



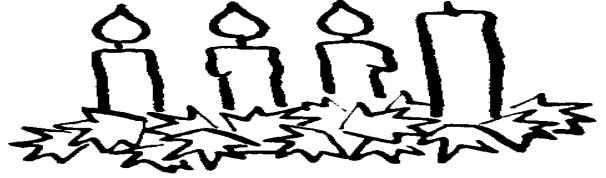
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Parish Newsletter

No: 47/2019 For Sunday
15th December 2019 (GAUDATE SUNDAY)
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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SUNDAY MASS: 9.30 am and 11.00am. Also Saturday at 6.00 pm.

WEEKDAY MASS: Tuesday at 9.00 am, other Weekdays at 10.00 am.
No Mass on Thursday

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION: 10 am and 8 pm.

CONFESSIONS: Saturday: 10.30—11 am & 5.15—5.45 pm and at call.

VARIATIONS: Please see the Weekly Diary for any changes to the above times.

MARRIAGES: Six months' notice is ordinarily required

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Father Patrick will be available for parishioner consultations after Mass on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays until 1.00pm, and then from 4.00 pm until 8.00 pm. It is not necessary to make an appointment to see him at these times. The parish office is open from 9.00 am until 1.00 pm and from 2.00 pm until 5.00 pm each Monday, Wednesday and Thurs.

Gaudete Sunday (a Latin verb that means rejoice) is the third Sunday of **Advent** and usually falls between December 11 to 17 each year. Like **Lent**, Advent is a penitential season but Gaudete Sunday serves as a mid-point break from the austere practices to rejoice in the nearness of Jesus. The priest normally wears **purple vestments**, but on Gaudete Sunday, having passed the midpoint of Advent, the Church lightens the mood a little, and the priest may wear rose or pink (which represents Joy) vestments. The change in colour provides worshippers with encouragement to continue their spiritual preparation — especially prayer and **fasting** — for **Christmas**. For the same reason of lightening the mood, the third candle of the **Advent wreath**, which is first lit on Gaudete Sunday, is traditionally pink or rose coloured.

SAVE THAT STAMP! As the Christmas cards arrive, please cut round the stamps and put them in the box in the meeting area. They will be sold to raise funds for Release International, which supports persecuted Christians and their families.

NEW PILGRIM PATH (www.newpilgrimpath.ie) is inspired by Pope Francis's enthusiasm for the internet. He urges Christians to "walk the streets of the digital highways in order to dialogue with people today and to help them encounter Christ". Each week they feature a website which may be of interest to fellow Christians. The Sisterhood of St John the Divine, a monastic community within the Anglican Church of Canada, provides beautiful [daily Advent reflections](#). In these daily Advent reflections, we have resolved to be bearers of light and bringers of joy to a world so in need of both, for we have come to know them ourselves in Christ. It is our prayer that these little embers, the lectio of our lives, will provide light for your path as we walk one another home."

LUCA REDDY writes

This summer, I participated in the Akenkan project, a charitable project, involving the publishing of bespoke children's books. These were delivered to Ghanaian children of varying ages, along with various educational resources - some of which were generously donated by members of the parish. In the schools that these resources were donated to, I taught English for two weeks, to children from ages 7 to 16 in classes of around 40 students. The local people were ever welcoming, with a trail of children following us wherever we went and extremely grateful for the resources we provided them with. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who supported the cause through their donations and am extremely grateful to have been able to participate in this once in a lifetime opportunity.

CHRISTMAS CRIB COLLECTION

This Christmas our Crib Offering will be donated to the Catholic Children's Society's Southwark Crisis Fund. This fund provides emergency grants for children and families in our Archdiocese who are facing a crisis in their lives. Every single penny donated to the Crib will be given out via these grants.



Also welcome are donations of Christmas gifts which are distributed to families living in poverty (please see poster on noticeboard in the front porch). Please visit www.cathchild.org.uk for more information

SCHOOL REFERENCES: Would parents who will need a priest's reference for a school place please bring your forms to the office after-Mass on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays until 1.00pm, or from 4.00 pm until 8.00 pm on any day except Thursday. Please phone prior to your visit so that Father Patrick knows to expect you.

Traidcraft Stall will be open this Sunday 15th December between the 9.30am and 11am Masses.

