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Sunday 5th December 2021

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

(YEAR C)

Mass Times and Intentions:

Sunday 5th December 2021

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Yr C)

(2nd purple candle lit on Advent Crown)

6.15pm (Saturday 4th December 2021)

Albert Rego RIP

8.30am Jose & Felicidade Farrao RIP

10am People of the parish

11.30am Joe Moynihan RIP

(Polyphony Choir singing at this Mass)

5pm SVP intention

Second Week of Advent

Monday 6th December 2021 (Feria)

7.30am Mr & Mrs Maloo Lim Fat RIP

10am Oliva Msahala RIP

Tuesday 7th December 2021 (Mem)

St Ambrose, Bishop &

Doctor of the Church

7.30am Cecilia Ohen RIP

10am Joseph Lunn RIP

Wednesday 8th December 2021

**THE SOLEMNITY OF
THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

7.30am Justus Nwaka RIP

10am Teresa Jiang Ren Qui RIP

Thursday 9th December 2021 (Feria)

7.30am Oliva Msahala RIP

10am Raffaele Antonio Forte RIP

Friday 10th December 2021 (Feria)

7.30am Vivian Mordi RIP

10am Ernest Joseph Borgonha RIP

Saturday 11th December 2021 (Feria)

10am Teresa Jiang Ren Qui RIP

Sunday 12th December 2021

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Yr C)

GAUDETE SUNDAY

(Rose candle lit on Advent Crown)

6.15pm (Saturday 11th December 2021)

Kathleen Carr RIP

8.30am Renato Orlando RIP

10am People of the parish

11.30am Intentions of Georgette Yoo Foo

5pm Patrick John Lacey RIP

MASS SCHEDULE

*Mass: Monday to Friday 7.30am.

Monday – Saturday: 10am.

*Confession: Saturday, after 10am

Mass, until approx 11.30am.

*Sunday Masses: (Sat 6.15pm);
8.30am; 10am; 11.30am; 5pm.

CURRENT COVID INFORMATION

Track & Trace Forms apply Sundays,
Saturday evenings, Holidays & funerals.

Our sincere thanks to all our stewards.

Sunday obligation remains suspended.

Please follow stewards' instructions.

If you feel ill, please stay away.

Remember to sanitise your hands.

Remember to wear a mask correctly.

Please don't gather outside the church.

Observe social distancing of 1 metre.

Please refrain from kissing statues.

Please help stop the spread of COVID.

Please inform us if you test positive.

"HANDS; FACE; SPACE; FRESH AIR"

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL WHO ARE ILL AND/OR HOUSEBOUND:

John Ambler, Jessica Anane,

Margaret Asubonteng-Mensah,

Juliette Blake, Alan Blaquiere,

Anita Blaquiere, Barry Breese,

Erna Breese, Frances Carter,

Philip Chapman, Rosemary Clark,

Jean Cowie, Reeda D'Souza,

Audrey Draude, Teresa Florek-Smail,

Raffaella Forte, Giovanni Franco,

Rachel Gadd, Elaine Gunther,

Anna Harris, Agnes Healy, Terry Jupp,

Fr Louie Kitt, Scarlett Kurowski,

Philomena Lopez, James McDonald,

Elenaor McLaughlin, Otiss McLaughlin,

Margaret McSharry, Ajitha Mahatantila,

Mary Meyern, Mary O'Sullivan,

Thomas Pereira, Sheila Price,

Parwar Saib, Frederic Saint-Rose,

Alice Scott, Elizabeth Scott,

Christine Shaughnessy,

Fr David Standley, Jo Taylor,

Edythe Thirlwall, Joe Vassallo,

Monica Vergara, Michael Wemambu,

Mary White, Ethelda Williams,

Carole Winch, John Windsor,

Charmaine Wise, Margaret Worrell,

Georgette Yoo Foo.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Bruce Davidson**, who died on Wednesday 24th November 2021.

Bruce was the brother of Jenny Patterson.

Our condolences and prayers as a parish go to the family.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2022

There will be an introductory meeting, for **parents only**, who would like their children to make their First Holy Communion next year. This will be held **this coming Monday 6th December 2021 at 7.30pm in the church.**

Enrolment will be online, through the parish web site. Instructions will be provided, along with the web site link. Catechists are desperately needed in order to deliver the 2022 programme. Please contact any of the priests if you may be able to help. Or please email Teresa Furtado: trizfurtado@gmail.com.

CONFIRMATION GROUP NORWOOD AND BRIXTON FOODBANK APPEAL

Please bring any of the following with you when coming to Mass **next weekend,**

11th/12th December 2021:

UHT Milk, tinned fruit & vegetables, edible Christmas items (cakes etc), long-dated crisps, biscuits etc. Nothing containing alcohol please. We also need toiletries. Please bring whatever you can, and support our Confirmandi in their formation, showing care for the needy. Food banks have recently become more important than they have ever been!

GIFT AID & FINANCE

If you are a tax payer, please consider joining the Gift Aid scheme. We can reclaim tax you have paid, adding 25% to your offering at no extra cost to you!

You may find a Standing Order Form on our parish website: sof_200904.jpg

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Year End Letters are not yet available.

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS

By tradition, your Christmas offerings across the Christmas weekend are your personal gift to our priests. Please take one of our beautifully printed Christmas Offering Envelopes, into which you may place your offering. If you are a member of the Gift Aid scheme, you are kindly asked to write your Gift Aid number in the box provided.

READINGS & PRAYERS FOR THIS SUNDAY

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (cf Isaiah 30:19, 30)

O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

FIRST READING (Baruch 5:1-9)

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

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Psalm 125, response v 3)

**R: What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad.**

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,
it seemed like a dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips, there were songs. **R.**
2. The heathens themselves said:
'What marvels the Lord worked for them!'
What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed, we were glad! **R.**
3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.
Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap. **R.**
4. They go out, they go out full of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing,
they come back, they come back full of song,
carrying their sheaves. **R.**

SECOND READING (Philippians 1:4-6; 8-11)

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. 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.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Luke 3:4, 6)

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

GOSPEL (Luke 3:1-6)

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 will be laid low, winding ways will be straightened and rough roads made smooth. And all mankind shall see the salvation of God."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON (Baruch 5:5, 4:6)

**Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights,
and behold the joy which comes to you from God.**

PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS

The office opens on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays only, between the hours of 10.30am and 3.30pm.

Please wear a face mask if you call at the front door.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Please contribute what you can towards beautifying the church for Christmas. There is a special wall box in the porch.

OUR ADVENT CROWN

Today, we light the second purple candle, also called the Bethlehem Candle, recalling the prophesy of Micah concerning the place of Christ's birth. It represents faith, whilst the colour purple here points to the Kingship of Jesus.

CAFOD WORLD GIFTS

Please pick up your copy of this annual CAFOD catalogue from the stewards. You may send money direct to CAFOD who will provide, on your behalf, things that will help our deprived brothers and sisters to work towards a better life

POLYPHONY CHOIR CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

Sunday 19th December 2021 at 2.30pm in the church.

Entry to this Celebration of Carols & Scripture Readings is free.

MISSIO

Miranda Forte has now taken over from Cynthia Jouan as our MISSIO organiser. New promoters are urgently needed. Promoters collect funds from box holders every 3 months, and help the organiser to recruit new boxholders.

ST BART'S CALENDAR 2022

This will be launched in the coming weeks. Please look out for the posters, and check on our parish web site for information on how to obtain one of these **Limited Edition** calendars.

ST BART'S DIARY 2022

Please pick up your free diary from the Repository. You are invited to make an offering of your choice.