

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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2nd and 3rd December 2017

Psalter Week 1

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THE ANNUNCIATION AND ST AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO CATHOLIC CHURCH

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MASS TIMES

Monday to Friday: 9:15am

Saturday: 6:00pm Vigil Mass with Hymns

Sunday: 8:30am; Said Mass

10:30am Family Sung Mass

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Mon to Fri (Except First Friday): 8:00am

MORNING PRAYERS: Monday-Friday 8.45am

ROSARY: Monday to Friday: 9:45am

1st FRIDAY ADORATION: 9:45am to 3:30pm

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 5:15pm

WEEKLY OFFICE SURGERY

Every Tuesday 4.00pm to 7.00pm

PARISH SECRETARY

Christina Arthur-Davis

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WE EXTEND A WARM WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS AND NEW PARISHIONERS

PARISH MASS BOOK

This weekend is First Sunday of Advent, Year B, page 82 in the Parish Mass Book.

RESPONSE TO THE BIDDING PRAYER

Reader: **We pray to the Lord;**

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

OUR PARISH PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

God our Father, look in love upon our homes, our families and our communities. Raise up from among us worthy priests to preach the Gospel to all peoples, to minister at your altar, and to care for your flock. Fill us all with your Holy Spirit and make us faithful and inspiring witnesses to your kingdom. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

REMEMBERING THOSE WHO ARE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Our prayers go out to those who are sick and to those who care for them especially: Frank Holmes, Catherine Simmons, Marie Avis, Mary Smith, Benedict Perrier, Tom Geiger, Bernadette Dowswell, Pamela Williams-Jones, Alan Dorey, Maria Ali, Michael Gill, Mary O'Regan, Peggy Margaret Davies, Mary Malham, Sheila Pender, Maria Obiamiwe, Gladys Baptiste and Deacon Jeff. If you know any parishioner who is ill, please let the Parish Priest know.

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES FOR DECEASED RELATIVES

Samuel Weller, Tom Costelloe, Thomas Joseph McMahon, Jane Whitham, Eileen Leavey, Bob Chambers, Irene Kainza-Olwa, Brian McInerney, Kevin Bradshaw and Steve Walton.

MASS DATES/TIMES	FEASTS	MASS INTENTIONS
Sat 2 nd Dec at 6 pm	Vigil Mass of the First Sunday of Advent (Year B)	Brian McInerney, Anniversary, RIP
Sun 3 rd Dec at 8.30 am	First Sunday of Advent (Year B)	Janet Olaoluwa Ajayi, RIP
Sun 3 rd Dec at 10.30 am	First Sunday of Advent (Year B)	Julius Olushola Ajayi, RIP
Mon 4 th Dec at 9.15 am	Feria	Blanch Hall, Bill Fennelly and Nellie & Mary Enright, RIP
Tue 5 th Dec at 9.15 am	Feria	People of the Parish
Wed 6 th Dec at 9.15 am	Feria	Macdara Keane
Thurs 7 th Dec at 9.15 am	St Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church, Memorial	Holy Souls
Fri 8 th Dec at 9.15 am	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Solemnity	Paul & Lumi Henshaw, Breakthrough and restoration
Sat 9 th Dec at 6 pm	Vigil Mass of the Second Sunday of Advent (Yr B)	Christine Emery, Anniversary, RIP
Sun 10 th Dec at 8.30 am	Second Sunday of Advent (Yr B)	Janet Olaoluwa Ajayi, RIP
Sun 10 th Dec at 10.30 am	Second Sunday of Advent (Yr B)	Julius Olushola Ajayi, RIP

COLLECTIONS	AMOUNT COLLECTED	AMOUNT GIFT AIDED
Offertory	467.00	245.00
Catholic Youth Work	126.68	75.30
2 nd Collection – 2 nd and 3 rd Dec	Church Repair	
Thank you all for your generosity		

MASS DATES/TIMES	Reader #1	Reader #2
Sat 2 nd at 6.00 pm	Teresa Tagg	Okechucks Offiah
Sun 3 rd at 8.30 am	Sheila Anderson	Bernard Bastien
Sun 3 rd at 10.30 am	Mma Ezeonyeasi	Ife Ezeonyeasi
Sat 9 th at 6.00 pm	Albert Olaloye	Bernard Bastien
Sun 10 th at 8.30 am	Ola Ajayi	Carol Roycroft
Sun 10 th at 10.30 am	Augustina Iwu	Teresa Tagg

