

Advent Reflections :The Southwark Spirituality Commission and Stewardship Team are offering short daily Advent Reflections, which will be delivered to your inbox. Please advertise this service in parishes. Thank you. <http://www.southwarkdsc.org.uk/>

Our next Garden Work-Party will be held next Saturday 15th December at 10.30am. Everyone welcome. Please bring gardening gloves and tools and wear proper outdoor clothing/footwear. Hot drinks and home-made muffins on offer.

Next Sunday there will be Traidcraft for sale after 9am and 11am Mass

In our Advent Wreath, which colour candle burns longer? None, as they all burn shorter!

If you have a family that loves you, a few good friends, food on your table, and a roof over your heads, you are far richer than you think.

Foodbank: Please find the Christmas shopping list for this worthwhile cause on the table in the Porch. Your contributions are so gratefully received by those in crisis.

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Newsletter – 9th December. Second Sunday in Advent C.

Readings: Baruch 6; 1-9; Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11; Luke 3: 1-6

Responsorial Psalm. *What marvels the Lord worked for us!*

Indeed, we were glad.

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

Next week's Readings: Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:10-18

Sacrament of Confession

Saturday after 10am

Mass.

Sunday 10.30 – 10.45am

& 5.30 – 5.45 pm.

Don't regret yesterday,
it's the perfect compass
for your direction today!

It is Friday night (7th Dec) as I write this reflection. I am very tired, so must be the many people who were with me since this afternoon to get things ready for the induction. With planning events such as these there is so much to do. I found the time before the Blessed Sacrament so revitalizing and the Mass too adds so much breathing space to our busy lives. It

just goes to show how when we feed our spiritual life, we then become complete and truly live as the Lord intended us to be. The voice of John crying out for repentance prepares the people to receive the Lord when he comes. Let us like those who listened to him and followed Christ, take the opportunity to do something about our own repentance by going to confession (Our penitential evening

is on Wednesday the 12th at 7:00pm). Let us bless and thank the Lord for the season of Advent. Let our Advent devotions bring us many blessings and help us to welcome the Lord with great joy. God bless and thank you for all your help. Fr Neil.

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

	9 th December	Feast Days
Sunday 9am 11am 6pm	Holy Souls- Holy Souls People of the Parish	Second Sunday of Advent
Monday 10am	Holy Souls	feria
Tuesday 10am	Rosemary, Rob & baby Elliott – well being.	Saint Damasus 1, Pope
Wednesday 10am	Holy Souls	Our Lady of Guadalupe,
Thursday 1pm	Requiem Mass - Michael Maher R.I.P.	Saint Lucy, Virgin & Martyr,
Friday 7pm	Holy Souls	Saint John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church
Saturday 10am	Holy Souls	Our Lady

Sunday 2nd December:

1st Collection: Loose – £254.51; Gift Aid –£171.20 = £425.71

2nd Building Fund Loose - £147.02; Gift Aid- = £55.00 = £202.02

Attendance: 9am –98 ; 11am –68, 6pm –58 = 224

100 Club: £20: A Johnson – N^o 24; £10: V. Dean– N^o 131

Today is Bible Sunday: Readers may renew their commitment to this ministry.

The Requiem Mass for Michael Maher will be at 1pm this coming Thursday 13th December. May he rest in the peace of Christ. Our deepest sympathies to his family and friends. Please remember them all in your prayers.

Advent is upon us, so please check out the Repository for presents, cards, (which are on the windowsill), calendars, diaries and candles and if there is something you particularly want, you can go on CBC Distributors, take the number and ask Gill to order for you.

Advent Poster: To decorate your home, please take one. This is by the Knights of St Columba. Please leave a donation if you like to support the “Keep Christ in Christmas campaign”.

Copies of CAFOD’s WORLD GIFTS CATALOGUE are now available in the Porch. World Gifts are CAFOD's charity gift range of unusual, ethical presents that can help transform the lives of poor communities and families in developing countries.



Advent Raffles: There is a lovely Hamper as always, donated by Sheila, and a Nativity scene from the Repository, both at £1 per strip. Please support our fund-raising activities.

The Bring & Share Lunch raffle last Sunday, for the homeless, raised £45. Many thanks to those who donated to the raffle with prizes

There are some Advent calendars in the Porch for the smaller children, compliments of Father Neil.

Notable Dates for our Parish

Wednesday 12th December:
7pm Advent Penitential Service

Friday 14th December: 6.30pm
Adoration followed by 7pm
Mass, and talk by Dcn. Felim.

Monday 17th Junior Carol
Service in Church 7pm

Friday 21st December 7pm
Mass with carols