

OUR LADY OF ENGLAND



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Second Sunday of Advent, Year C – 5th December 2021

THE CHURCH IS OPEN DAILY FOR PRAYER

SUNDAY 5, 2nd Sunday of Advent (C)

(Baruch 5:1-9; Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11; Luke 3:1-6)

6.00pm Mass (Saturday): Orange Family

8am Mass: Rowena & Sam Currie; 10.00am: Andrew Hall RIP

MONDAY 6, Monday of the Second Week of Advent

(Isaiah 35:1-10; Luke 5:17-26)

TUESDAY 7 Mem: St Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor

(Isaiah 40:1-11; Matthew 18:12-14)

10.00- 10.30am Ecumenical Prayers

WEDNESDAY 8, Solemnity: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

THURSDAY 9, Thursday of the Second Week of Advent

(Isaiah 41:13-20; Matthew 11:11-15)

FRIDAY 10, Friday of the Second Week of Advent

(Isaiah 48:17-19; Matthew 11:16-19)

SATURDAY 11, Saturday of the Second Week of Advent

(Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11; Matthew 17:9a, 10-13)

9.00am Mass: to be announced

(followed by confessions and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 10.15am)

6.00pm Mass: to be announced

NEXT SUNDAY 12, 3rd 'Gaudete' Sunday of Advent (C)

(Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:10-18)

8am Mass: to be announced; 10.00am: to be announced

4.00pm Parish Penitential Service

OUR LOCAL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS ARE:

St Philip's Catholic Primary School

London Road, Arundel

Tel: 01903 882115 www.stphilipsarundel.org.uk

St Philip Howard Catholic School

Elm Grove South, Barnham

Tel: 01243 552055 www.sphcs.co.uk

Current COVID arrangements:

Please, if possible, continue to wear a face covering during Mass, sanitise hands on entry and exit, and participate in the voluntary track and trace list. The church is open every day for private prayer. Face coverings are required for private prayer in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, but not required in the main part of the church.

Children's Liturgy has restarted at 10am Mass, and parish coffee re-starts after 10am Mass THIS weekend.

The formal obligation to Sunday Mass has not yet been reinstated, but the Bishops of England & Wales have written to all Catholics encouraging them to honour Sunday and make a decision in conscience about attending Mass. If you've made it back to the shops, gym, work, club, etc, then making it back to church should also be a priority. The letter was sent out last week with the newsletter or is available as a download on the website.

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE, Sunday 12th December at 4pm. For other services in the Deanery, see the item in the Deanery newsletter attached/sent with the newsletter last week or on the website.

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR SVP CONFERENCE Our very grateful thanks to all those who so generously contributed to our recent appeal. It will enable us to fulfill our commitments to those for whom we have care and continue to support others who need our help. Anita Moseley, President of Our Lady of England SVP Conference

This weekend 4/5 December: 2nd Collection Advent collection for Turning Tides (formerly Worthing Churches Homeless Project). This collection will be open until next Sunday 12th December.

SUNDAY OFFERTORY COLLECTION Thank you for your recent offerings.

MOTHERS PRAYERS meet on the first Thursday of the month at 2pm in church. For more information please contact Cecilia Strong Tel: 01903 740147

CHEMIN NEUF CHRISTMAS PARTY Saturday 11th December 3-6pm at the Priory. Free fun for all the family: Festive food, make your own gifts, singing, storytelling. **Booking essential** at: storringtonxmas.eventbrite.co.uk 07873 650075 chemin-neuf.org.uk

CONFESSIONS after Saturday 9.00am Mass. Also by appointment with Fr Charles

ECUMENICAL PRAYERS: First Tuesday of the Month 10-10.30am in our church. Come together with local Christians to pray for our churches, communities, and the wider world. Next meeting this Tuesday.

SYNOD 2023

Central to the teaching of the Second Vatican Council is understanding the Church to be the Pilgrim People of God. We journey, bishops and people, together. For this to be true, there must be true dialogue and active listening. And therefore, the Church is Synodal, by nature and by definition. The current Synod, or more fully, the Synodal Path to 2023, is but one, current expression of this pilgrim church. Synod is not something we do and then move on. It is, or should be, part of our continued Church identity.

Material to assist your participation in this current moment is now available on the diocesan website at <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/synod>

If individuals or groups need printed copies, please ask. The material is designed for use in groups but can be used alone or in a household too. Existing groups eg. Choir, SVP, Rosary, Children's Liturgy team, Children's Liturgy Parents, Mothers Prayer and more, can usefully work together. Others may join together with those they know, especially those on the margins of the church whose voice is of particular importance in this process. Submissions need to be in by the end of January to be included in the diocesan process. Please, those with computers reach out to those without.

Please reach out to those you know on the margins of the church.

Please be in touch if you would like to participate and need to be linked up with some other parishioners to work together.

