

Second Sunday of Advent (C) Bar. 5:1-9; Ps 125; Phil. 1: 4-6, 8-11; Luke 3: 1-6	
<b>Sat. 4th December 2021</b>  <b>5:00 - 6:00pm: CONFESSIONS</b> <b>6:00 - 6:20pm HOLY ROSARY</b> 6:30pm: Fr. Paul Sanders RIP	<b>Sunday 5th December 2021</b> 8:30am: John Seekings (Swanley Catenians) <b>09:40-10:10: Children's Liturgy            of the Word on ZOOM</b> 10:30am: People of the Parish <b>ZOOM</b>
<b>Monday 6th Dec. 2021</b> (Feria) (ST. NICHOLAS, BISHOP) <b>07:30-9:00am: Adoration</b> 08:00: Holy Rosary 9:15am: Holy Souls	<b>ST. AMBROSE, BISHOP AND            DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH</b> <b>Tuesday 7th December 2021</b> <b>(07:30-9:00am: Adoration</b> 9:15am: Gjonis Family
<b>THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION            OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b> <b>Weds. 8th December 2021</b> <b>07:30-09:00am: Adoration</b> 08:00 Holy Rosary 9:15am: Private Intention (DG) 11:00am: Holy Mass at Shalom Intentions of the Murray Family	<b>Thurs. 9th Dec. 2021</b> (Feria) (ST. JUAN DIEGO CUAUHTLATOATZIN) <b>(07:30-9:00am: Adoration</b> 08:00: Holy Rosary 9:15am: Fr. Robert Ellis RIP
<b>OUR LADY OF LORETO</b> <b>Friday 10th December 2021</b> <b>07:30-9:00am: Adoration</b> 08:00: Holy Rosary 9:15am: Anna Millionari RIP (Barker)	<b>Sat. 11th Dec. 2021</b> (Feria) (ST. DAMASUS I, POPE) 11:00am: Holy Mass at Shalom <b>12:30pm: Baptism Maddison Kidd</b>
Third Sunday of Advent (C) (Gaudete Sunday) Zeph. 3: 14-18; Ps: Is 12: 2-6. R. v.6; Phil. 4: 4-7; Luke 3: 10-18	
<b>Sat. 11th December 2021</b>  <b>5:00 - 6:00pm: CONFESSIONS</b> <b>6:00 - 6:20pm HOLY ROSARY</b> 6:30pm: Wellbeing Mick Murphy (Social Club)	<b>Sunday 12th December 2021</b> 8:30am: People of the Parish <b>09:40-10:10: Children's Liturgy            of the Word on ZOOM</b> 10:30am: Bill Redmond RIP FM <b>ZOOM</b>
ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH	
Dorothy Morrison, Joseph Frost, Winifred Burgess, Angela Cuddy, James Hewitson, Annie Hennessy, Mathew Goldfinch, Sister Mary O'Riordan, Sid Hopkins, William Snelders, Rod Rowe, Michael Collins, Mai Harris, Freda Marie Statton, Janet Lane, Joseph Towers, John Frederick Harris, Lee Birnie, Elizabeth Frost.	
CHRIST IS THE JOY WE AWAIT.	
God will bring to completion the work He has begun in us. Our love for one another will help us to be blameless when Christ will come again. Our lives on earth are a preparation for the day when the Lord comes and so we should be full of joy and expectancy.	



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 Welcome - Worship - Witness

*A voice cries in the  
 wilderness:*

**“Prepare a way  
 for the LORD,  
 make His paths  
 straight.”**



### THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

A.K.A. CONFESSIONS

NOW IN THE  
 RECONCILIATION ROOM  
 / CONFSSIONAL-  
 ON SATURDAYS

**\*\*5:00PM TO 6:00PM,\*\***

and WHENEVER  
 THE CHURCH IS OPEN,  
 and BY APPOINTMENT,  
 and ON REQUEST.  
 PLEASE PHONE OR EMAIL  
 TO ARRANGE A REASONABLE TIME.

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**SUNDAY OFFERINGS: 27TH/28TH NOVEMBER 2021**  
**Gift Aid: £205.50 Loose Plate: £149.33 - 159 attended**  
**Christmas Church Flowers:**

**Direct Debits: November 2021: £1,364.00**

Thank you for your continuing generosity in these difficult times, *Fr. David*

**THE SECOND COLLECTIONS:**

Next weekend: for the **Building Fund**

**Gift Aiders can use one of the donation envelopes, but please add your Gift Aid number, others please use one of the Square Brown Envelopes available at the Church Door. Thank you for your care and support. Fr. David**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)**

These days of Advent leading up to the celebration of Christ's birth are a time of hope and renewal. They provide us with an opportunity for strengthening and deepening our union with Christ. The Lord is close at hand but His presence cannot be felt in our lives unless we open our hearts fully and make room for Him through prayer and repentance.

**THE SEASON OF ADVENT**

We are waiting for our God standing on the doorstep of eternity. He is calling us home, offering us salvation in the person of His Son. On the first Christmas Day, He entered our world and opened the door to eternal life. This Advent let us ask the Spirit to lead us by prayer and repentance through that doorway. Then on His arrival we will be found without stain of sin and at peace.

**ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE: ST. ANSELM'S, DARTFORD**  
**Friday 17th December 2021: 4:00 - 5:00pm, and 7:00 - 8:00pm**

**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**.

**SCHEDULE OF CHRISTMAS HOLY MASSES**

<b>Christmas Eve (Fri 24th December)</b>	5:00pm	Vigil Mass
<b>Christmas Day (Sat 25th December)</b>	12:00am 8:30am 10:30am	Midnight Mass (during the Night) Mass at Dawn Mass during the Day
<b>St. Stephen's Day (Sun 26th December)</b>	8:30am 10:30am	Mass Mass

**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.



***O Mary,  
conceived without  
sin, pray for us  
who have recourse  
to you.***

**A DAY WITH MARY:**

**St. George's Cathedral Saturday 18th December 2021**

Please see notice board for further information

**St. Mary of the Crays Social Club**

**Forthcoming Events: Dates for your Diary**

**Saturday 18th December:** Christmas Celebration with Christmas Jumper competition, a prize for the best jumper.

**Saturday 22nd January 2022:** Race Night: a fun evening for all.

**Christmas opening hours**

**Friday 24th December 2021: 19:30-22:00**

**Saturday 25th December 2021: CLOSED**

**Sunday 26th December 2021: CLOSED**

**Friday 31st December 2021: 19:30-01:00**

**Saturday 1st January 2022: CLOSED**

**Sunday 2nd January 2022: 12:00-16:00**

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

Anna Idahosa, Anne McGagh, Sr Angela Valentine, Barry Alfred Colville, Bernard Glazier, Brendan Grimes, Canon Jeremiah Cronin, Chandra Rawal, Chloe Mutimer, Catherine Homer. Clare Cooney, Clare Gummett, Fr. John Ryan, Fr. Morty O'Shea, Felicity Dyer, Hermine Galibardy, Ivor Harper, Jack Pearce, Jackie Dawson, James Farrelly, Linda Rawlinson, Luc Fitzpatrick, Maria Hanks, Marie Rogerston, Maureen Saunders, Mick Murphy, Pauline White, Renee Rae, Carmella "Nina" Stafford, Tommy Cox, and **for all in the NHS and all continuing in self-isolation, quarantine, or are effected by the Covid-19 pandemic in other ways.** N. B. : PLEASE, DO YOU KNOW OF ANY ONE ELSE WHO, WITH THEIR PERMISSION, OUGHT TO BE ON THIS LIST?