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### ***FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT***

Sat. 29th Nov. 06:30pm. Patrick Looney (Birthday RIP)

Sun. 30th Nov. 09:30am. Bert Upton (Birthday RIP)

11:00am. Marie Oliva (Anniversary RIP)  
Ian Lewis (Anniversary RIP)

Mon. 1st Dec. NO MASS

Tues. 2nd Dec. 10:00am. Deceased Parishioners who have  
No One to Pray for Them (RIP)

#### ***DAY OF PRAYER FOR MIGRANTS***

Wed. 3rd Dec. 10:00am. Siobhan Conway (Birthday & Anniversary RIP)

Thur. 4th Dec. 10:00am. Jimmy Collins (RIP)

#### **FIRST FRIDAY**

Fri. 5th Dec. 06:00pm. Holy Hour Adoration & Benediction  
07:00pm. Peter Joseph Moktan & Mrs Celestina Mary Lepcha (RIP)

### ***SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT***

Sat. 6th Dec. 06:30pm. Darren, Elaine & Dylan Fonseca  
(In Thanksgiving)

Sun. 7th Dec. 09:30am. Tony Hallet (RIP)

11:00am. Elena Goodright (RIP)  
Jimmy Collins (RIP)

### **THE INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR DECEMBER**

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope.

*With the light and the strength of the Holy Spirit, let us build a Church founded on God's love, a sign of unity, a missionary Church that opens its arms to the world, proclaims the word, allows itself to be made "restless" by history, and becomes a leaven of harmony for humanity. Pope Leo XIV*

### **SAINTS OF THE WEEK**

**30th St Andrew**

**Martyred at Tyburn**

**1st St Edmond Campion**

**St Ralph Sherwin**

**St Alexander Briant**

**3rd St Francis Xavier**

**4th St John Damascene**

**5th St John Almond**

**6th St Nicholas**

### **This week we also pray for**

*Praying for the Souls of Our  
Ancestors*

*Bernard Vaughan (RIP)*

*Ester Keatch (RIP)*

*Jenny Dias (RIP)*

*Mary & David Hughes (RIP)*

**St Cecilia Parish is aiming to  
reduce the flow of paper.**

In future you will be able to access the parish newsletter via the QR codes as you enter our church. Alternatively, you may prefer to receive a copy via email (send an email to the parish office to join the emailing group) or visit 'Connect' on the parish website and scroll down to newsletter.



**A reduced number of printed  
newsletters will be made  
available for those who prefer a  
hard copy.**

**Friday Adoration:** Holy Hour and Adoration takes place between 6 and 7 o'clock every Friday evening including devotion to the Divine Mercy. Holy Mass follows immediately after the Holy Hour.



**For the Repose of the Soul** Your prayers are asked for the eternal rest of Carmela Kammerer Urbina who left this world on Monday 3rd November aged 79. A service will be held at Morden Cemetery Chapel, Lower Morden Lane at 1.30pm and committal at 2pm on 3rd December.

**Prayers for the Sick and Housebound** We pray for those facing illness and ask that they may experience the healing power of the love of Lord Jesus that He brings comfort and peace to their bodies, minds and spirit.



Please keep in your prayers the wellbeing of: D.H, Adelaide Cotter, Paul Fairhall, Amy Bradbury (nee McKenzie), Marie Goti, Michael Christou, John Rosenow, Mary Silva, Michael Hoskins & Dorothy Upton.

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### **PARISH LIFE IN THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT**



**Parish Opening:** Parish Office hours are on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 11:00am to 1:00pm and 4:00pm to 6:00pm, for all enquiries formal, informal or personal.

**Devotion to our Mother Mary:** If you would like the travelling statue of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary to visit your home. Please add your name at the back of the Church.

#### **Offertory Collection**

*The Offertory on the 22nd/23rd November* amounted to £1010.89

*Last weekend's Second Offertory* for The Catholic Youth Service came to £373.17

**Christmas Concert Organ Repairs** ticket sales raised £946.00 we are half way to our target amount with two more weeks to go before the Concert.

**Candle Stand Collection** was £85.04

**Mass Intentions:** Envelopes for Mass Intentions are available in church. Look out for the green envelopes.

**Parish Registration:** the last complete parish census was carried out over thirty years ago. Through parish registration we are able to gather basic information to help with decision making, create a programme of pastoral care and understand better the needs of our parish community. \*You may receive a call over the coming months to check whether your parish registration is still current.\* If you know you are not registered please do pick up a form from the table just inside the double glass doors of the church or ask a fellow parishioner, they will be glad to help. Once completed drop the form in through the Presbytery letterbox next door. If you are new to the parish, **Welcome!** Please do register and introduce yourself to Fr Ben.

