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Second Sunday of Advent (Year C)

ADVENT AT ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH



Please give a gift to the homeless this Christmas.

PLEASE RETURN GIFTS BY NEXT SUNDAY, 16TH DECEMBER! Last chance to take a tag, buy the item, wrap and return. Place all gifts in the box by the sacristy. Thank you!

FOOD FOR NOAH - please continue to put non-perishable food items in the containers in the porch.

RAFFLE TICKETS - please return all tickets as soon as possible, ready for the drawer which will take place next **Sunday 16th December**, following **11.00am** Mass. Please note, that unsold books must also be returned so ALL tickets have been accounted for.

CARDINAL NEWMAN SCHOOL - annual Carol Service takes place in the school hall on **Monday 10th December** at **7.00pm**. All are welcome to join us for this service of readings, music and drama, with refreshments afterwards.

LUTON CATENIAN CHRISTMAS 12TH DECEMBER - parishioners are welcome to join this enjoyable purely social event. It's a fun evening from 7-00pm at Harpenden Golf Club and all for £30 per head. Raffle in support of NOAH, Luton. Do join us by booking your place via email to john.williams58@btinternet.com or T: 01582 760547

ST CLARE'S CONVENT CAROLS AT THE CRIB at 2.00pm on **December 15th**, see poster in porch for full details!

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE - 7pm, **Monday 17th December** at Holy Ghost, Luton.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SHARE CHRISTMAS WITH OTHERS at St Martin De Porres Hall on Christmas Day? Please contact Mary Maybury for further details on [07866989254](tel:07866989254) or [01582754850](tel:01582754850).

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY! The Diocese is the first for the Dowry Tour of Our Lady of Walsingham in 2019! **Thursday 7th February** to **Saturday 9th February 2019** in the Cathedral Church of Our Lady & St Thomas. Further details to follow.

REQUEST FOR MASS INTENTION - envelopes are in the porch and sacristy. For a specific date, it is a good idea to check if the date is available. Three months' notice is advisable for a Sunday Mass. Please also note, there may be times where a Mass has to be changed, for example, a funeral. If you complete your name & contact number, you will be advised if there are any changes.

SUNDAY 9th DECEMBER 2018

Sat 6:30pm	Paddy O'Brien, RIP
9:00am	People of the Parish
11:00am	Thanksgiving
Monday - Feria	
9.30am	Chinnamma Abraham, RIP
Tuesday - Feria	
9:30am	Anne Barrett, RIP
Wednesday - NO MASS	
Thursday - St Lucy	
6.30pm	Bonifas Joseph, RIP
Friday - Feria	
9.30am	Jean Devine, RIP
SATURDAY - CONFESSIONS 5:30PM - 6:00PM	
SATURDAY - MASS AT 6:30PM	
NEXT SUNDAY - 3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT	
Sat 6:30pm	Noel Doyle, RIP
9:00am	Christopher Malone, RIP
11:00am	Thanksgiving

Lunch Club: Friday 11.30am onwards.

Christian Life: Friday 7.00pm in the Hall.

Charismatic Prayer Group: Friday 7:30pm in the Lady Chapel.

Legion of Mary: Friday 7:30pm in the Hall.



Christmas HOPE - copies now available in the porch. Feel free to take one and to share our faith in the giving of this book to another person.

Download newsletter at www.stmartindepordeschurch.org.uk



Second Sunday of Advent

This Sunday's Readings

First Reading – Baruch 5:1-9

God means to show your splendour to every nation.

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress,
put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever,
wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you,
put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head:

since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven,
since the name God gives you for ever will be,
'Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness.'

Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights
and turn your eyes to the east:
see your sons reassembled from west and east
at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that
God has remembered them.

Though they left you on foot,
with enemies for an escort,
now God brings them back to you
like royal princes carried back in glory.
For God has decreed the flattening
of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills,
the filling of the valleys to make the ground level
so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory
of God.

And the forests and every fragrant tree will
provide shade
for Israel at the command of God;
for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his
glory
with his mercy and integrity for escort.

Responsorial Psalm – 125(126)

*WHAT MARVELS THE LORD WORKED FOR US!
INDEED, WE WERE GLAD.*

Second Reading – Philippians 1:4-6,8-11

*May you become pure and blameless in
preparation for the day of Christ.*

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy,
remembering how you have helped to spread the
Good News from the day you first heard it right
up to the present. I am quite certain that the One
who began this good work in you will see that it

is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes;
and God knows how much I miss you all, loving
you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that
your love for each other may increase more and
more and never stop improving your knowledge
and deepening your perception so that you can
always recognise what is best. This will help you
to become pure and blameless, and prepare you
for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the
perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in
us for the glory and praise of God.

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!

Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight,
and all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

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Gospel – Luke 3:1-6

The call of John the Baptist.

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign,
when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod
tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the
lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of
Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and
Caiaphas the word of God came to John son of
Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the
whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of
repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is
written in the book of the sayings of the prophet
Isaiah:

A voice cries in the wilderness:
Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight.
Every valley will be filled in,
every mountain and hill be laid low,
winding ways will be straightened
and rough roads made smooth. And all mankind
shall see the salvation of God.

Thanks to our Offertory Counters

This Week: Team 2: Abiola & Linda

Next Week: Team 3: Josephine & Tabitha

Thanks to our Church Cleaners

This Week: Team 3: Michael, Elizabeth & Benedicta

Next Week: Team 4: Sunny, Clara, Charlotte & Paul

Thanks to our Sunday Café Helpers

This Week: Senior Christmas Dinner takes place!

Next Week: Sunny, Angelin, & Andrea/Merilyn & Mary

Thanks to our Flower Arrangers

Anna, Bernadette & Jhay

Useful Contact Details

+ Charlotte Seery (Parish Secretary)

+ Jenny Duffy (Parish Administrator & Hall Bookings)

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Monday-Thursday 9.15-1.15pm.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR OFFERINGS

Sunday 2nd December – £990.67