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 at www.rcsouthwark.co.uk and the Sutton Deanery Website at www.suttondeanery.weebly.com

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

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

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

Mon. 8th Dec. NO MASS

Tues. 9th Dec. 10:00am. Fr Terry Ford (RIP)

Wednesday Human Rights Day

Wed. 10th Dec. 10:00am. Cesar Martinez (RIP)

Thur. 11th Dec. 10:00am. Fr Michael Gwinnell (RIP)

Fri. 12th Dec. 06:00pm. Holy Hour Adoration & Benediction
 07:00pm. Elsa Martinez (RIP)

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sat. 13th Dec. 06:30pm. Francis and Rose Marie Almeida (RIP)

Sun. 14th Dec. 09:30am. Fr Robert Sugg (Birthday Blessings for 16th)
 Vincent and Marie Muscat (RIP)

11:00am. Rita Rough (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.

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred let me sow love; where there is injury pardon; where there is doubt, let me sow faith; where there is despair, let me give hope; where there is darkness, let me give light; where there is sadness, let me give joy. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in forgiving that we are forgiven, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

6th **St Nicholas**
 8th **The Immaculate Heart of Mary**
 11th **St Damasus**
 12th **St Finian (Ireland)**
St Jane Frances de Chantal
Our Lady of Guadalupe

This week we also pray for

David Owens (RIP)
 Rita Rough (RIP)
 Emanuele Clementi (RIP)
 David Keith (RIP)
 Danny Williams (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 request an emailed copy) alternatively 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.

29th/30th Nov. Offertory: £. 2nd Collection: £; Christmas Concert: £; Candle Offering £ to follow next week

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: 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.



Home Visits If you, a relative or neighbour is housebound, home visits can be arranged via Fr Ben to receive Holy Communion. It is important Pastoral Care is maintained and/or for the Sacrament of the Sick.

CHRISTMAS CALENDAR

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| Sun. 14th Dec. | 9.30pm 11.00am | The Nigerian Choir will be singing at Mass this weekend. |
| Mon. 15th Dec. | 7.00pm | St Cecilia Reconciliation Service |
| Wed. 17th Dec. | 10.00am | Mass O Sapientia (Wisdom) |
| Thurs. 18th Dec. | 10.00am | Mass Adonai (O Lord) |
| Fri. 19th Dec. | 10.00am | Mass O Radix Jesse (Root of Jesse) |
| Sat 20th Dec. | 6.30pm | Mass O Clavis David (Key of David) |
| Sun. 21st Dec. | 9.30pm 11.00am | Mass O Oriens (Rising Sun) Mass O Oriens (Rising Sun) |
| Mon. 22nd Dec. | 10.00am | Mass O Rex Gentium (King of the Nations) |
| Tues. 23rd Dec. | 10.00am | Mass O Emmanuel |

NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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| Wed. 24th Dec. | 6.30pm | Christmas Vigil Mass with Nativity Play |
| | 10.45pm | Mass of Christmas Midnight Mass with Carol Singing |
| Thurs. 25th Dec. | 9.30am 11.00am | Mass at Dawn Christmas Mass of the Day Christmas |
| Fri. 26th Dec. | 7.00pm | Mass Feast of St Stephen |
| Sat 27th Dec. | 6.30pm | Vigil Mass The Holy Family |
| Sun 28th Dec | 9.30am 11.00am | Mass of the Holy Family of Nazareth Mass of the Holy Family of Nazareth |



PRAYERS FOR THE BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

WEEK 2

Lighting Advent Candles:

Priest: Our help is in the name of the Lord.
All: Who hath made Heaven and earth.
Priest: "And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to be delivered. And she gave birth to her first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn." (Luke 2:4-7)
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 Candles of **HOPE** and **PEACE** will now be lit)

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.**

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.

**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.**

Chorus:
**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.**

Chorus:

PARISH LIFE

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.

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 improve the pastoral care and understand the needs of our parish community. Kindly register as you pick 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.

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 or Marie through toomeymarie@gmail.com

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.

A Nativity Thank you for your support and kind donations we now have enough Christmas Nativity outfits.

Little Church Appeal are collecting resources to support the children who attend. They are looking for donations of: pens, colouring pencils, tissue paper, scissors, card and craft materials. Please place all donated items in the Canon Beausang Parish Room. If you would like to give a financial contribution, please hand it to any of the Little Church volunteers. Your support helps to purchase much-needed resources for the children. Thank you for your kindness and generosity! We break for Christmas on Sunday 14th December reconvening on the 11th January 29026.

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 the last week of January.

A Parish Youth Group: 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.

'If Christ were not true God, He would not be able to give us healing; if He were not true man, He would not be able to give us an example.' Saint Leo the Great.

St Cecilia's Christmas Concert Last call this weekend to purchase tickets for Sunday 14th December 2025. The Concert is from 5pm to 8pm. 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 if you would like to leave donations for raffle prizes.

Musicians and Readers Rehearsals for the Christmas Concert is TODAY Sunday 7th December at 4pm in the Church.