**Garden of Peace:** Please, if you wish a memorial plaque to be erected in the garden of peace for the burial of the ashes of a loved one, kindly contact Jim via [jimfredfield@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jimfredfield@hotmail.co.uk) or Marie through [toomeymarie@gmail.com](mailto:toomeymarie@gmail.com) so that our beloved departed can be recalled in our parish record of remembrance.



**The Repository** our repository is stocked with lots of new religious items and cards ready for Christmas and any other occasion throughout the liturgical year. If you are looking for a special gift there is plenty to choose. The Repository is open, after each Mass at the weekends.

**Little Church Appeal** We are collecting resources to support the children who attend Little Church. Items we would gratefully receive:



- Pens
- Colouring pencils
- Tissue paper
- Scissors
- Card & craft materials

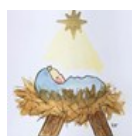
Where to leave items: Please place all donated items in the Canon Beausang Parish Room.

Monetary donations: If you would like to give a financial contribution, please hand it to any of the Little Church volunteers.

**Little Church** breaks for Christmas on Sunday 14th December reconvening.

Your support helps us purchase much-needed resources for the children.

*Thank you for your kindness and generosity!*



**A Nativity** As we prepare for this year's Christmas Nativity, we're collecting Nativity outfits — angels, shepherds, kings, animals, etc. \*\*If you have any costumes (used or new) to donate, please place them in the donation box at the back of the Church.\*\*

**First Holy Communion 2026** The closing date to register for First Holy Communion Catechism Classes 2026 is today 30th November. Kindly visit the parish website to register and reserve a place. There will be a parents meeting in January.



**RCIA Becoming Catholic:** Anyone wishing to join the Catholic Church is asked to pick up a form from the Sacristy to register your interest and leave your name with Fr Ben. More information is available on the parish website. The church will be open on Saturday 6th December at 11am for the first meeting in the Family Room. Please bring your completed forms with you. We look forward to seeing you.



**A Parish Youth Group** Thank you to all those who signed up for the Youth Group and came along last Thursday. The new group meets every Thursday between 5pm and 6.30pm in the Canon Beausang Parish Room. For anyone between the ages of 11 and 16. Come with a friend, or on your own, all are welcome.

## ST CECILIA'S CHRISTMAS CONCERT

SUNDAY 14th DECEMBER 2025



5pm to 8pm



Event tickets are £5 per adult and  
£1 per child aged 5 and over.

Refreshments will be served  
in the church hall after the concert.

There is a collection box  
at the back of the church  
for raffle prize donations.

We have just two more weeks before the concert so get your  
tickets quick. Tickets are on sale after all Masses.

### CALLING ALL READERS & MUSICIANS FOR THE CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Rehearsals for Readers and Musicians  
is on **Sunday 7th December at 4pm**  
in the church.

See you there!

**Called to Bear Fruit** Earlier this year groups of parishioners including St Cecilia's came together to reflect on six key themes on faith and life in our parish community. Over 2800 people took part from 123 parishes across our Diocese looking at ways as Catholics we can fulfill our Missionary purpose in spreading the Gospel. The results of the consultation are shared in a report entitled 'Called to Bear Fruit', copies of this concluding Report is now available to all parishioners. Pick up a copy from the table in the Narthex. Look for the blue cover.



**Contactless Card Machines** Many people have requested the availability of contactless card machines to make offertory donations. We wish to inform you we will be introducing the use of contactless card machines over the coming weeks, in response to the cashless society we now find ourselves in. The contactless machines are a convenient way to donate, or to pay for specific events. We hope to have two floor standing machines at both entrances to the church.

### **Urgent Appeal**

We have two families in the parish, seeking two or more bedroom accommodation to rent or purchase. If anyone is able to offer assistance or knows of vacant properties in the local area, please speak to Fr Ben or Linda Mamedy. Any assistance would be greatly appreciated.

**For to us a child is born... And He will be called Wonderful  
Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

**Smart Homes** Young Mum's group the final session is this Monday 1st December from 9am to 10.30am in the Canon Beausang Parish Room. The theme is entertainment. There will be the usual tea, coffee, and good conversation. If you were not at the other sessions you are more than welcome to join in. Please let Ana know if

**Thursday Morning Club** gather together after the 10am Mass on Thursdays. Come along for a cuppa, new and long lasting friendships, outings and activities. All are welcome.

**Knit & Natter** are meeting every Thursday afternoon from following on from the Thursday Morning Club. Bring your knitting, crochet or favourite craft to share a chat, in a warm, friendly space over a tea or coffee from 12.30pm onwards. Tell your friends. You don't have to be Catholic to join. Any resources to donate get in touch with Gloriana Andrew. We have already shared some lovely memories.



