

First Sunday of Advent (B)
Is 63: 16-17, 64:1, 3-8; Ps 79; 1 Cor 1: 3-9; Mark 13: 33-37

NO EXPOSITION IN CHURCH BETWEEN 28TH NOV. AND 6TH DEC.

Sat. 28th Nov. 2020 (Feria) (St. Catherine Labouré - who received the Miraculous Medal) 08:00-10:30am: Private Prayer 10:30am: Thomas Whelan RIP (Foy)	Sunday 29th November 2020 08:00-09:30am: Private Prayer 09:40-10:10: Children's Liturgy of the Word on ZOOM 10:30am: People of the Parish (on ZOOM)
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St. Andrew, Apostle, Patron of Scotland Mon. 30th Nov. 2020 08:00-10:30am: Private Prayer 10:30am: No Holy Mass	Tues. 1st Dec. 2020 (Feria) 08:00-09:00am: Private Prayer 9:15am: No Holy Mass
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Weds. 2nd Dec. 2020 (Feria) 08:00-10:30am: Private Prayer 10:30am: No Holy Mass	St. Francis Xavier, Priest Thurs. 3rd Dec. 2020 08:00-10:30am: Private Prayer 10:30am: No Holy Mass
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First Friday Friday 4th Dec. 2020 (Feria) (St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church) 08:00-10:30am: Private Prayer 10:30am: No Holy Mass	First Saturday Sat. 5th Dec. 2020 (Feria) First Saturday Devotions 08:00-10:30am: Private Prayer 10:30am: No Holy Mass
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Second Sunday of Advent (B)
Is 40: 1-5, 9-11; Ps 84; 2 Pet 3: 8-14; Mark 1: 1-8

Saturday 5th December 2020 No evening Holy Mass	Sunday 6th December 2020 08:00-09:30am: Private Prayer 09:40-10:10: Children's Liturgy of the Word on ZOOM 10:30am: People of the Parish (on ZOOM)
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Anniversaries of Death

Jeremiah Callahan, Loraine Fielder, Daniel Darby, Bridget Kathleen Carter, Hugh Brennan, Sarah Fisher, Philip Harris, Louisa Byrne, Francis Connolly, Helen Cooper, Victoria Nicholls, Pamela Pimenta, Marie Toomey, Eleanor McDermott, Dennis Howie, Dorothy Morrison

Stay Awake.

Advent is a time of waiting and watching for the second coming of the Lord Jesus. The Holy Spirit is our constant help that we may always be on our guard and remain awake so that we are prepared for the last day. The best preparation is a good life lived in the knowledge that God is our Father and we are the work of His hands.



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ST MARY'S CHURCH IS OPEN for Personal and Private Prayer, and Visits to Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament in the Tabernacle: EVERY DAY 08:00 to 10:30 (9.30 SUN) EXCEPT: Tuesday when the times will be 08:00 to 09:00

PLEASE SEE THE TIMETABLE ON THE BACK PAGE OF THIS NEWSLETTER.
 PLEASE SEE OPENING TIMES AT ST. ANSELM'S, WEST HILL, DARTFORD, 1.4 MILES FROM HERE AND ON THE 96, 428 AND 492 BUS ROUTES FOR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AND DEVOTIONS EVERY DAY.
 N.B. CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD ON ZOOM AT THE NEW TIME OF **09:40-10:10AM**
 FOR ZOOM CODES PLEASE CONTACT ANUSHA ON: anusha_bala@hotmail.co.uk OR TINA ON: tinapsaunders@hotmail.com

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CONFESSIONS MAY BE HEARD WHENEVER THE CHURCH IS OPEN FOR PERSONAL AND PRIVATE PRAYER AND BY APPOINTMENT, ON REQUEST. PLEASE 'PHONE OR EMAIL TO ARRANGE A REASONABLE TIME.

FATHER DAVID WRITES: "I will be "isolated" from **Friday 27th November**. **Holy Mass will be Zoomed from the Presbytery on Sunday 29th.**

On Monday 30th I undergo some surgery. Regarding the Opening of the Church, and if we come out of "Lockdown" on Tuesday 2nd December ... we are all still in "Limbo" and awaiting Governmental Instructions ... with the help of God, and your prayers please, I will be back by the next weekend: **5th/6th December**. In the mean time I recommend **ST ANSELM'S, WEST HILL, DARTFORD, 1.4 MILES FROM ST MARY'S AND A LARGE CARPARK, 96, 428 AND 492 BUSES STOP NEARBY**. There they have a full programme of two Holy Masses daily, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and Devotions.