Called to Bear Fruit Please pick up your free copy of 'Called to Bear Fruit' the latest Report from the Diocese. Copies can be found on the table in the Narthex, or by the side



Knit & Natter are meeting every Thursday afternoon 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. We have already shared some lovely memories.

Information Technology Workshop 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.

The Contactless Card Machines have arrived. Many people have requested the availability of contactless card machines to make offertory donations. The contactless machines are a convenient and easy way to donate, or to pay for specific events. We have two floor standing machines at both entrances to the church.

St Cecilia's Church Hall, is available for hire for family events, children's parties, clubs, dance and fitness activities, educational purposes, community events at a very reasonable hourly rate. For more information please send an email to: stceciliasschurchevents@outlook.com The Hall is located at the far end of the car park behind the church,



Pray The Hour of Grace On the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on the 8th December at 12 noon until 1pm. Pray Psalm 51. Our blessed Mother requested that her message be sent throughout the entire world. "Rosa Mystica" was approved as a Shrine by the Bishop of Brescia, H.E. Monsignor Pierantonio in 2019.

A Day With Mary is planned for **13th December 9.30am at St Mary's, Our Lady of Reparation, at West Croydon.**

Urgent Appeal

We have two families in the parish, in need of accommodation to rent or purchase with two or more bedrooms if possible. If anyone knows of somewhere suitable to in the local area, please speak to Fr Ben or Linda Mamedy. Any assistance would be greatly appreciated.

SUNDAY *Plus*

2nd Sunday of Advent **Divine Office Week II** Year A**E & W: Bible Sunday**

The Advent messenger

You cannot tell the story of Jesus without first speaking about John the Baptist. He introduces the adult Jesus in all the Gospels. John worked no miracles, held no office, belonged to no religious party. Yet his importance for Jesus was unique: he stands as the only religious leader whom Jesus ever sought out and spoke of with deep affection and admiration. He is described as a voice crying in the wilderness, a large presence that dominates the emptiness of the wasteland.

The purpose of this energetic renewal movement is to prepare for the one who is to come. And we know that "one" to be Jesus of Nazareth. Although John has his own group of disciples, he does not make himself the focus of his prophetic witness; he does not claim that he is the way, the truth and the life. John understands his own powerful place within the larger context of God's plan, and this frees him to defer to the one who will baptise with the Holy Spirit. Jesus' greatness does not


diminish John's importance: John is important precisely because of who Jesus is.

John challenges all of us to foster the greatness in others without feeling threatened about the value of our own contribution; to celebrate the importance of others because we have a sense of our own worth and value before God.

As the relationship between John and Jesus teaches us, the generosity in recognising the goodness in others can help them call out the good that is in ourselves. When that happens, there are no losers.

*Fr Denis McBride C.Ss.R.,
Jesus and the Gospels*



God of surprises, open my eyes to see you at work. Surprise me this Advent as I try to make more space for you in my life. Let me celebrate your goodness.  Amen.

Try to be good

People sometimes say: "We are in a society that is all rotten, all dishonest." That is not true. There are still so many good people, so many honest people. Rather, what can be done to improve society? I would say: let each of us try to be good and to infect others with a goodness imbued with the meekness and love taught by Christ. Christ's golden rule

was: "Do not do to others what you do not want done to yourself. Do to others what you want done to yourself." And he always gave. Put on the cross, not only did he forgive those who crucified him, but he excused them. He said: "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do." This is Christianity, these are sentiments which, if put into practice would help society so much.

Pope John Paul I

The way we communicate is of fundamental importance: we must say "no" to the war of words and images, we must reject the paradigm of war.

Pope Leo

Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope Search for peace

The first sign of hope should be the desire for peace in our world, which once more finds itself immersed in the tragedy of war. Heedless of the horrors of the past, humanity is confronting yet another ordeal, as many peoples are prey to brutality and violence. What does the future hold for those peoples, who have already endured so much? How is it possible that their desperate plea for help is not motivating world leaders to resolve the numerous regional conflicts in view of their possible consequences at the global level? Is it too much to dream that arms can fall silent and cease to rain down destruction and death? May the Jubilee remind us that those who are peacemakers will be called "children of God". The need for peace challenges us all, and demands that concrete steps be taken. May diplomacy be tireless in its commitment to seek, with courage and creativity, every opportunity to undertake negotiations aimed at a lasting peace.

Pope Francis, Spes non confundit, 8



READINGS

Today:
Isaiah 11:1-10
Romans 15:4-9
Matthew 3:1-12

Monday:
Genesis 3:9-15, 20
Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12
Luke 1:26-38

Tuesday:
Isaiah 40:1-11
Matthew 18:12-14

Wednesday:
Isaiah 40:25-31
Matthew 11:28-30

Thursday:
Isaiah 41:13-20
Matthew 11:11-15

Friday:
Isaiah 48:17-19
Matthew 11:16-19

Saturday:
Ecclesiasticus 48:1-4, 9-11
Matthew 17:10-13

Next Sunday:
Isaiah 35:1-6, 10
James 5:7-10
Matthew 11:2-11