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Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)

11th/12th December 2021



Readings: Parish Mass Book Year C, Volume 1: (Page87): Zephaniah 3:14-18; Isaiah 12; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:10-18

Next Week: Fourth Sunday of Advent (Page 90): Micah 5:1-4; Psalm 79; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45



Rejoice Sunday

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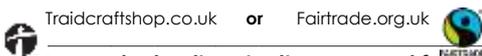
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MASS TIMES

Sunday Masses: 8.00am, 9.30am and 11.00am

Monday to Friday: 10am Mass

Saturday Morning: 11.00am Mass

Saturday Morning: Confessions: 10.00am to 10.45am
with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,

Saturday Evening: 5.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday

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Dear Friends,

It seems to me a tragedy that in human society there is a deep seated difference of opinion that exists between each other. The most important issues are often viewed in contrary ways and sometimes even in ways that are openly hostile to each other. This fact alone tells us that there has to be a huge amount of error, quite simply because opposites cannot both be true. Surely the events of the pandemic, with pro and anti vaccination opinion illustrating to us the differing points of view that we are confronted with on a daily basis. We could all be forgiven for simply asking of God in our prayer life "What must we do"?

In today's gospel John the Baptist was asked exactly the same question by the crowds, (and the tax collectors and soldiers too). It would certainly be true to state that one of the many gifts that Catholicism has given me is a healthy conscience, a voice somewhere inside me that leads me to the truth and I include with that the revealed truth of the New Testament. This is something for which I am eternally grateful. However, it would also be true to state that this truth would be meaningless without an understanding of my own starting point.

With myself, that point would have been my own baptism as an infant but for many who are reading this, that point may have come later in life. Our current and previous RCIA parishioners have certainly had to answer the "What must I do" question. So could I ask each of you on this joyous Gaudete Sunday to remember our current RCIA candidates and catechumens in your prayers as they examine their own conscience to discern themselves what they must do.

Have a blessed week

Deacon Colin

WESTMINSTER SYNODAL PATHWAY

Our thanks to all who participated in the Listening Group. For those who were unable to stay, or if you know anyone who may be interested in participating, we have put the questions on the parish website. We have also given our emails for your responses, which will be collated and sent to Westminster. Be assured that no private information will be shared. We really want to make sure that every voice is heard. Another Listening Weekend will be held in January, date to be confirmed.

Cathy Early and Janet Danladi

For those who do not have access to a computer, the following questions were put forward at the Listening Session:

- What has been your experience of "journeying together" these last eighteen months – as a parish/community?
- What strengths did I find in my faith and faith community?
- How was I disappointed or sorrowful?
- In what ways did the grace of God most clearly touch and uplift me?
- Where in these experiences does the voice of the Spirit resound?

Please put your replies in an envelope marked "Synodal Pathway" and post through the presbytery letterbox.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR SERVICES

Saturday 18 December

10.00-10.45am - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,
Confessions and Benediction

Mass **11.00am**

4.00-4.45pm Confessions

5.00pm - Vigil Mass for Sunday



Sunday 19 December - Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mass - **8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am, 1.00pm (Polish)**

Monday - Thursday 20-23 December

Mass - **10.00am** -

Friday 24 December - Christmas Eve

Mass - **10.00am** -

10.30am-12noon - Confessions

Mass - **6.00pm, 8.00pm and 10.00pm**



Saturday 25 December - Christmas Day

Mass - **8.00am, 9.30am & 11.00am**

No evening Mass



Sunday 26 December - Feast of the Holy Family

Mass ~ **8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am, 1pm (Polish)**

Monday 27 December - St. John

Mass ~ **10.00am, 1.00pm (Polish)**



Tuesday 28 - Thursday 30 December

Mass ~ **10.00am,**

Friday 31 December - 7th Day in the Octave of Christmas

Mass ~ **10.00am,**

10.30pm-11.30pm (Vigil led by the African Community)



Saturday 1st January - New Year's Day

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Mass ~ **9.30am, 11.00am, 1.00pm (Polish)**

5pm - Vigil Mass for Sunday

Sunday 2nd January - 2nd Sunday after the Nativity

Mass ~ **8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am, 1.00pm (Polish)**