**Information Technology Workshop** The Introductory IT workshop took place last Saturday led by our parish IT professional. All those who attended, benefitted from the shared knowledge, gaining new skills and greater access to the wealth of information available on the internet, as well as picking up valuable tips on how to stay safe. The next workshop will be on 6<sup>th</sup> December at a cost of £10 per person. Dates for further classes in 2026 will be confirmed in January depending on demand. If you would like to book a place/get further information, please contact Marie Toomey on 07929 973868 or email: [toomeymarie@gmail.com](mailto:toomeymarie@gmail.com).

**The Trussell Trust Foodbank** unfortunately the Trust does not accept clothes and unwanted toys so please do not leave them at back of the church. Food items should be unopened and within their use by date. The rising cost of living means many families will go without Christmas festivities this year. The recent rise in the minimum wage announced in the government budget doesn't take effect until April 2026. Thank you for your contribution.

**Mass in Cantonese** Holy Family Catholic Church, Sutton Green: A Mass in both Cantonese and English is held on the first Saturday of every month at 2:30 pm. Refreshments are available after the service. The church is located at Sorrento Road, Sutton Green, SM1 1QU. You can find more information on the [Holy Family Sutton website](http://HolyFamilySutton.com).



**A Day With Mary** is planned for:  
6th December 10am at

St John the Baptist Church, Purley  
13th December 9.30am at

St Mary's, Our Lady of Reparation,  
at West Croydon





## PRAYERS FOR THE BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

### WEEK 1

**Blessing of the Advent Wreath Priest:** Our help is in the name of the Lord.

**All:** Who hath made Heaven and earth.

**Priest:** Let us pray.

O God, by Whose word all things are sanctified, pour forth Thy blessing upon this wreath, and grant that we who use it may prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ and may receive from Thee abundant graces. Through Christ Our Lord.

**All:** Amen.

**Priest:** "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined." (*Isaiah 9:2*)

**All:** "Dear Jesus, you are the hope in our messy world. This Advent, help us slow down, listen to your voice, and focus on what's really important. We place our hope in you as we prepare our hearts to celebrate your birth on Christmas. Amen."

*(The Candle of **HOPE** will now be lit)*

### DAY OF PRAYER FOR MIGRANTS

*By Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople in 2016 three religious leaders including Pope Francis prayed for all those who leaving their homeland in search of a better life.*

Lord of mercy, compassion and all comfort, we pray to You for our brothers and sisters in difficult circumstances and we offer to Your Goodness:

Nurture the infants; instruct the youth; strengthen the aged; give courage to the faint hearted; reunite those separated; sail with those who sail; travel with those who travel; defend the widows; protect the orphans; liberate the captives; heal the sick.

Remember, O God, those who are in mines, in exile, in harsh labour, and those in every kind of affliction, necessity, or distress; and all those who entreat Your loving kindness; those who love us and those who hate us; and pour out upon all Your rich mercy, granting them their petitions for salvation.

Again we pray, Lord of life and of death, grant eternal repose to the souls of Your departed servants, those who lost their lives during their exodus from war-torn regions and during their journeys to places of safety, peace and prosperity.

For You, Lord, are the helper of the helpless, the hope of the hopeless, the saviour of the afflicted, the haven of the voyager, and the physician of the sick.

Be all things to all, You who know each person, his requests, his household, and his need.

Deliver this island, O Lord, and every city and country, from famine, plague, earthquake, flood, fire, sword, invasion of foreign enemies, and civil war. Amen.



## *Prayer for the Jubilee Year 2025*

Father in heaven,  
may the *faith* you have given us  
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,  
and the flame of *charity* enkindled  
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,  
reawaken in us the blessed *hope*  
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us  
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.  
May those seeds transform from within both  
humanity and the whole cosmos  
in the sure expectation  
of a new heaven and a new earth,  
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,  
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee  
reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*,  
a yearning for the treasures of heaven  
May that same grace spread  
the joy and peace of our Redeemer  
throughout the earth.  
To you our God, eternally blessed,  
be glory and praise for ever.  
Amen.

## *Hymn for the Jubilee Year 2025*

**Chorus:** Like a flame my hope is burning  
may my song arise in you:  
Source of life that has no ending,  
on life's path I trust in you.

**Every nation, tongue, and people  
find a light within your Word,  
Scattered fragile sons and daughters,  
find a home in your dear Son.**

**God so tender and so patient,  
dawn of hope, you care for all.  
Heaven and earth are recreated  
by the Spirit of Life set free.**

**Raise your eyes, the wind is blowing,  
For our God is born in time.  
Son made man for You and many  
who will find the way in Him.**