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First Sunday of Advent

2nd/3rd December 2017

Readings: Parish Mass Book Year B, Volume 1: Page 82: Isaiah 63:16-17, 64:1, 3-8; Psalm 79; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:33-37

Next Week: Second Sunday of Advent: Page: 85: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11; Psalm 84; 2 Peter 3:8-14; Mark 1:1-8



Advent is a season of preparation for Christmas. But to understand Christmas we have to start at the beginning, with the history of our salvation.

God's plan of salvation is centred in Jesus and realised through Him. Advent looks back at the promise of his first coming, when the plan was announced, and it looks forward to his second coming when His plan will be fulfilled. It also celebrates Jesus' actual coming in time.

Let us pray this week for those people who find life difficult at this time of year as a result of bereavement, illness, worries or sadness:

We light a candle.....

God of Light and life, we light this candle for all who are struggling with issues involving physical or mental health.

We especially remember those struggling with cancer or depression; and those whose hold on life is weak. May this light remind us of the healing to be found in Christ Jesus.

We pray for all those who grieve. Lord, you know our deepest need, you understand our pain: lost dreams, lost opportunities, the separation of death. May this light remind us that we are not orphaned, we are not alone. May

God grant that in pain we may find comfort, in sorrow hope, and in death resurrection.

Our Father

Hail Mary

Glory Be

FR. JOHN

Sunday Mass: 6pm (Vigil Mass), Sunday 9am, 11am, 1pm (Polish) & 6pm.

Weekday Mass: Monday-Friday 9.30am; Saturday 12noon;

Morning Prayer: Monday-Friday 9.15am,

Novena to Our Lady: Tuesdays 10am,

Exposition and Benediction: Saturdays 11am,

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession):

Saturday 11am and 5pm

SACRAMENTS

FIRST CONFESSIONS

Please keep in your prayers our 88 children who received the sacrament of First Confession this weekend.

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

A warm welcome to Matthew Ereblin Cela and Edward James Butler who were baptised this weekend and offer our warmest congratulations to their families.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

The next session is on **Wednesday 6th December** at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre. We will look at how we celebrate the Mass. All parishioners are welcome to attend this course.

PARISH NOTICES

Christmas Liturgies

There will be a meeting for all those interested helping prepare the Christmas liturgies on Saturday 16th December at 1.15pm in the parish Centre.

PARISH MASS BOOKS – YEAR B VOLUME 1

The Parish Mass Book for Year B, Volume 1 will commence this weekend, the First Sunday of Advent.

UCM

The UCM will meet on **Monday 4th December** at 7.30pm for a Film evening with Tom. All ladies of the parish welcome.

ADVENT – CHILDREN'S WORKSHOP

On Sunday, 3rd December - 3-30pm – 5.30pm in the Parish Centre.

The workshop is for children from 4 – 12 years old. All children under 5 must be accompanied by an adult. There is a charge of £1.00 for each child. This pays for items used during the workshop.

All children must be signed in when attending the workshop.

ST LAWRENCE'S SCHOOL

We welcome the children from St Lawrence's school to the 9.30am Mass for their Gift Mass on **Wednesday 6th December.**

PRE-CHRISTMAS GET TOGETHER

Groups using the Parish Centre on a regular basis (i.e. Early Risers, Bright Sparks, over 50's, etc.) are having a pre-Christmas get together on **Thursday 7th December** in the Parish Centre from 7pm onwards. Everyone is invited to come along to a "bring and share" Christmas supper.

LINE DANCING

Hope you enjoyed the last session. The next Line Dancing Class will be on **Monday 11th December** at 7.30pm. All welcome. Cost: £4.00 per person.

CHRISTMAS CARDS AND 2018 CALENDARS

The Repository (Church Shop) has a good selection of Christmas Cards and calendars for 2018. Cards are sold by the box at £3.50 and calendars are £1.20 each. Do have a look after Mass.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

There will be a collection at the end of all Masses next weekend towards flowers for Christmas.

CAROL SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

This service organised by Lodge Brothers Funeral Service will be held in Church **on Sunday 17th December at 3.30pm.** All are invited to remember our departed loved ones at this special time of year and to light a candle for them, as well as joining in our favourite carols. Seasonal refreshments will be served afterwards.