Thursday 6th January - The Epiphany of the Lord

Mass ~ **10.00, 6.00pm, 7.30pm (Polish)**

NEW COVID GUIDANCE

With respect to the current situation with the Omicron variant it is important to ensure the following points are followed in our church:

- When in Church please use our phone app or sign in for track and trace
- People displaying any symptoms of Covid-19 should stay at home and not travel to church or participate in person.
- Please continue to use the hand sanitiser when attending Church.
- There is a strong recommendation for people to wear a face covering (both nose and mouth) during the act of worship unless you are exempt.
- There is good ventilation and air throughput in the building. However, because of climatic conditions, it would be important to remind to wrap up well in church!
- If you have not been vaccinated, we encourage you to get vaccinated and have the booster jab when able whenever possible.
- People who are engaged in a form of pastoral ministry which involves ministry to the housebound, sick and vulnerable, should take regular lateral flow tests to ensure they are safe to do so. These are free from the NHS.
- Please adhere to government and local guidelines and maintain social distancing. Do not linger outside or mix with people outside of your group after Mass. Go straight home
- Masses continue to be available online for those who are vulnerable or shielding or self-isolating. The Sunday Obligation is still in place.

FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS

There will be a collection for Christmas Flowers at the end of all Masses next weekend 18/19 December.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION IN ADULTS (RCIA)

Would you like to find out more about the Catholic Faith? Have you been searching for a deeper meaning for your life? Do you share your life with a Catholic, perhaps you are supporting your husband or wife bringing up your children in the Catholic Faith. If you are interested in learning more or thinking about becoming a Catholic, please call Fr John, Fr Joseph or Deacon Colin.

DO YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE WHO IS ILL OR HOUSEBOUND?

If you know of someone who is ill in hospital or at home, or elderly or housebound, please ask them if they would like someone from the parish to visit them for a chat or with Communion, so that we can offer them and their family the support of our prayers and be a tangible sign of Christ's love for them in their need. Please call Fr John, Fr Joseph or Deacon Colin.

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the souls of **Manuel Dionisio Gomes De Mendonca RIP, Alice Long RIP, Vivian Tankesley-Sawyer RIP, Bernard D'Souza RIP, Lawrence Murray RIP and Dulcie Mendes RIP** who died recently. Please also keep their families and loved ones in your prayers at this time.

Manuel Dionisio Gomes De Mendonca RIP - His Requiem will take place here on **Tuesday 14th December at 10.00am**, followed by committal at Hanworth Crematorium. **This will be the Parish Mass that day.**

Alice Long RIP - Her Funeral Service will take place at Hanworth Crematorium on **Tuesday 14th December at 1.00pm**

Bernard D'Souza RIP - His Graveside Service will take place on **20th December at 9.30am at Borough Cemetery.**

Vivian Tankesley-Sawyer RIP - Her Funeral Service will take place at Hanworth Crematorium on **Monday 20th December at 11.00am.**

Lawrence Murray RIP - His Requiem will take place here on **Wednesday 5th January at 10am.** **This will be the Parish Mass that day.**

Funeral arrangements are being made for Dulcie Mendes RIP and will be announced as soon as we hear.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 11	11am 5pm	Patrick Fitzgibbon RIP Lawrence Mascarenhas RIP (Anniversary)
Sun 12	8am 9.30am 11am	Pavia Family in Thanksgiving Joanna Braganza in Thanksgiving John Smith RIP
Mon 13	10am	Kathleen Jacob RIP
Tues 14	10am	REQUIEM MASS - MANUEL DIONISIO GOMES DE MENDONCA RIP
Wed 15	10am	Daphne D'Mello RIP
Thurs 16	10am	Januario & Piedade Pereira and Judas & Conception Martins RIP
Fri 17	10am	Ofelia Petate RIP (1st Anniversary)
Sat 18	11am 5pm	Ray Palmer and Daisy & Bernard O'Neill RIP Mary Daly RIP
Sun 19	8am 9.30am 11am	Valerio Immanuel Gomes in Thanksgiving Mary D'Souza's Intentions Thomas Cleckner RIP
Sanctuary Lamp: Intentions of Veronica Sunshine & Family		

Thank you for your generous contributions during these times. The contactless machine is available in the Church or you can use the link below
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THE PRAYER OF THE SYNOD

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.
in the communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever. Amen.

