

TODAY'S READINGS

Entrance Antiphon:

Ps 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.

Collect: Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God,
the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ
with righteous deeds at his coming,
so that, gathered at his right hand,
they may be worthy to possess the heavenly kingdom.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy
Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

First Reading:

Isaiah 2:1-5

**The Lord gathers all nations together into the eternal
peace of the Kingdom of God.**

The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning
Judah and Jerusalem.

It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain
of the house of the Lord shall be established as the
highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the
hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, and many peoples
shall come, and say: 'Come, let us go up to the mountain
of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may
teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.'

For out of Sion shall go forth the law, and the word of the
Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations,
and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall
beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into
pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against
nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the
Lord.

R/ THE WORD OF THE LORD

C/ THANKS BE TO GOD

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Ps 122(121):1-4. 8-9. R cf. 1

Let us go re-joic-ing to the house— of the Lord.



Second Reading:

Romans 13:11-14a

'Salvation is nearer to us now.'

Brothers and sisters: You know the time, that the hour
has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is
nearer to us now than when we first believed. The night is
far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the
works of darkness and put on the armour of light. Let us
walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and

drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not
in quarrelling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus
Christ.

R/ THE WORD OF THE LORD

C/ THANKS BE TO GOD

Gospel Acclamation:

Psalm 85(84):8

(ALL STAND)

Alleluia, alleluia.

Show us, O Lord, your mercy,
and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia.

Gospel:

Matthew 24:37-44

Stay awake so that you may be ready.

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples: 'For as were the
days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For
as in those days before the flood they were eating and
drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day
when Noah entered the ark, and they were unaware until
the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the
coming of the Son of Man. Then two men will be in the
field; one will be taken and one left. Two women will be
grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left.
Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day
your Lord is coming. But know this, that if the master of
the house had known in what part of the night the thief
was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not
have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also
must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour
you do not expect.'

R/ THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD

C/ 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:

Ps 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.



Catholic Parish of Our Lady of Hal Camden Town

Reminder: Please turn your mobile phones OFF! Would you kindly take your weekly newsletter home with you!

30th November 2025 (Year A) | FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

REFLECTIONS ON THE GOSPEL

Advent: Waiting with Trust

Advent is a season of waiting – but not all waiting is the same.

Sometimes we wait for things we know will happen: reaching the front of the
supermarket queue, a booked holiday, a birthday, Christmas itself. That kind of waiting
mostly needs patience. We know the date; we just have to get there.

But there is another, deeper kind of waiting – and this is really the waiting of Advent. It is
the waiting we experience when we do not know how things will turn out. It might be the
anxious waiting for medical results, or the slow, painful waiting for a relationship to heal.
It can be the waiting of someone hoping to meet a person with whom to share life, or the
quiet uncertainty of looking towards retirement or a new stage of life and wondering
what it will really be like. In all these moments, the outcome is not clear. We cannot put
a date in the diary. This kind of waiting asks not only for patience, but for trust.

Advent invites us into that trust. We believe our lives are not random or meaningless, but
held in the hands of a loving God who is quietly at work, even when we cannot see what
he is doing. God is already on the move, often beneath the surface of our ordinary days.
Our Advent waiting is really a waiting for God's coming – into our parish, our homes, our
hearts.

So, this Advent, it might be good for each of us to name, in our own hearts, one or two
things we are really waiting for, and gently place them before the Lord. We may not
know when or how God will answer, and it may not be exactly as we imagined or desired.
But we can live these weeks in the quiet conviction that those who place their trust in
God will not be disappointed – and that whatever God brings about, in his time, will be
well worth waiting for.

Father Mark

*Welcome to all at Mass
today, especially to any
visitors who are here for
the first time. Please take
this sheet home with you
which will tell you about
this week's celebration and
the activities in the parish
during the week.*



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FOR YOUR PRAYERS

SICK, HOUSEBOUND, THOSE WHO RECEIVE COMMUNION AT HOME:

Mike Power, Father Anthony, Margaret Quinn, Michael O’Brien, Christine Smith, Rachel Cottrell, Alice O’Neill, Janice Davidson, Jilly Taylor, Marie Cawdery, Pauline Guthrie, Maureen Lyden, Richard Ainsworth, Francesco Sesia, Joe Owen, Doreen O’Callaghan, Wesley Gilead, Henrik Sperlich, Allan & Lynne Mackintosh, Ray Norris, Morag & Raj Puri, Stephen de Winter, George Spencer.

HAL LAMPS: THE HOLY SOULS

RECENTLY DEPARTED: We pray for all those who have died recently.

DEAD ANNIVERSARIES: We pray for all the souls on our November Dead Lists.



