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**Newsletter for the week commencing 2nd December 2018**

**First Sunday of Advent (C)**

**Today’s Readings:**

**First Reading:** Jeremiah 33: 14 – 16

Prophet Jeremiah announces that the Messiah will be a descendant of David and he will act with justice and fairness.

**Psalm:** 18.00 and 08.30: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul

10.30: To you, O Lord, I lift my soul; to you I lift my soul.

**Second Reading:** St. Paul to the Thessalonians 3: 12 – 4: 2

In view of the imminent return of the Lord, Paul exhorts the Thessalonians to abound in neighbourly charity so that they may present themselves holy before the Lord.

**Gospel Reading:** Luke 21:25-28,34-36

Jesus predicts that his future coming will be preceded by unmistakable signs like the roaring of the sea and the waves. Since his future coming will be sudden, vigilance is necessary.

At the 1030 Mass during the Offertory the choir will sing the carol "Remember, O thou man" (from Thomas Ravenscroft's "Melismata" of 1611)

Canon Michael Bunce is kindly covering all Masses again this weekend whilst Fr. John convalesces after a successful operation.

**Father John writes:**

I am very grateful indeed to Canon Michael Bunce who is standing in for me for the two weekends while I am recovering from my op. I am sorry not to be with you for our parish patron’s feast day of St. Andrew (30th November). Deacon Jolyon will be back from his annual retreat on Saturday 1st December and so he will field any questions etc. until my recuperation finishes on Friday the 7th December.

**Your Prayers are asked for**

**Those recently deceased -**

Marie Witham.

**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 –** Ethel Currie, Rose Hewer-Hearst, Edith Margaret Corbett, Alex Mickle, Elizabeth de Blaby, Agnes Finnan, Nora Cregan, Francis Kelly, Ann Collins and Nat Kennell.

**Next week’s services:**

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| **Day** | **Date** | **Feast** | **Time/Detail** |
| Saturday | 1st December | 1st Sunday of Advent | 18:00 Vigil Mass of Sunday |
| Sunday | 2nd December |  | 08:30 Mass  10:30 Mass people of the parish |
| Monday | 3rd December | St Francis Xavier (Day of prayer for migrants) | 10:00 Service of the Word & Holy Communion |
| Tuesday | 4th December | Feria |  |
| Wednesday | 5th December | Feria | 11.30 Requiem Mass for Marie Witham |
| Thursday | 6th December | St Nicholas |  |
| Friday | 7th December | St Ambrose | 10:00 Service of the Word & Holy Communion followed by  Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament |
| Saturday | 8th December | Immaculate Conception of Our Lady | 9.30am Mass Reconciliation 10:00 to 10:45  18:00 Vigil Mass of Sunday |

**Next week’s responsibilities**

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| **December 8/9 Second Sunday of Advent ( C )** | | |  |
|  | **18:00 Saturday** | **08:30 Sunday** | | |
| **Reader** | Charles Ortner | Tony Mallet | | |
| **Extra-ordinary Ministers** |  | Michael Payne  Maria Milton | | |
| **Advent Wreath** | Breeda |  | | |

A message from Bishop Paul:

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’re so busy preparing for Christmas. For the past couple of years, our diocesan Spirituality 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](http://www.southwarkdsc.org.uk/)

Ladies Coffee Morning – Thursday at 11.30 in the hall.  
**6th December**.-  Jolyon will talk about his enjoyment of playing the harp.  
This will be the last meeting before Christmas and restart will be Thursday 24th January at 11.30 for coffee and discussion. Happy Christmas from Jose Payne.

**Advent Wreath Workshop reminder**

**Sunday, 2nd December**, 2018 after the 10.30 mass to be held in the Parish Room. **All Welcome!**

The Christmas Tree Festival held in Zion Baptist Church was very successful and attracted over 850 visitors. Our entry, devised and constructed by Kathy Gibbs, was favourably commented on. Next year WE WIN!