As part of Pope Francis' Synod, the Cathedral is hosting the **Zoom group meetings for the deanery**. All the meetings will run in the evening from 7:30 - 9:00 on the following dates:

Sunday, 5 December- Session 1: Communion

Thursday, 9 December - Session 2: Participation

Monday, 13 December - Session 3: Mission

To sign-up [click here for the form](#). Alternatively, you can email edward.hopkins@abdiocese.org.uk

ADVENT VESPERS recorded by Fr Charles last year is available on the parish website.

CHRISTMAS AND HOLY FAMILY MASSES

Please note that Fr Charles will be celebrating Mass in Ford Prison earlier in the afternoon of Christmas Eve.

Christmas Eve Family Vigil 5pm - booking required for this Mass only, numbers limited to 100. First priority given to families who will receive details this week, general booking from next weekend.

Mass of Christmas Night 9.00pm

Mass of Christmas Dawn 8.00am

Mass of Christmas Day 10.00am

For Sunday 26th December (Feast of the Holy Family) there will be ONLY ONE MASS at 10am

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

For those who hold power in the world and the Church: that the word of God, revealed to the humble and lowly, may challenge all that falls short of God's desire for peace, integrity and freedom amongst all peoples.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

For those places of the earth that are lost in a wilderness of poverty, falsehood and violence: that the valleys of injustice, the mountains of division and the winding ways of deceit may be made smooth so that all humanity may walk together in safety under God.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

For refugees and all who are far from home: that they may find welcome and support amidst those who hear the Good News until that day when they can gather afresh with their families and friends.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

For the sick, the troubled and the bereaved: that they may find rest within the shade of God's love and song in their time of tears.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

We join our prayers with those of Mary as we pray 'Hail Mary..'

AN EVENING OF SECULAR AND SACRED MUSIC

AND STORYTELLING exploring and celebrating the journey of faith as saints and sinners on the road to heaven. Sunday 5 Dec. 7pm St Peter's Church Henfield, BN5 9NY. John Holmstrom (keyboard) Dominic Dring (saxophones, flutes and vocals) with special guests. Donations in support of the maintenance of the beautiful parish church of St Peter's (please give generously) Tickets through www.eventbrite.co.uk search on Saints and Sinners on the Road or you can use link <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/193062684687>

GATWICK DETAINEES' WELFARE GROUP: GDWG would like to thank parishioners who generously responded to their appeal, for no longer needed iPads, laptops, and smart phones. 26 have been cleaned of the original owner's data and sent to people who need them. Once released those who have suffered detention can be very isolated in the community and many are not able to access services. They tell us that the devices have been really helpful for their ESOL classes, keeping in touch with solicitors and their families. It's also helped one person apply for a job and another to join college courses which help distract from him severe anxiety.

MARY'S MEALS write: "Our new campaign, Double The Love, has launched this month. Donations made to Mary's Meals from until 31 January 2022 will be doubled, thanks to a group of generous supporters who have promised to match donations, up to £1.6 million. This will allow us to reach hungry children around the world" See [Home | Mary's Meals UK \(marysmeals.org.uk\)](http://Home | Mary's Meals UK (marysmeals.org.uk)) for more information and ways to donate and support this charity.

JUSTICE & PEACE ASSEMBLY WITH BISHOP

RICHARD: 'To a Safer Shore?' Focussing on the challenges faced by people compelled to leave their homes and seek refuge in other countries. **Why must** and **how can** we respond to their needs, especially in light of Fratelli Tutti? Taking place on **Saturday 15th January**, at St Francis School, Southgate Drive, Crawley, RH10 6RP. Speakers, stalls, refreshments. Doors open 9.30am, event runs from 10am - 1 pm. Please wear a mask, dress warmly, and bring your own mug or flask. Seating spaced out, therefore places limited. [Book here for Justice & Peace Assembly](#) or E-mail: Tessa.ricketts@abdiocese.org.uk

FROM CAFOD Like many women around the world, Garmah in Liberia had no legal rights to her home when her husband died. CAFOD worked with local experts to help her and now Garmah and her children live rightfully and happily together in their family home. "I feel safe, my children have a place to rest their head and I can make a garden to feed them and myself. God sent redeemers to fight for my land rights. I am overfilled with joy." Thank you for your support which enables hundreds of women like Garmah remain in their homes during times of struggle. Other examples of our work can be found at cafod.org.uk/worldgifts You can also order by phone: 0808 14 000 14.

PRAYER FOR HEALTH STAFF

Wondrous God, author of life,
you fashioned us in your likeness
and breathed into us the life which is your own.

Be with those whose special care
is the health of mind and body.

Fill their hearts with awe
for the life which is your gift
and sustain them daily in your service,
that their hands may bring to others
the comfort of your healing touch.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THOSE AFFECTED

Merciful God, come to the help of your people.

Be our shelter in this time of peril
and strengthen the bonds of our community.

Bring healing to all who suffer
the ravages of disease
and assist those whose skill and art
can put an end to this affliction.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**PRAYER OF ST ALPHONSUS**

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in this Holy
Sacrament of the altar.

I love you above all things
and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul.

Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
come spiritually into my soul

so that I may unite myself wholly to you
now and forever.

Amen