



1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

28TH NOVEMBER – 4TH DECEMBER, 2021

NEWSLETTER

SACRED HEART

Year C • 1ST Sunday of Advent •
Psalter Week 1

THE NEED FOR VIGILANCE ON THIS FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Today is the first Sunday of Advent, which is also the first Sunday of the new liturgical year. The Advent season includes the four Sundays that precede Christmas. Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord.

In this season, we recall two central elements of our faith: the final coming of the Lord in glory and the incarnation of the Lord in the birth of Jesus. The key themes of the Advent season are watchful waiting, preparation, and justice.

In this new liturgical year, the Gospel of Luke will be the primary Gospel proclaimed (Lectionary Cycle C). Today's Gospel is taken from the last chapter before the passion narrative in which Jesus is teaching in the Temple. We hear Jesus speak to his disciples about the need for vigilance and prayer as they wait for the coming of the Son of Man in glory. This passage marks the conclusion of a lengthy dialogue in which Jesus predicts the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem, warns about the persecution and tribulations to follow, and identifies the signs that will signal the coming of the Son of Man in glory.

The community for whom Luke wrote his Gospel may have believed that they were already experiencing some of the events Jesus described. Most scholars believe that Luke's Gospel was written after the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in 70 A.D. At the time, many Christians interpreted this event as an indication that Jesus' second coming was near.

Though Jesus predicts a time of destruction and fear, Jesus indicates that others will be frightened; Jesus' disciples are not to fear, but are to stand tall. Yet Jesus does not promise deliverance from anxiety or tribulations. He encourages his disciples to pray for strength. The early Christian communities did not find consolation in the promise of a utopia, nor should we. Instead, we find in our Christian faith the means by which we witness to God's unfailing love for us in all circumstances.

Jesus' predictions about the end times may sound dire, but in the next paragraph Luke tells us that people woke early to listen to Jesus' teaching in the Temple area. In his person and in his message, those who heard Jesus found strength and consolation. Like the first Christians, we may encounter events and circumstances that could lead us to despair. Through prayer, however, we find strength and consolation in Jesus' words and in his continuing presence with us to endure all things and to witness to the action of God in our world.

So be vigilant and to pray means to be aware of the gifts all around us, and be that gift for others. So with the psalmist, we pray: "To you O Lord, I lift up my soul. Your ways, O Lord, make known to me; teach me your paths."

READINGS

FIRST READING

JEREMIAH 33:14-16

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 24(25):4-5,8-9,10,14

SECOND READING

1 THESSALONIANS 3:12-4:2

GOSPEL

LUKE 21:25-28,34-36

REFLECTION

[Jesus]
calls His
hearers to
conversion
and faith,
but also to
watchfulness

LUKE21:34-36 / CCC2612



SACRED HEART OF JESUS – CAMBERWELL

Archdiocese of Southwark
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - Year C

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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
Eucharistic 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

Catholic Charismatic Renewal

Saturday 7pm

St. John Bosco Junior Altar Servers

Tuesdays 5.30pm

Adult Altar Servers

Sunday after 11.30am Mass

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 28TH NOV.

6.00PM

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

FLORENCE EJIMOGU, RIP, FOKOUA ROBERT, RIP

10.00AM

ALL SOULS DEPARTED. PEOPLE OF THE PARISH. EVELYN OYERONKE MARTINS-TAILOR, RIP. FLORENCE ABIWU, RIP.

12.NOON

DECEASED RELATIVES OF BENN & ASARE FAMILIES. EMMANUEL EZUKWO, RIP. STELLA AMACHREE, BIRTHDAY THANKSGIVING. JOME UMKORO, SPECIAL INTENTIONS. ANN MULHAL, SICK. KATHLEEN MULLIN, SICK. DIVINE LOVE CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL, IN THANKSGIVING TO GOD FOR A SUCCESSFUL TRIDUUM.

6.00PM

DEPARTED FAMILY MEMBERS OF EMMANUEL & MADELEINE PEMKAMLA. A DONOR'S INTENTIONS. JULIUS IWEKA, BIRTHDAY THANKSGIVING

MONDAY 29TH NOV.

9.00 AM
7.00PM

FERIA

AVA MARIA DE SOUZA, RIP. A DONOR'S INTENTION
JOME UMUKORO, SPECIAL INTENTION

TUESDAY 30TH NOV

9.00AM
7.00PM

FEAST OF ST. ANDREW, APOSTLE

ALICE SOARES DA COSTA, RIP. A DONOR'S INTENTION.
DECEASED FAMILY MEMBERS OF PHIL JARIKRE.
JOME UMUKORO, SPECIAL INTENTION.

