received it via email.

Christmas Church Decoration

We are decorating our Church for Christmas on Thursday 22nd December at 6pm. All are welcome to join in.

First Holy Communion Programme 2022-23

We meet in the hall on Sun 18th Dec at 10am for, Chapter 4: God helps me get it right (Reconciliation).

Confirmation Programme 2022-23

We meet in the parish house on Sat 17th Dec at 5pm for, Session Four: To know the Holy Spirit.

Manna Society

We have a golden opportunity to increase our funding by 100% this Christmas! The Aviva Community Fund have very kindly offered to match £ for £ on all donations we receive (up to a maximum of £250) until 28th December.

We would like to raise one month's running cost £40,800. This figure ties in very nicely as we have been offering our services to the homeless & those in need since 1982 - 40 years.

To donate visit: www.avivacommunityfund.co.uk/p/the-manna-day-centre.

A free short reflection for each day of Advent

Advent can be such a busy demanding time, but we encourage you to make some space to reflect and pray this advent. Sign up for our free Southwark Diocesan 'daily advent reflections' to aid your prayer. Every day during advent you will receive an email with a very brief thought for the day based on the daily reading. It is an opportunity to listen to Gods invitation to you this advent. All you have to do is sign up and then set aside a couple of minutes each day to reflect! Sign up via the Commission web site: <http://www.southwarkdsc.org.uk/> clicking on the Advent Reflection box. Alternatively, if you are viewing this online, you can sign up directly by

clicking here: <https://southwarkdsc.us11.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=a3e1dce7f8f666e9d64edd867&id=4f880b3b9c>

Thank you from CAFOD

Your support over this past year has been life-changing and very much appreciated. Thank you for praying, campaigning, donating or volunteering to support people and communities in their struggles against poverty.

An example is in South Sudan; communities who take in displaced people fleeing violence or natural disasters. The arrivals are given food and some are given land. They erect temporary structures as shelter and some start farming. Nyanguet, who fled with her five children after her village was attacked, says, "The community host us well. My children and I feel safe now."

Thank you for helping to support people and communities like this throughout the world. Have a joyful Advent and a happy Christmas.

Last Week

Offertory: Gift Aided: £168, Not Gift Aided: £472

Mass Count: Sat (37), Sun 09.30 (65), 11.00 (115)

Second Collection

Last week: None

This week: None

Next Week: None

Donate

Gift Aid: Tax payers, please sign up, so we can claim 25p for every £1 donated. Email Treasurer for details.

Card: Card Machine in Church Foyer or www.olspn.church

Standing Order: Email Treasurer for details.

Cheque: Payable to 'RCAS Sydenham'

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