

First Sunday of Advent

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Response to the Intercessions:

And alive to your call.

Prayer to Our Lady:

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Communion Antiphon

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

Readings next Sunday:

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

2 Peter 3:8-14

Mark 1: 1-8

Second Collection this week:

Is for the Church Maintenance Fund

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Union of Catholic Mothers

Please join the mothers in the hall after the 9am Mass for tea, coffee and cake sale in aid of the

The Alzheimer's Society

Meeting on Tuesday 5th Dec at 8pm. Activity: Bring and Buy



Autumn Fair:

The total takings from the Autumn Fair is £3760.27, which includes £1050 from Stapleton Long for advertising boards.

Thank you everyone!

UCM Prayer

Lord Jesus you lived with Mary and Joseph at Nazareth and enjoyed family life, growing in wisdom and stature in the sight of God the Father and ourselves. Help the members of the Union Catholic Mothers to follow this example in prayer, love and active witness to Marriage, Family and Christian Life in the world. Make us understanding and caring to all experiencing difficulties and generous in support, so that one day we may all rejoice together in our Eternal Home.

AMEN

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Loving Father, touch and transform us by the joy of your love. Make us missionary disciples, empowered to carry the love of Christ to our neighbour. May young people be inspired by our example to take up the path of Christian discipleship and dedicate their lives to the service of the Gospel. Raise up new vocations by the power of your Holy Spirit to the priesthood and the consecrated life: send us men and women inspired to be living signs of your mercy. Grant us all an openness of heart that we might readily respond to your call, and proclaim with joy the Good News to the whole world. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Housecalls Sun 10 Dec

Mrs A Doe, Mr L Akisanya, Mr T Cheng
Mr J Hagan-Tetteh, Mr J Abraham
Mrs O Van der Borgh

Readers Sun 10 Dec

Mrs P Abraham (Sat 6:30pm Mass)
Mrs A Doe (Sun 9am Mass)
Ms C Leonard (Sun 11am Mass)

Offertory Sun 10 Dec

Mrs P Burns (Sat 6:30pm Mass)
Giraldo Family (Sun 9am Mass)
Swain Family (Sun 11am Mass)

Church Cleaning Wed 6 Dec

Ms K Questelles, Ms T de Bertodano

Church Cleaning Sat 9 Dec

Mrs E Martin/Mrs J Nweke

Flower Arranging 9 Dec

Vacant

Collection Counters

This Mon 4 Dec

Mr G Fonseca, Mr S Darion, Mr S Thompson

Next Sun 10 Dec

Mr J Remedios, Ms B Cunningham

This week's teas and coffee will be served by:

Union of Catholic Mothers (9am)

Next week's teas and coffee will be served by:

Mrs Schwartz & Mrs Sanders

If you are unable to fulfil your duty then please arrange for a substitute.

Finance for 26 November 2017

First Collection	£
Gift Aid Envelope	135
Loose	366
84 Bankers Orders	460
Parish Total	£961
Catholic Youth Service	178
Mass Attendance	263

As usual your generosity is always appreciated.

St. Matthew's Church Newsletter

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
(YEAR B)**

3 DECEMBER 2017

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From Father Anthony's Desk:

On Tuesday of this week, the machinery to move the lecterns and altar is due to arrive. Once this is done, the first stage of the renovation of the sanctuary will be finished. We will then be able to bring the organ back into use: it has been covered for the past few weeks to protect it from the dust caused by the work going on down below.

At the last parish meeting, it was suggested that we vary the prayer to Our Lady at the end of the Intercessions. There are four season antiphons to the BVM in the Prayer of the Church, so I propose that we use them throughout this liturgical year. The Antiphon from the First Sunday of Advent until the Feast of the Purification (Candlemas) is as follows:

**Mother of Christ, hear thou thy people's cry,
Star of the deep and portal of the sky.
Mother of him who thee from nothing made,
Striving we sink and call to thee for aid.
O by that joy which Gabriel brought to thee,
Thou Virgin first and last, let us thy mercy see.**

Parish Sick List

Michael ,Mrs Dorothy Nichol, Monsignor James O'Neill, Mrs Mary Wallace, Mrs Peggy Phillips, Fr. Anthony Bailey, Mr Patrick Heneghan, Mrs Maureen Sheehan, Mr Martin Fisher, Ms Shelagh Mc Donough , Mrs Sheila Bohan

Please keep them in your prayers.



Parish Priest : Fr. Anthony Cassidy

Confessions: Thurs 10:15-10:45, Sat 5.30-6:00pm & at call

Marriage and Baptism Preparation by appointment only

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Thurs 10-11am

Office Hours: Mon, Tue, Thurs & Fri 9:30am-2:30pm

Mass Times Saturday 6:30pm , Sunday 9 am & 11am

Morning Mass 9:30am (Tue, Wed Thurs & Fri)

Evening Mass 7pm Tuesdays

CHRISTMAS FAIR :

St Joseph's Infant School, Crown Dale, Upper Norwood SE19 3NX.

SUNDAY 3RD DECEMBER 2017 12 - 4PM

Family Fun. Santa's Grotto. Raffle. Festive Food & Drink. Gift Stalls & Lots More!

Parking on site.

ALL WELCOME!

You are invited to join:

The Helpers of God's Precious Infants reach out in love and compassion to mothers who are in crisis pregnancies and to those who have suffered the effects of abortion. The next Rosary Procession Vigil, led by Father Jacob Hausman, CFR, will be held on Sunday 10th December at St. Bede's Church, 58 Thornton Road, Clapham Park, London, SW12 0LF. Full details on poster in church porch or contact tel. 01727 763832 or e-mail marg@helpersuk.org

Rotas 2018

We are preparing the new Rotas for 2018. We thank you for your valued services this year and look forward to your continued commitment in the new year. However, if for any reason you would like to step down from your duty please call/email the parish office so that we can update the rotas accordingly.

We need volunteers for the following duties:

Readers, Florists, Counters, Mid-week Cleaners and Helpers for coffee mornings (after the 11am Mass)