WEDNESDAY 1ST DEC

9.00AM
7.00PM

FERIA

CHRISTINA QUIGLEY BIRTHDAY RIP. PRSICILLA DAVIES AND SON CLAYTON, BIRTHDAY THANKS. & GOD'S GUIDANACE ON THE FAMILY. A DONOR'S INTENTION.

HOLY SOULS

THURSDAY 2ND DEC

9.00AM
7. 00PM

FERIA

MARY GUINEA. A DONOR'S INTENTION
OGHENEFEKA DJAGBO BIRTHDAY THANKS.

FRIDAY 3RD NOV

9.00AM
7.00PM

MEMORIAL OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

BARR. CHUKWUDI ONUZO, RIP. A DONOR'S INTENTION
PRINCE AFAM ORIZU, QUICK RECOVERY

SATURDAY 4TH NOV

10.00 AM
6.00PM

FERIA

MAUREEN FOSTER, RIP. A DONOR'S INTENTION
SYLVIA & ASHLEY BASTIAN, PRAYING FOR BLESSINGS ON THE CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN. PHIL JARIKRE, SPECIAL INTENTIONS.

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.

Rev Fr Victor Darlington .

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

PSALM 24: 1-3

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.
In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.
Nor let my enemies exult over me;
and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

FIRST READINGS

JEREMIAH 33:14-16

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah:

‘In those days and at that time, I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David, who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land. In those days Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell in confidence. And this is the name the city will be called: The-Lord-our-integrity.’.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 24(25):4-5,8-9,10,14

R. To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul .

Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. **R.**

The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
He guides the humble in the right path,
He teaches his way to the poor . **R.**

His ways are faithfulness and love
for those who keep his covenant and law.
The Lord’s friendship is for those who revere him;
to them he reveals his covenant. . **R.**

SECOND READING

1 THESSALONIANS 3:12-4:2

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints.

Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

PSALM 84:8

Alleluia, Alleluia!
Let us see, O Lord, your mercy
and give us your saving help
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

LUKE 21:25-28,34-36

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, Stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.

‘Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.’

The Gospel of the Lord -
Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Accept, we pray, O Lord, these offerings we make, gathered from among your gifts to us, and may what you grant us to celebrate devoutly here below gain for us the prize of eternal redemption.
Through Christ our Lord. .

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

PSALM 84: 13

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May these mysteries, O Lord,
in which we have participated,
profit us, we pray,
for even now, as we walk amid passing things,
you teach us by them to love the things of heaven
and hold fast to what endures.
Through Christ our Lord.

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 £346.38

Gift Aid amounted to £130 not including standing orders.

Second Collection: Catholic Youth Services amounted to £104.34

GIFT AID & OFFERING

We have the Offering and Gift Aid boxes at the entrance and exit doors for our offering. Thank you for your generosity.

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 USERS

Please all gift aid users are kindly encouraged to pick up their envelopes at the exit door of the church with your names & numbers indicated on the envelopes.

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.

SECOND COLLECTION

Our second collection for today is for the needs of the parish

INFANT BAPTISM

Infant Baptism is ongoing. Kindly see any of the priest after Mass to discuss when you want your child baptised.

LEGION OF MARY—JUNIOR PRAESIDIUM

The junior praesidium of the Legion of Mary is will be held every Sunday after 12noon mass, at our Lady's chapel.

RCIA

The RCIA programme holds every Wednesday at 7.30pm in the hall. The enquiry period is still open for those who want to deepen their Catholic faith.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Friday 3rd December is the first Friday adoration. All are invited to pass by the Church and spend some time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed after the 9am until 7pm.

MASS BOOKINGS

We have spaces available for the weekday Masses. Kindly call or text any of the priests to book a Mass.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

SUNDAY 5 PM ADORATION

We are reminded that Adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament takes place every Sunday at 5pm to 6pm followed by Mass.

BAPTISM AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES 2022

Baptism and first holy communion classes 2022
The first class for children over 5 years old preparing for baptism and first holy communion will be on Saturday 8th January at 9am in the parish center
All classes are compulsory and many thanks to all the parents and children who have registered for this programme. If you missed the introductory session no worries please come along on the first day of class and your child will be enrolled

PEW REFURBISHMENT

The pews at the back on the far left of the baptismal font is still undergoing refurbishment for the next one week. Please use the pews in other areas of the Church at this time. Thank you for your understanding. A big thank you to all those who continue to donate towards the ongoing pew refurbishment.. More donors are still needed for the back pews, anyone interested please speak to Fr Victor . Thank you for your generosity. For those who have pledged to support the pew refurbishment, kindly start redeeming your pledges. Thank you for your cooperation..