See Website: www.stanselmsdartford.wordpress.com

CHRISTMAS FOOD HAMPERS FOR LOCAL FAMILIES IN NEED - CHURCHES TOGETHER IN CRAYFORD will be putting together a maximum of 20 Christmas Food Hampers for local families in need. These families are known to Bexley Council and will be distributed by them. Each hamper will have a value of £20.00 approx. and will be made up on the 10th December, for delivery in time for Christmas. If you would like to donate money towards this very worthy cause, it would be greatly appreciated.

Donations by 6th December please to: **'THE CHURCHES TOGETHER IN CRAYFORD'**: Account No. **30294063** at Barclays Bank; Sort code: **20-06-72** and include the reference **'SMC HAMPER'**. Thank you.

St. Catherine Labouré: The Miraculous Medal

The Catholic Miraculous Medal traces back to 1806, when a poor farmer's daughter by the name of Zoe Laboure was born. At the age of 24, she entered the Sisters of Charity and changed her name to Catherine. On 18 July of the same year, she saw a vision of the Blessed Virgin Mary, who came to her in the Chapel. Catherine and Mary supposedly spoke for more than two hours.

On 27 November 1830, Mary revisited Sister Catherine and presented a beautiful picture of herself. Catherine confessed this vision, which after investigation was deemed authentic by Catholic authorities. Sister Catherine had one final vision of Mary, during which she received even more detailed descriptions about Mary's miraculous medal.

Then Mary spoke to Catherine: "Have a medal struck upon this model. Those who wear it will receive great graces, especially if they wear it around the neck."



*Ô Marie, conçue sans péché,
priez pour nous
qui avons recours à vous.*
**"O Mary, conceived without sin,
pray for us who have recourse to thee"**

Please pray for the members of our Parish family who are sick:

Anna Idahosa, Anne McGagh, Sr Angela Valentine, Canon Jeremiah Cronin, Chandra Rawal, Chloe Mutimer, Catherine Homer. Clare Cooney, Clare Gummatt, David Hull, Fr. John Ryan, Felicity Dyer, Ian Murrell, Ivor Harper, Jackie Dawson, James Farrelly, Linda Rawlinson, Lucy Kiernan, Marie Rogerston, Pat Price, Pauline Dansey, Renee Rae, Carmella "Nina" Stafford, Tommy Cox and Veronica Francis.

The Month of December

is dedicated to the Immaculate Conception Mary from the first moment of her birth was free from inherited guilt of original sin. She was immaculate, full of grace. In fact, the only entirely sinless person in the world. This was necessary because she was to be the mother of Jesus. God had to have a worthy dwelling place for his son so it was proper that Mary would have no hand, act or part in sin.

It is the presence of Mary that allows Christ's suffering to enter and dwell in the human heart. Her life gives us comfort and great hope. We celebrate this as a fitting preparation for the Nativity. God calls each of us like Mary, to welcome Jesus and to make room for him in our lives. It is in saying "yes" like Mary that we can live His Word and carry His cross in a way that can change the world and bring about His kingdom.



The Season of Advent

The new Church year is ushered in with the Season of Advent. It is primarily a time of spiritual preparation for Christmas, the feast which celebrates the birth of Christ and the beginning of our salvation. This is a time especially blessed by God which summons us to stay awake and to prepare in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Advent is an invitation to renew our Christian commitment and to start living the life that Christ's first coming, almost 2,000 years ago, made possible in order to prepare for his final coming at the end of time.

The eternal Son of God seeks an entry into our innermost being so that he may share his life with us. He stands at the door and knocks but will not come in uninvited. This is our opportunity to welcome him and advance on our spiritual journey by walking in the light of the Lord.

Take some time to reflect this Advent

Advent is a very special season of the year—and yet it can sometimes pass us by, because we are so busy preparing for Christmas. For the past couple of years, our **Diocesan Spiritual Commission** has produced a series of short daily emails, to help us focus on the true meaning of Advent. These have been very well received, so we would like to make more people aware of them. To sign up, please visit www.southwarkdsc.org.uk.

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERINGS:

21ST/22ND NOV. 2020

Parish Collection: Gift Aid £55.00:

Catholic Youth Services: £5.00

Thank you for your generosity and your financial support, Fr David.

Our Repository - Parish Shop:

Bibles, Mass Cards, Christmas Cards, Advent Calendars, 2021 Diaries and Rosaries etc.

It can be open throughout the week before and after Private Prayer.