

Visiting the housebound: if you know of any elderly or housebound person who would like to be visited at home, please let Fr Tony know.

Advent Day of Reflection: Thursday, 6th December 2018 (9.30 for 10 am until 3 pm; closing with Holy Mass) Speaker to be announced. Niland Conference Centre, Rosary Priory, 93 Elstree Road, Bushey Heath, Watford, Herts, WD23 4EE. Suggested donation £14. Registration is required at livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk or leave a voice message at 020 7931 6078.

On **Saturday 8 December** (starting 3pm) at St. Dominic's Priory (Southampton Rd, Belsize Park, London NW5 4LB), **Westminster Youth Ministry** will be celebrating its annual diocesan Youth Mass. Led by Bishop John Wilson, young people from all parishes are welcome. The music for the Mass will be provided by Catholic artist Edwin Fawcett and the young Music Ministry scholars who spent a year preparing for this day. For more information about the Youth Mass, as well as to apply for next year's free music scholarship, visit dowym.com

Children's Christmas Party will be held in the Parish Hall on Sunday 23rd December from 11:30am to 4pm (after the 10:30am Mass). Parents are asked to bring a present for each child for Santa's sack. Each family is also requested to bring a dish to share. There will be lots of games with prizes, music, food and Santa's presents. Please see poster and food list in the Porch and Sunday School for more details.

Youth group: this group, open to all post Confirmation groups over the last three years, meets after the 10.30 Mass in the conservatory next to the presbytery.

Joyce Hassan RIP: Parishioners may remember Joyce who travelled between here and Nigeria and attended our church. She died in November and her funeral took place at the Sacred Heart, Mill Hill last Friday.

RCIA: The rite of welcome of the RCIA candidates will take place this Sunday at the 12:15pm Mass. Please keep them in your prayers.

International Liberty Association campaigns on behalf of Iranian Christians who are persecuted for their faith. They will be at the Masses next Sunday morning with a petition that parishioners may want to support.

- **Hire of the hall:** it may be possible to use the parish hall for private parties. Applications should be made by sending an email to the parish address.
- **New to the parish?:** please complete one of the blue registration cards and return to Fr Tony
- **In case you are admitted to hospital:** In light of data protection, please indicate on entering hospital that your details are to be passed to the RC Chaplain. Also state that you would like the RC Chaplain to visit you.
- **School forms:** For parents who wish Fr Tony to sign their priest's reference form: please telephone or email to arrange an appointment.
- **Getting Married:** couples are reminded that six months' notice is required for a wedding, either in this country or abroad.



St Edward the Confessor

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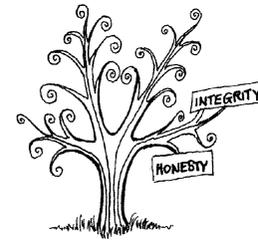
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First Sunday of Advent Year C 2nd December 2018



As Advent begins do we expect anything different? Are we awaiting the return of Christ to our world or do we think that it's very unlikely? And how do we see this second coming? A cosmic event or a gradual change in society effected by what I do and others join in with?

Texts for this Sunday's Mass

Jeremiah 33:14-16 *I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David.*

Psalm response: *To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.*

1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2 *May the Lord confirm your hearts in holiness when Christ comes.*

Luke 21:25-28.34-36 *Your liberation is near at hand*

Sunday Mass times

Saturday 6.30pm (Vigil), 9am, 10.30am, 12.15pm, 6pm

MASS SCHEDULE		
<u>Sunday 2nd</u>	9am	Anna-Maria O'Meara
1ST ADVENT	10.30am	Paulinus Mendonca
YEAR C	12.15pm	George Matthew Neale
	6pm	
<u>Monday 3rd</u>	10am	Charles Sagayam RIP
St Francis Xavier		
<u>Tuesday 4th</u>	10am	Maria Quintal
<u>Wednesday 5th</u>	10am	Jose Saul Bedoya
<u>Thursday 6th</u>	10am	Peter Dong
<u>Friday 7th</u>	10am	Michael Kaplan
St Ambrose		
<u>Saturday 8th</u>	10am	Valerie Karunaratne
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF BVM		
	6.30pm	Thanksgiving Gene & Emmie
<u>Sunday 9th</u>	9am	Paul Gibson thanksgiving
2ND ADVENT	10.30am	Grazina Bendikiene
YEAR C	12.15pm	People of the Parish
	6pm	Mandy Maher

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays 10.30-11am, 5.30 - 6pm (5-6pm during Lent) and on request.

Divine Mercy Hour Saturdays at 3pm.

- **Mass Intentions:** please write the intention on the front of an envelope with your own name and preferred date and give to Fr Tony. The week's intentions will be printed in the newsletter (as above) and the intentions for the current month will be posted in the porch.
- **Items for the newsletter** should reach the presbytery by Thursday 6pm, either by post or by email (goldersgreen@rcdow.org.uk).
- Want to receive the newsletter by email? Give us your email address.

BAPTISM COURSE

The next Baptism Course (2 sessions) will be *on Monday 28 and Tuesday 29 January 2019. Application forms in the porch (yellow).*

Collection Weekend 24/25 November 2018

Envelopes	1,017.80
Loose	955.60
Standing orders	<u>320</u>
Total	£ 2,293.4

Visiting: Between now and Christmas I'll be visiting the First Communion families. Fr Tony

Our Christmas Market to raise funds for the Mt Hagen Project will take place after all the Masses this weekend.

The Christmas Food Bank Collection this weekend.

Fire marshals: As part of a recent Health and Safety review, we were advised to find some parishioners who might go on a rota to act as fire marshals at Mass in the church. The training for this will take place in our parish hall on **Tuesday 4 December 7-9pm**. A number of parishioners have already agreed to attend this training - anyone else who would like to attend is very welcome.



Immaculate Conception

We celebrate this feast of Our Lady on Saturday 8th December. Mass at 10am.

Saturdays in Advent

Saturday 15 December 4-6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, ending with a simple Benediction at 6pm *Confessions will be heard by Fr Noel Travers.*

Saturday 22 December 4-6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, ending with a simple Benediction at 6pm *Confessions will be heard by Fr James McMahon.*

READ OF THE MONTH December 2018

The Hope of Christmas with Pope Francis: Pope Francis considers Advent and Christmas to be the first sign of hope in the flesh. We know that through the resurrection of Christ, our hope of salvation is confirmed, and the Church looks forward to the time when Christ will return in glory. Christmas is where, for all the darkness in our lives, God's light shines forth. Using the words of Pope Francis, the author shows us the different ways that hope is manifested in these weeks leading to the birth of Christ. This booklet will be available on the window sill near the CTS stand for £1 each *during December.*