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**Newsletter for the week commencing 9th December 2018**

**Second Sunday of Advent (C)**

**Today’s Readings:**

**First Reading:** Baruch 5: 1 – 9

Baruch urges the Jerusalemites to exchange their garments of mourning for the robes of glory and justice that will come from God. They are told to look eastwards and see the exiles returning home.

**Psalm 125:** Vigil Mass 18.00/Sunday 08.30 **What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed, we were glad.**

Sunday 10.30 **God has done great things for us, filled us with laughter and music;**

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**Second Reading:** St. Paul to the Philippians 1: 3 – 6, 8 – 11

Paul abounds in joy as he prays for the Philippian community. His great joy is on account of the gospel taking roots among the Philippians.

**Gospel Reading:** Luke 3: 1 - 6

Luke places the ministry of John the Baptist within the world history and accurately names the political and religious heads of the time as time indicators)

**During the Offertory at the 10.30 Mass, we listen to the choir sing the carol "A tender shoot" by Otto Goldschmidt (1829-1907 -Goldschmidt was the husband of the famous soprano, Jenny Lind.)**

Father John writes:

I would like to thank all who ‘held the fort’ during my absence and attended to the vital needs of the parish. Thanks for all the ‘get well cards’ and bottles of alcoholic medicine! I discovered that I am not good at waiting for the body to heal. I am impatient and expect it to heal almost immediately. The period of Advent is all about ‘waiting’ patiently’. The Old Testament part of the Bible is about God’s People waiting patiently for the coming of their Messiah. In our Gospel reading this Sunday John the Baptist is ‘a voice crying in the wilderness, …prepare the way of the Lord…’ Part of our formation as Christians is to pray confidently but also with patience “thy kingdom come”.

**Your Prayers are asked for**

**Those ill or infirm –**

Patricia Hook, Ellie Lawrence, Anne Bryant and David Lloyd-Thomas

Remember that parishioners who would like to be on the sick list must give their permission themselves or via another parishioner for this to comply with the GDPR. Do let Father John or Patricia know.

**Those, whose anniversaries of death occur at this time –**

Barbara Beresford, Gwladys Webbe-Wood , Kieran McNamara, Roy Sturdy, Norman Blackman, Nancie Gribble, Elisabeth Berardi-Cools, John Hannington, Violet Banie, Hella Reed, Mary Ann Roberts and Norah Pillano.

**Second SUNDAY OF ADVENT (c ) 2018**

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| **Day** | **Date** | **Feast** | **Time/Detail** |
| Saturday | 8th December | Feast of the Immaculate Conception | Reconciliation 10.00 to 10.45  18:00 Vigil Mass of Sunday - Nathaniel Kennell RIP |
| Sunday  (Bible Sunday) | 9th December | **2nd Sunday of Advent** | 08:30 Mass - Michael Edwards RIP  10:30 Mass - Roy Sturdy RIP |
| Monday | 10th December | Feria | 10:00 Mass - Welfare of the Morrison family |
| Tuesday | 11th December | St Damasus 1 | 10:00 Mass |
| Wednesday | 12th December | Our Lady of Guadalupe | 10.00 Mass followed by  Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament |
| Thursday | 13th December | St. Lucy | 09.00 Mass |
| Friday | 14th December | St. John of the Cross | 10:00 Mass followed by  Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament |
| Saturday | 15th December | Feria | Reconciliation 10:00 to 10:45  18:00 Vigil Mass of Sunday - Elizabeth Gormley RIP |

**Next Sunday (16th December) – second collection for the flowers for Christmas!**

**Feast of the Immaculate Conception**  
  
On 8th December, in Lyon, France, it is the tradition to place votive candles on window sills once evening comes and darkness descends. The whole city is illuminated in honour of our Lady. One of our parishioners, who was born in Lyon, suggested that we too honour Mary, and light a candle.  
  
Everyone will be invited to take a candle home and light it to entrust their family to the protection of our Lady. In particular, we will pray for strong marriages.

Four couples in the parish have agreed to find out about Cana Welcome, which is a programme to enrich marriages, and led by the Chemin Neuf Community. If you too, would be interested, please email: [christine\_burrows@icloud.com](mailto:christine_burrows@icloud.com) or telephone [01580 292922](tel:01580%20292922).

#### "On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus’ mother was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding.

#### John 2:1-2

#### Please check your rotas or the list in the porch for next week’s responsibilities.