LITURGICAL CALENDAR & INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK						
SUNDAY MASS: 6pm (Saturday Vigil), 10.00am (Family) & 12 Noon (Solemn). 5pm (Portuguese). OTHER MASS TIMES: <u>Monday, Tuesday & Friday at 12 Noon</u> ; <u>Wednesday and Thursday at 9.30am</u> HOLYDAYS OF OBLIGATION: As Announced. EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: Fridays: 12.30pm-1pm and Saturday: 5.15-5.45pm CONFESSIONS: Friday 12.35-1pm, Saturday 11am-11.30 & 5.15pm-5.45pm and by appointment.						
P	Sunday	30th November	First Sunday of Advent	Vigil	5:15 pm 6:00 pm 10:00 am 12 Noon	Evening Prayer of the Church The Holy Souls People of the Parish & Maureen Fitzpatrick(B’day) Kerry Corcoran (RIP)
P	Monday	1st December	Advent Feria		12 Noon	Patrick Maudhan (ANN)
P	Tuesday	2nd December	Advent Feria		12 Noon	Ignatius Said (ANN)
W	Wednesday	3rd December	NO MASS IN OUR CHURCH TODAY			
P	Thursday	4th December	Advent Feria		09:30 am	Egisto and Guglielmina Barontini (RIP)
P	Friday abstinence	5th December	Advent Feria		12 Noon	Mick & Mary Hawe (ANN)
P	Saturday	6th December	Second Sunday of Advent	Vigil	6:00 pm	Patrick Joe Kissane (RIP)

NEWS AND VIEWS

WELCOME to all at Mass today, especially visitors, or to anyone who is new to the Parish.

PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS: Mon; Tue; Thu and Fri: 10.00 to 2.00pm; Wednesday closed.

WEEKDAY MASSES: At present, we will be able to retain most weekday Masses from Monday to Friday. The situation will be reviewed at the end of the year.

VESPERS (EVENING PRAYER): On Saturday evenings, Sung Evening Prayer is celebrated at 5:15pm before Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome to join us.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026: The applications for First Holy Communion are now closed.

CONFIRMATION 2026: We have had few applications from young people to be confirmed next summer. The deadline for applications has been extended to **15th December**. The reality is that we don’t have enough voluntary catechists to run a course for a small number. If more people do not come forward, we will skip a year and run a programme for 2025/2026

Christmas Tree and Flowers: For the first three weekends of Advent, we will be having a retiring collection for the Christmas Tree and flowers. We will be very grateful if you could donate generously towards this. If anyone would like to buy the tree (approx. £150) for the sanctuary, please see Fr Mark or Althea in the office.

IMMERSE - A night of encounter! Calling all young adults!
Come and join us on the 6th of December from 5.15pm for the upcoming Joel’s Bar evening - Immerse, here at Our Lady of Hal. This is a time for young adults to meet together, be refreshed with the Holy Spirit through worship and prayer ministry and to build community with one another. There will be Mass beforehand and then a talk from an incredible speaker, before some mulled wine and social time! All are welcome so bring a friend, and if not then just bring yourself! We’ll be diving into the hope that we have in Jesus, who is a sure anchor for the soul, and why the message of Christmas is needed now more than ever!

Carol Service by Candlelight: We are delighted to announce that our Carol Service for this year will be on the Friday, **12th December at 7.15pm** , here at Our Lady of Hal Church. The admission is free with a voluntary collection towards the Music Ministry. After the service, we will have Mulled Wine and Mince Pies in the hall. We are asking parishioners if they are able to donate Mince Pies towards this event. If you would like to donate, please bring your mince pies after Saturday/Sunday Mass on the 6/7th of December or call in the parish office to

drop it off during the week. The service will include readings, congregational carols, solos and ensembles led by the Hal Singers! Please join us for what promises to a beautiful Christmas Liturgy.

PENITENTIAL SERVICE IN PREPARATION FOR CHRISTMAS: Wednesday 17th December: 6pm. Opportunity to come together as a community in penitence to prepare for Christmas. Individual confessions will be heard by a visiting priest and the parish priest.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTER NEEDED FOR 2 HOME VISITS:
We have ‘lost’ a Eucharistic Minister from the parish and we need someone to take over her two home visits twice a month or every 3 weeks. As this is an important part of your ministry, please speak to Fr Mark to arrange.

Organ Music During Advent: As is the tradition of the church during penitential seasons, and with the exception of Gaudate Sunday, organ music is limited to supporting the singing only as we prepare for the celebratory joy of the Nativity itself.

Christmas Stand: After weekend masses commencing 6/7th December up until Christmas Eve, a Christmas stand will be set up at the back of the church selling a variety of Christmas gifts including the ‘Our Lady of Hal’ 2026 Calendars, Our Lady of Hal children’s selection boxes, personalized mugs, and monastic wine covers. Please come and visit our Christmas stand to purchase all of your stocking fillers. All proceeds go to the church.

PRIVATE TUTOR NEEDED for GCSE Maths. If you can help, please see Fr. Mark. Thank you.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES 2025

First Holy Communion 2026: please see separate item.

Confirmation 2026: please see separate item.

RCIA Course: Now up and running.

TEAS AND COFFEES TODAY for parishioners and visitors after the 10am Sunday Mass.

COLLECTIONS LAST SUNDAY: (THANK YOU!)
Envelopes: £302.05 Loose: £204.02 Total: £506.07
Donation by Dona Card Machine on Sunday: £265.21 and £519 per week by standing order.