MASS DATES/TIMES	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	
Sat 2 nd at 6.00 pm	Vivien Singleton	Maria Sullivan
Sun 3 rd at 8.30 am	Tyrone Taguiang	Kim Evans
Sun 3 rd at 10.30 am	Liz Humphrey	Lumi Henshaw
Sat 9 th at 6.00 pm	Susan Longhurst	Augustina Okonji
Sun 10 th at 8.30 am	Paddy Roycroft	Rose Nfonsam
Sun 10 th at 10.30 am	Jean Nwanko	Gloria Ezeonyeasi

TEAM DATES/TIMES	CLEANING OF THE CHURCH
B—8 th Dec Friday PM	Cynthia Igweonu, Grace McDonald, Maria White, Celine Umeh
C—16 th Dec Sat AM	Maria Ali, Maria Bridgeman, Blanadah Read Chiamaka Ebulue, Jadwiga Vargem

DATES/TIMES	ONGOING CHURCH MEETINGS AND CLASSES
Mon to Fri at 3-3.30pm	Divine Mercy Prayer and Adoration
Sunday at 10.30am	Children's Liturgy
1 st Fri 10am-3.30pm	First Friday Adoration
2 nd Thurs at 7pm	Infant Baptism Classes
2 nd & 4 th Sat at 1-2pm	Youth Meeting
2 nd & 4 th Sat at 2.10pm	Altar Servers Meeting
1 st & 4 th Thurs at 7pm	RCIA Programme
Last Sun at 5.30pm	Rosary and Benediction
Every last Sunday after 10.30 mass	Union of Catholic Mothers Monthly Meeting

PARISH CALENDAR AND PUBLICATIONS IN THE REPOSITORY

The parish calendar is available for £5. We also have the Advent 'My Day by Day' for £1 in the repository.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Children's Christmas party will take place this Sunday, 3rd December immediately after the 10.30 mass in the school hall. Tickets are £3.50 per child.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE TICKETS

The Christmas Raffle will be drawn on Sunday, 17th Dec. Get your tickets now in the repository for £1 each or £5 for a pack of 6.

CHURCHES TOGETHER

The annual Churches Together Christmas Carols on Bellingham Green will take place on Monday, 4 December at 4-6pm.

PARISH CAROL SERVICE & ANNUAL BIG CHRISTMAS DRAW

The parish will be holding its annual carol service on Friday, 22nd December at 7pm. The annual big Christmas draw will take place directly after.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Please find the annual parish Christmas cards at the back of the church.

ST AUGUSTINE JUNIOR SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT

The annual junior school Christmas carol concert will take place at the church on Friday, 15th December at 2pm prompt.

ADOREMUS: EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

The Bishops of England and Wales will hold a National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress in Liverpool next year. Eucharistic Congresses are gatherings of clergy, religious and laity which promote an awareness of the central place of the Eucharist in the life and mission of the Church. The last International Eucharistic Congress in England was held in 1908.

On Friday 7th September, there will be a Theological Symposium, with workshops for parish catechists, (especially for those involved in First Holy Communion programs), RE teachers, Hospital and Prison Chaplains, Seminary Communities and Extraordinary Ministers. The day runs from 10am to 6pm. The number of places for the Symposium will be limited please book as soon as the tickets become available.

On Saturday 8th September, there will be a six hour stage led event with two key note speakers, various presentations with music, drama, prayer and a period of adoration. This day is open to all and 10,000 people are expected.

On Sunday 9th September the Congress Masses will be celebrated at Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral followed by an outdoor procession. The numbers for the Cathedral will be limited so these also require booking. There are 22 dioceses participating and Southwark is invited to send 570 delegates.

Anyone interested in attending please discuss with your parish clergy or head teacher.

REFLECTION

Advent opens with a great cry, and a great promise: "Oh that you would tear the heavens open and come down!" is the cry, of a people who need God. "...The master is coming" is the promise, not to breed fear, but to answer our cry. Advent begins, not with thoughts of the past, with the coming of the Lord we celebrate at Christmas, but with the future, and the promise that He is coming back. We are encouraged to treat every day as the day the Lord will come; we do not do this out of fear for a Master who beats his servants, but out of love of a Master who always treats us with love and mercy. Nevertheless we must always be watchful, because we can grow sleepy and complacent, saying that we can leave this prayer or that confession or the other change in the way we live to tomorrow. Even as we look forward to the tomorrow of the Lord's coming, we must remember that it might be today !