***Holy Father's prayer intention for December** That every country determine to take the necessary measures to make the future of the very young, especially those who suffer, a priority.*

Diary for the Week STARTING Sunday 15th December 2019
THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT
Gaudete Sunday

SUNDAY	6.00 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am	Saturday (Vigil) Mass Family Mass Youth Mass
MONDAY	9.00 am 10.00 am	Feria Morning Prayer & Adoration Holy Mass
TUESDAY	9.00 am 8.00 pm	Feria Holy Mass Renewal Home Group
WEDNESDAY	9.00 am 10.00 am 8.00 pm	Feria Morning Prayer & Adoration Holy Mass Bible Study Home Group
THURSDAY	9.00 am 10.00 am 6.15 pm	Feria Holy Mass Mums & Toddlers Youth Choir Practice
FRIDAY	10.00 am	Feria Holy Mass Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 10am to 8pm.
SATURDAY	10.00 am 6.00 pm	SAINT PETER CANISIUS, PRIEST & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH Holy Mass Vigil Mass of Sunday
NEXT SUNDAY (4th Sunday of Advent)	5.00 pm	Carols by Candlelight: Joint Carol Service at the Good Shepherd Church

MASS TIMES FOR CHRISTMAS DAY WILL BE:

Christmas Eve

6pm Christmas Vigil Mass

12pm Midnight Mass (Carols from 11.30pm)

Christmas Day

9.30 am Family Mass (Carols from 9.15 am with Folk Choir)

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR: Connie Harrington, (Lynn Pougher's mother), Angel Bridi, John Ryan (Richard Thomson's brother-in-law), Steven Conroy, Paul Field (Father Kevin's Nephew), Mike Nolan, Laura Bannon (Mia's Mother), Stephen Martin, Joe Ryan, Juliana Amaral, Nina Greenoak & Lauren Horwood (Juliana's granddaughters), Jackie Sweeney & Ray Sweeney (Ita Haines' sister-in-law's sister-in-law & son-in-law), Liz Beddoe (Lynn Pougher's sister-in-law), Nora Chapman, Margaret Fox, Angela Kelly and Roger & Adrienne Stokes (Peter's brother and sister-in-law), Catherine Roberts and Theresa Fox.

LATELY DEAD: Patricia Geoghegan, Brendan Hargreaves (Nuala Llewellyn's brother) .

FIRST ANNIVERSARY: Andrew Schembri (Carol Moore's father)

ANNIVERSARIES: Fr Philip Wetz, James Tucker, Kathleen Tully, Clare Kotui (Sheila Sharp's aunt), Harry McEvoy (Eamonn O'Domhnaill's uncle) Angela Ley, Nora Keigher (Joanna Conner's aunt) Annie Daly, Clara Carter, Fr Kevin Pelham (Parish Priest of St Margaret's for 25years) Marianayagi Saverimuttu (Grace Singarajah's cousin), Vivienne Mok, Norman Waldron, Rebecca Todd, Harry Wylie, Patsy Tierney (Bride Stokes' brother), Rosa-Maria Dias (Sandra Allen's grandmother), Keith Hargreaves, Gertrude Fleming, Lillian Gosling, Vincent Papaleo (Vincent Zichella's godfather), Kath Togwell (Fr. Kevin's aunt), Darryl Deas and Alice Haylett (Fr. Stephen's grandmother).

LAST SUNDAY: The attendance last Sunday was 262 and the Offertory came to £539.87 shared between £248.57 in loose money and £291.30 in Gift Aid envelopes. The retiring collection for the Christmas tree and flowers came to a total of £254.54. Many thanks for your generosity.

The Sutton Prayer Group. We will next meet on Monday 16 December at 8pm at St Christopher's Church, Dallas Road, Cheam. In this busy Christmas period do come and join us in prayer as part of your preparation.

London SW Catholic Social Group is a social group for young Catholics which meets every month. For further details visit their Facebook page, email londonsw catholic-social@gmail.com or contact Brendan on 07884071515.

SAINT MARGARET'S ALMANAC

22nd December CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT (JOINT SERVICE WITH THE GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH AT 5.00 pm)

18th to 25th January 2020 WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY*

25th January 2020 WINTER FAIR

* CHRISTIAN UNITY SERVICE at HOLY CROSS, @ 7.30pm on 22nd January 2020, details to follow