

01st DECEMBER 2024: FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)

Mass book: p82 1st Reading: Jeremiah 33: 14-16 2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3: 12 - 4:2 Gospel: Luke 21: 25-28, 34-36

SUNDAY HYMNS - PLEASE DO JOIN IN

9.30am	Entrance: 851 V1-2, 4-5	Offertory: 605	Post-Communion: 88	Recessional: 109
11am	Entrance: 819 Gloria: None	Gospel Accl. ⁿ : <i>Stay awake, be ready...</i> Communion: 989	Offertory: 824 & 84 Post-Communion: 941	Memorial Accl. ⁿ : <i>We proclaim your death...</i> Recessional: 987

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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The Holy Father's Prayer Intention - For Pilgrims of Hope

Let us pray that this Jubilee strengthen us in our faith, helping us to recognise the Risen Christ in the midst of our lives, transforming us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

Mass Times, Intentions & Feast Days

Sat 30	18:30	First Mass of Sunday Charles Dean RIP
THE SEASON OF ADVENT		
Sun 01	09.30	✘ FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C) Billy Aidoo Boufoua RIP Francis X Zahringe RIP
Mon 02	09.30	Albert & Mary Browne RIP Rosary
Tue 03	09.30	Saint Francis Xavier Wellbeing - Augustus Louie Gomez & family unity Rosary
Wed 04	09.30	Antoine Paraiso RIP Rosary
Thu 05	09.30	Birthday Thanksgiving - Stanley Onyewleu Rosary
Fri 06	09.30	Richard Marbaix RIP Exposition
Sat 07	09.30	Saint Ambrose People of the Parish 18:30 First Mass of Sunday Rose Zinder's intention
Sun 08	09.30	✘ SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C) In Honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary 11.00 Birthday Blessings - Nell Higgins

Prayer Requests

If you request for yourself or an immediate family member to be listed in the Parish Newsletter. Please send an email to: gregoryackron@rcaos.org.uk.

Please Pray for the wellbeing of: Henry & Philomena Hutcheon, Nkechi Roberts, Margaret Doherty, Kathleen Edkins, Patrick Watts and Germani Vemalaragni.

Please Pray for those who have died recently: Adam Taylor, Bernadette Murray, Michael Anthony Maher

Sharing the Word

We have begun a new liturgical cycle with the Season of Advent, a period of four weeks preparation for Christmas - the great feast of Our Lord's coming on earth.

Advent means arrival or coming. It entails a threefold transcendental dimension of faith;

- the living memorial of the first coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- the celebration of his spirited action in our present situation.
- the expectation of our Lord's second coming at the end of time.

The first Sunday of Advent continues from where the previous cycle ended. The 33rd Sunday of the year (cycle B) talks about the end of time as we find in our readings today. The beginning of the Gospel gives a terrifying picture of the last days. Yet the intention is not to frighten, but to alert us to a reality of the life of

faith: the Lord will come again as a judge. This is a welcome news because our liberation is near at hand.

Christmas Flowers

It is customary in this parish to make donations for the flowers and decorations for the Church at Christmas in memory of the 'faithful departed'.

The 09.30am Mass on Sunday 26th January 2025 is dedicated to them. Please mark your envelope "Christmas Flowers", and write the name (s) of those being remembered in block capitals. Please post your envelope at the parish house.

Sick & Housebound

If your neighbour or anyone you know is unable to attend mass because they are in poor health, please let Fr Gregory know and he will take them Holy Communion.

Parish Welcome & Christmas Celebration

A board is in the church foyer, starting this weekend, for those wishing to donate food and drink for the forthcoming Bring & Share celebration, after the 11am Mass on Sunday 15th December.

First Holy Communion 2025

Our next meeting is Sunday 1st December at 10am. They will make their First Holy Communion on Sunday 22nd June 2025.

Confirmation 2025

Our next meeting is Saturday 7th December at 5pm. Candidates will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday 20th June 2025.

Scam Alert

Please be aware there is a rise in scam emails targeting parishioners. These emails impersonate the parish priest, often using a similar email name and masking the real email address. They typically request you to purchase Amazon or other gift cards as gifts for the priest. Unfortunately, the diocese have received reports of parishioners falling victim to these scams, with some individuals losing up to £600 to the fraudsters.

Never purchase gift cards as gifts for the parish priest, based on an email request, unless you have verified the request directly in person or through a trusted means.

Do double-check any suspicious email by directly contacting the parish office, and never share personal or financial information in response to unsolicited emails.

Coffee Morning

Our next coffee morning in the parish house will be after 9.30am Mass on 1st December. Do come for a cuppa, biscuit and a chat.

Sacred Heart

We meet on the 3rd Sunday of every month, and our next meeting will be in the presbytery after the 11am Mass on Sunday 15th December.

All are welcome.

Last Week

Offertory: Gift Aided: £180 Not Gift Aided: £376

Mass Count: Sat (41), Sun 09.30 (81), 11.00 (87)

Second Collection

Last week: Catholic Youth Services (£320)

This week: None

Next Week: None

Donate

Gift Aid: Tax payers, please sign up, using the white envelopes at the back of the church, so we can claim 25p for every £1 donated.

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

Standing Order: Email Treasurer for details.

Cheque: Payable to 'RCAS Sydenham'

Contact

David Simpson Treasurer: sydenhamtreasurer@rcaos.org.uk

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