



2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

4TH – 10TH DEC. 2022

NEWSLETTER

SACRED HEART

Year C | Psalter Week 3

BE HOPEFUL

My dear brothers and sisters, the season of advent is a season of continuous preparation and expectancy for the coming of Jesus Christ at Christmas. This season allows us to prepare and expect him both inwardly and outwardly. As Christians, there is a strong virtue and characteristic that we need to uphold. This virtue is HOPE.

“Hope is a theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness, placing our trust in Christ’s promises and relying not on our own strength, but on the help of the grace of the holy spirit.” (CCC 1817). The virtue of hope responds to the aspiration to happiness which God has placed in the heart of every man.

So today, in the first reading, Isaiah prophesied of the Lord’s coming in unequivocal terms. He equally described the qualities and marks of this promised king. First, he shall be filled with the spirit of God. He shall be a man of integrity, judge with equity and righteousness, and respect his people.

What a great hope the prophet brings us this season! Isaiah reminds us that the future is bright in Christ, our Messiah. He promises that he shall be different from other kings and that his reign shall bring us freedom from evil and oppression. It shall bring us peace with God and with one another. It shall strengthen our unity despite our diversities.

In the second reading, Paul continues with the same message of hope for all nations. He reminds us: “Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope.” It is this same hope that sustains us this season. It will keep us united in faith, prayer, and love until what is written in the scriptures is fulfilled at the end of this season. Hence, following the scriptures, Paul exhorts us to rejoice and praise God for what he is about to do. He concludes with the same message from Isaiah: “The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the nations; in him, the nations shall hope.”

In today’s gospel, the appearance of John the Baptist is also a message of hope that the coming of the Messiah is near. However, it brings an important message to us: “Repent for the kingdom of heaven is near!” Also, he employed the prophecy of Isaiah to exhort us to: “prepare the way of the Lord and make his path straight!” The message of John this Sunday underscores the importance of this season. It is a time not just for material preparation. Instead, it is a time of retreat and deep reflection on the mystery God is about to reveal to the world. It is a time of cleaning up and levelling the rough edges of our lives with the hope of receiving our Lord in a beautiful state of mind and body. It suffices to remind us here that John’s message is another way of telling us that: “Without holiness, no one will see the Lord” (Heb 12:14).

Repentance, reconciliation, and holiness of the heart are the prerequisites for justifying our hope at the end of this season. Therefore, let us rid ourselves of everything hindering us from receiving Christ this season. Considering this, the church encourages us to take advantage of the sacrament of reconciliation to prepare ourselves to receive our Lord and King.

READINGS

FIRST READING

ISAIAH 11:1-10

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 71(72):1-2,7-8,12-13,17

SECOND READING

ROMANS 15:4-9

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 3:1-12

LEARN

**“Jerusalem,
arise and
stand upon
the heights,
and behold
the joy which
comes to you
from God.”**

BARUCH 5:5;4:36



SACRED HEART OF JESUS — CAMBERWELL

(Served by the Vincentians)

Archdiocese of Southwark

2ND SUNDAY IN ADVENT - Year A

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SUNDAY MASSES

6:00pm (Sat)

10:00am 12:00 Noon * 6:00pm

* with Children's Liturgy

3:00pm (KCH chapel)

CONFESSION:

Sat: 10.30am - 10.45am

5.00pm - 5.45pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Sunday 4:30 - 5:30pm

Friday 7:30 - 8:30pm

MORNING PRAYER

Monday - Friday 8:45am

Saturday 9:45am

ROSARY

After weekday Masses

PRAYER GROUPS

SACRED HEART ASSOCIATION:

Friday: 6.00pm

1st Friday 7:30pm

OUR LADY & DIVINE

MERCY:

Thursday 5:30 pm

LEGION OF MARY SENIORS:

Thursday 7.00pm

LEGION OF MARY JUNIOR

PRAESIDIUM:

Sunday After 12Noon Mass

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC

RENEWAL

Saturday 7pm

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

SUN. 4TH DEC SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

6.00PM SYLVIA & ASHLEY BASTIAN PRAYING FOR THEIR CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN

10.00AM KATHLEEN R.I.P
PRISCILLA & CLAYTON BIRTHDAY THANKSGIVING
JOSDHUA'S 10TH BIRTHDAY

12.NOON MRS THERESA ADAFOR ONOWOCHEI ONE YEAR MEMORIAL
BIRTHDAY THANKSGIVING FOR AMANI GNAMIEN
CLARE ABRAFI AMISSAH 4TH BIRTHDAY (ON 1ST DEC)