CHURCHES TOGETHER CAROL SINGING

Churches Together will be Carol Singing at Asda on **Monday 18th December from 7pm – 8.30pm** to raise money for CRISIS.

ADVENT CONFESSIONS

Fr John will be available to hear Confessions before Christmas on: **Tuesday 19th December** - Exposition and Confessions 7.00pm-8.00pm; **Friday 22nd December** – Confessions 10.15am-11.15am and **Saturday 23rd December** – Confessions 10.00am-12.00noon.

CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY MASS

All children are invited to come dressed as a character from the Nativity – angel, shepherd, wise man, even an ox, ass or sheep! for the 6pm Mass on Christmas Eve. Please could children also prepare a birthday card for Jesus and bring it with them to the Family Mass. If you are in Year 3 or above and would like to read

at the Family Mass at 6pm on Christmas Eve please come to a rehearsal with Bridget on **Saturday 16th** at 4.30pm in the Church.

SENIOR CITIZENS PARTY

The Parish's annual Senior Citizen's "Christmas" Party will take place on **Sunday 7th January** from 12noon to 4pm. Please put your name down on the lists in the porch if you would like to come or if you can help. Details from Philomena Franklin on 020 8751 2153 or 07963 001403.

OTHER

INVITATION TO PUBLIC EXHIBITION TO DISPLAY DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS. LAND REAR OF 21 HIGH STREET, Feltham.

We received a letter in the week inviting us to attend a public exhibition at Feltham Assembly Hall, Feltham Park, Hounslow Road TW14 9DN on **Monday 4th December** from **4pm to 8pm.** Savills intend to submit a planning application for the erection of a high quality 8 storey building comprising residential units, in the car park to the rear of 21 High Street. If you are able please take the opportunity to visit this exhibition.

RECEPTION CLASS ADMISSIONS 2018

The dates and times that Fr John will be available to see families are:

Saturday 16th December from 9.30am to 10.30am

Saturday 6th January from 9.30am to 10.30am

Tuesday 9th January from 3.45pm to 5.30pm

To make an appointment to see him please put your name on one of the lists on the noticeboard in the Church porch. Make sure you bring your child with you for the appointment, along with their Baptism Certificate and the Certificate of Catholic Practice.

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the souls of **Colleen Hendly RIP and Eugenio (Danny) Da Silva RIP** who died recently. Please also keep in your prayers their families and all who mourn them. Funeral arrangements for Colleen Hendly RIP to be announced shortly.

EUGENIO (DANNY) DA SILVA RIP

His funeral will take place here on **Wednesday 6th December** at 11.20am.

Thank you for your generosity in last week's collection:

25-26 November: Envelopes £788.53; Loose: £966.32

Standing Orders: £667.00 **Total: £2,421.85**

Parish Centre: November £1,215.37

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 2 nd	9.30 – 11.45 12.00 17.00 18.00	No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament First Confessions – First Holy Communion Children Ronald Allen RIP No Sacrament of Reconciliation People of the Parish
Sun 3 rd	09.00 11.00 13.00 18.00	Romulo Pavia RIP (Anniversary) Timothy Cahalane RIP (Anniversary) Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Philip & Ann Sheridan RIP (Anniversary)
Mon 4 th	09.30	Santana Fernandes and Anthony Pereira RIP
Tues 5 th	9.30	Mrs Delaney RIP
Wed 6 th	09.30 11.20	No Morning Prayer Bridget Ward RIP (With School) FUNERAL MASS – EUGENIO (DANNY) DA SILVA RIP
Thurs 7 th	09.30	For the Intentions of Keith & Rose Marie Calmiano and Family
Fri 8 th	09.30	Ted Chapple RIP (Anniversary)
Sat 9 th	11.00 11.00 12.00 12.45 17.00 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation Sheamus O'Reilly RIP Baptisms of Alia Fernandes, Maria Labojal Meyliah and Zoe Caroline De Souza Sacrament of Reconciliation People of the Parish
Sun 10 th	09.00 11.00 13.00 18.00	Rosario Family in Thanksgiving Felicity Petrie in Thanksgiving Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Hazel Costello RIP (4 th Anniversary)
Sanctuary Lamp: Emmanuella Danladi in Thanksgiving		