ADVENT PRAYER

(For lighting the First Candle of Advent)

**Eternal God, you will come
when we do not expect you.
Help us to welcome you now in
one another, to reach out to our
sisters and brothers in need of
care and support. And in this
way may we be found ready,
when you come again in glory.
Amen.**

NOTICES OF THE WEEK

SACRED HEART SCHOOL

Sacred Heart School 6th form application forms are now due for submission. If you have not yet registered please visit the school website and follow the link provided.

NCM

The Nigerian community meeting will take place after the 12 noon mass at the parish hall. All members are invited.

SYMPATHY

We commiserate with our dear parishioner Grace Acquah at the passing of her mum Florence Abiwu recently. May her gentle soul rest in peace Amen

THE SEASON OF ADVENT

The holy season of Advent is a special time set aside to look ahead to Christ's second coming and to remember his first coming - at Christmas. It is a time we prepare our hearts to welcome him again at Christmas, thus it is a period of devout and expectant delight.

I encourage you all to make the best use of this special season spiritually. Individual Confessions are encouraged at this time, please speak to any of the priests if you want confession or go to Westminster Cathedral if you like to see a different priest. May the advent season be truly blessed and fulfilling for us all Amen.

CONFIRMATION 2022

Confirmation forms are now available for catholic children who are not in sacred heart school and are in year 9 or year 10 and have not done their confirmation. Please pick up a form from the sacristy. The forms will need to be completed and returned back to the priests latest by Sunday 19th December with copies of your baptism and first holy communion certificates. The first compulsory class for candidates and one parent is Sunday 16th January immediately after the 12 noon mass. During this meeting the format and modality of the programme will be explained.

OBITUARY

With great sadness but with gratitude to God for a very fulfilled Christian life, I announce the passing of our dear parishioner Mary Shiel- who died on the 22nd of November, 2021. She was a dedicated parishioner until she went into a care home last year . It was a great honor for me to have visited Mary last month and she expressed to me how dearly she missed our parish. Her Funeral details will be announced later. May she rest in peace and rise in glory Amen.

NOVEMBER- THE MONTH FOR PRAYING FOR THE DEAD

November is that special month we pray for our loved ones who have passed on. As usual we shall place a box in front of the sanctuary for your mass intentions for the holy souls. In addition we shall display our picture board in memory of all our loved ones.

This last two years we have seen so many people passed on, they all shall be in our prayers. For those who wish to submit photographs of their loved ones who have died please pass them on to any of the priests or to our seminarian Mark .

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH "TAP TO DONATE" [ONLINE](#)

Please be informed that the parish have started using the two devices for our contactless method of donation which are now located at the two entrances of the church.

Thank you for your generosity.



Donation by Credit/debit card

We can use our credit/debit cards in the contactless/chip and pin terminals in church. Nowadays, we often don't carry cash with us when we go out, and many venues encourage cashless payments. With credit/debit cards, we can donate as we do online:



- the general parish funds (the same as the first collection at Mass)
- for a specific fundraising purpose in the parish
- Mass offerings
- Charitable/second collections (when they occur)

CONSULTATION AND FORM SIGNING

Since the presbytery and the parish office is not Covid-19 risk assessed, unfortunately face to face consultation and form signing with Fr. Victor is not permitted at this time. However, for those who wish to sign any forms or other documents, they are encouraged to fill in their parts and then drop off the form through our letter box addressed to me. Such forms will be ready for pick up by next day between 10am and 4pm.

For sacred heart school forms please show your baptism and first communion certificates to the priest or seminarian after mass and submit the form. You will then have to follow up to submit copies of same to the school along with the supplementary form.

For other school forms, please submit same way to the priests or seminarian and pick them up from the parish office during the week for submission to the school concerned yourselves.

For any other consultations please email camberwell@rcaos.org.uk or call any of the priests directly or by text message, we shall respond to you promptly. Thank you for your cooperation.

FOUNDATION GOVERNOR

St Francis Xavier Catholic Sixth Form College, Balham, a successful provider of outstanding full-time education to 16 - 19 year olds from the whole community, is seeking a foundation governor. Do you have an interest in education with skills and experience that would be useful to our governing body, responsible for preserving and developing the educational character and mission of the College; its solvency and assets and the achievements and safeguarding of its students? This is a voluntary but demanding, interesting and professional role for a practising Roman Catholic who has the time to prepare for, attend and participate in at least six evening meetings each year (full Board and minimum one sub-committee). The governors are particularly, but not exclusively, seeking volunteers with current experience / expertise in Human Resources management or accountancy / audit.