6.00PM

MON. 5TH DEC FERIA
9.00 AM CALLISTA AMARACHI OKAFOR INTENTIONS

7.00PM

TUES. 6TH DEC FERIA
9.00AM CALLISTA AMARACHI OKAFOR INTENTIONS

7:00PM

WED. 7TH DEC SAINT AMBROSE
9. 00AM A B BAZHAYE MERCY & FAVOUR
CALLISTA AMARACHI OKAFOR INTENTIONS

7.00PM SANDRA ASARE BIRTHDAY THANKSGIVING

THUR 8TH DEC THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

9.00AM CALLISTA AMARACHI OKAFOR INTENTIONS
NDUBUISI ANI'S 29TH BIRTHDAY & REMBERANCE OF HIS FRIEND JESSE DYER

7.00PM

FRI. 9TH DEC FERIA
9.00AM CALLISTA AMARACHI OKAFOR INTENTIONS

7.00PM

SAT. 10TH DEC FERIA
10.00 AM

MISSION STATEMENT

We, the Parish community of Sacred Heart, Camberwell celebrates the presence of Christ in our lives. Central and true to our name, we celebrate, we stand, and we dedicate our lives, witnessing to the unending love and friendship of God, through His beloved Son, in whose Heart of love we find daily strength for our journey. We are a catholic community, diverse and multicultural. Everyone has a voice and everyone is welcome. We strive to make visible, God's love and care for the world in word, sacrament, and service to all. Nourished by the sacraments and in our diversity, we strive to create a supportive parish family that fosters communication. We use our talents as responsible stewards-accountable to God, to our neighbour, to our community and to the world at large.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

ISAIAH 30: 19,30

O people of Sion, behold,
the Lord will come to save the nations,
and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard
in the joy of your heart.

FIRST READINGS

ISAIAH 11:1-10

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse,
a scion thrusts from his roots:
on him the spirit of the Lord rests,
a spirit of wisdom and insight,
a spirit of counsel and power,
a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.
(The fear of the Lord is his breath.)
He does not judge by appearances,
he gives no verdict on hearsay,
but judges the wretched with integrity,
and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land.
His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless,
his sentences bring death to the wicked.
Integrity is the loincloth round his waist,
faithfulness the belt about his hips.
The wolf lives with the lamb,
the panther lies down with the kid,
calf and lion feed together,
with a little boy to lead them.
The cow and the bear make friends,
their young lie down together.
The lion eats straw like the ox.
The infant plays over the cobra's hole;
into the viper's lair
the young child puts his hand.
They do no hurt, no harm,
on all my holy mountain,
for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters swell the sea.
That day, the root of Jesse
shall stand as a signal to the peoples.
It will be sought out by the nations
and its home will be glorious.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PSALM 71(72):1-2,7-8,12-13,17

R. In his days justice shall flourish, and peace till the moon fails.

O God, give your judgement to the king,
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice
and your poor in right judgement. **R.**

In his days justice shall flourish
and peace till the moon fails.
He shall rule from sea to sea,
from the Great River to earth's bounds. **R.**

For he shall save the poor when they cry
and the needy who are helpless.
He will have pity on the weak
and save the lives of the poor. **R.**

May his name be blessed for ever
and endure like the sun.
Every tribe shall be blessed in him,
all nations bless his name. **R.**

SECOND READING

ROMANS 15:4-9

Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was meant to teach us something about hope from the examples scripture gives of how people who did not give up were helped by God. And may he who helps us when we refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant with each other, following the example of Christ Jesus, so that united in mind and voice you may give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The reason Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews was not only so that God could faithfully carry out the promises made to the patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory to God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place: For this I shall praise you among the pagans and sing to your name.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

LUKE 3:4,6

Alleluia, Alleluia!
Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight,
and all mankind shall see the salvation of God.
Alleluia

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 3:1-12

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said:

A voice cries in the wilderness:

Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight.

This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins.

But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father," because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones.

Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Replenished by the food of spiritual nourishment,
we humbly beseech you, O Lord,
that, through our partaking in this mystery,
you may teach us to judge wisely the things of earth
and hold firm to the things of heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

NOTICES OF THE WEEK

PARISH FINANCE: WEEKLY DONATIONS

Donations can be paid into the Parish Account:
Sacred Heart Church Camberwell.
Sort Code: 60-50-01
Account Number: 79102409

PARISH FINANCE COLLECTION

First collection amounted to £667.77 Gift Aid amounted to £412.13,
Second collection amounted to £225.33 not including standing orders.