If you are interested, or would like to know more, please contact Eleanor Lewis, Clerk to the Governors (020 8772 6062 – e.lewis@sfx.ac.uk). Website: sfx.ac.uk

NHS TEST AND TRACE APP

For those who have registered with this app you don't need to write down your names as you enter the Church. The parish now have the QR code which you can scan as you enter the church. This is located at the entrance of the Church. For those without the App, please continue to sign in on the sheets provided for each Mass, for the safety of us all. Thank you for your cooperation.

Do you have skills to offer as a Governor or Trustee in the Catholic schools in Southwark?

The Education Commission for the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Southwark (rcaoseducation.org.uk) is looking to build up its list of people able to offer time, expertise and commitment to support primary, secondary schools and sixth form colleges in Southwark.

The Diocese needs local people from its parishes to volunteer as foundation governors in Catholic maintained schools and academies. It also needs people to become trustees/directors in their multi-academy trusts.

Could you spare a few hours a month?

These are fulfilling roles though not without challenges. Governors and trustees work together as a team to ensure a good standard of education is being achieved. Being a governor or a trustee is an opportunity to develop the skills you have, undertake service to the community and to improve the futures of children today.

You do not need to be a parent or work in the education sector. The Diocese welcomes interest from all sectors of society and across all ages. It is looking for people with finance and accounting, legal and HR, premises and health and safety experience. Induction, training and mentoring will be provided.

Some further information can be found here: [DBS-Role-of-Foundation-Governor.pdf](#) (rcaoseducation.org.uk)

If you would like to know more, please fill in the form below to register your interest. A member of the team will be in contact shortly to talk with you about the process. Suitable candidates will then receive a statement of support from their parish priest, provide 2 referees and undertake a DBS before allocation to a school.

[Could you become a Governor? – Education Commission for the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Southwark](#) (rcaoseducation.org.uk)

Those interested please speak to any of the priests or to see exact details in the parish newsletter in the parish Whatsapp forum or on the parish website

SYNOD RESOURCES - 1

About the Synod - Helping people walk the Synodal Way

Introduction

Pope Francis has asked the whole Catholic Church worldwide to engage in a process of discernment under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. This process is called a synod. It involves everyone in the Church - clergy, religious, and lay Catholics, each participating according to the gifts and charisms of their vocation. The word 'synod' comes from two Greek words 'sun' meaning together and 'hodos' meaning way. The English word synod therefore mean making our way tougher, journeying together along the way, united in Christ, the Way, the Truth and the Life.

In our Archdiocese, Archbishop John is inviting everyone to respond to the invitation of Pope Francis and take part in the initial diocesan listening phase of the Synod. Each local parish is asked to host a meeting, or series of meetings, where conversations about the Church's mission in the life of the parish and the diocese can be prayerfully examined; and where the will of the Lord can be discerned, as we seek to grow in faith and number.

Coming together in this way, we place ourselves in the presence of the Lord, and one another, to hear His voice more clearly. All of this is done to help us to witness more effectively as missionary disciples in our parish and diocese as the Local Church.

To help with this phase of the process, we offer some meeting templates, together with prayer resources for parish meetings. These are to assist everyone who gathers to both listen and hear what the Lord is saying to his Church.

We would like every parish to have two delegates to enable this process. We also, therefore, offer guidance about how you might approach the selection of your parish delegates.

Every person matters to the Lord and his Church, every voice matters and every story is important.

To help in gathering together people from across the life of your parish and community, we have also included some commonly asked questions to help explain the Synodal Way and to encourage people to enter into this vital period of discernment.

Next Steps?

The Archbishop is calling us to take part in the listening phase of the Synod which Pope Francis has invited the whole Church to join.

Our parish delegates are Madeleine Merrifield and Anthony Asagba they will support the process in our parish and will attend the diocesan meetings on our behalf in the diocese. They will help to collect and co-ordinate our parish response in this process. We are very grateful for both of them for doing this on our behalf.

For more information, see below;

Websites: rcaos.org.uk/synod (from 18 October 2021)

aec.rcaos.org.uk/synod (from 11 October 2021)

Prayer cards for the Synod

Please pick up prayer cards for your family and friends at the entrance and exit doors as we all pray daily for the guidance of the Holy Spirit towards a successful Synod.