FROM THE FINANCE DESK

We can now register our gift aid envelope online by picking a form from the parish website. After the details are entered, kindly email to: camberwellfinance@rcaos.org.uk

GIFT AID ENVELOPES

Gift aid envelopes for one off donations: we have now gift aid envelopes for anyone wishing to make a one off donation to the church. Please speak to any priest or pick up one from the sacristy. Additionally, New donors are welcome to sign up for the gift aid.

SECOND COLLECTION

Our second collection today is for parish needs. Thank you for your generosity.

2. MASS BOOKING ENVELOPES

Envelopes for booking mass are available at both entrances of the church.

3. THANKSGIVINGS

Please inform a priest if you are having a thanksgiving at any mass

4. ARCHBISHOP'S APPEAL

Please return the envelopes for the Archbishop's appeal.

5. STANDING ORDER

Do you wish to set up a standing order for our parish? It is one of the ways of supporting the church financially. The standing order form is available. Ask a priest or an usher.

6. SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Thursday 8th December is the solemnity of the IMMACULATE CONCEPTION of our Mother. We shall have 60 minutes with Mother Mary from 5.55pm to 6.55pm. You are invited; please be there.

7. AUXILIARY BISHOP

The holy Father, Pope Francis, has appointed an Auxiliary bishop for the archdiocese of Southwark. He is Monsignor Philip Moger. Until his appointment, he was the Rector of the National Shrine of our Lady of Walsingham. Let us pray for him in his new ministry.

8. UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS MEETING

The Union of Catholic Mothers (UCM) will be holding their monthly meeting today after the 12 pm mass. Endeavour to attend. New members are welcome to join.

THANK YOU PARISH VOLUNTEERS

We thank those who are doing bits and pieces to keep our parish going. Everyone is encouraged to be actively involved in the life of the parish. You can be a reader, a server at mass, a steward, a cleaner, and a singer. There is room for everyone. If you wish, you can also make extra Financial contribution for the good of our parish.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

1. SUNDAY AND FRIDAY

The Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will hold every Sunday 5pm to 6.45pm and on Friday from 9.45am to 6.45pm. Our Lord says, "Could you not stay awake with me for even an hour"? (Matthew 26:40). Make out time to stay with the Lord.

9. ADVENT SEASON

A free short reflection brought to you each day of Advent: Advent can be such a busy demanding time, but we encourage you to make some space to reflect and pray this advent.

Sign up for our free Southwark Diocesan 'daily advent reflections' to aid your prayer. Every day during advent you will receive an email with a very brief thought for the day based on the daily reading. It is an opportunity to listen to God's invitation to you this advent. All you have to do is sign up and then set aside a couple of minutes each day to reflect! Sign up via the Commission web site: <http://www.southwarkdsc.org.uk/> clicking on the Advent Reflection box. Alternatively, if you are viewing this online, you can sign up directly by clicking here: <https://southwarkdsc.us11.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=a3e1dce7f8f666e9d64edd867&id=4f880b3b9c>

10. CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Our Episcopal vicar, Canon Victor Darlington is inviting everyone for a Christmas carol on Sunday 11th December, time: 7.30 pm at St Peter's Woolwich.

11. 40 HOURS EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

There will be 40 hours Eucharistic adoration at Our Lady of Sorrows Peckham from Monday 5th December at 7pm to Wednesday 7th at noon. Check the noticeboard for detail.

12. ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

If you are interested in joining Saint Vincent De Paul society, write your name and contact on the paper at the back of the church.

13. FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

First Holy Communion programme has begun in the parish. There is still opportunity to register your child. Interested parents should come on Saturday at 9am to meet the catechist.

14. SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

The first meeting of candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation will be held in the hall on Friday 9th December at 6pm. For enquiries please speak to a priest or send an email to camberwell@rcaos.org.uk.

15. PERSONAL BELONGINGS

Please, remove all unused personal items from the church premises and space. The council will be contacted to remove them in the next two weeks as bulk waste.

16. MARRIAGE COURSE

Marriage course is on in our parish. Anyone interested in joining should email the parish on camberwell@rcaos.org.uk or call 02072741908 to book an appointment.

17. DAILY BIBLE READING DURING ADVENT

Our daily bible reading for Advent continues this week. We are reading the gospel according to St Matthew. Today is Day 8 and we are reading chapter 8. Everyday we read a chapter in this gospel.

18. ADVENT RETREAT

Our Advent retreat will be held on Thursday 15 December with the 7pm mass.