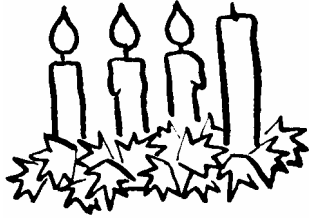


Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception and St Joseph

The Third Sunday of Advent
13th December 2009



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ADVENT

Please note that we do not have flowers on the Altars or around the Church during Advent. It is a time of simplicity and waiting. The celebrations will come later! During this time of the year, we are asked to pray for these intentions: Openness to the Word of God; Migrants and Refugees; Expectant Mothers.

CHRISTMAS READERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

We need volunteers to read and assist with the distribution of Holy Communion during the Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. The lists are available in the Sacristy. Please sign up!

The New Eucharistic minister's rota for Sundays can be collected from the sacristy.

NEW YEAR'S EVE

There will be Mass in the Church at 10.30pm on New Year's Eve.

We need to know if people want a Parish Party to "see in" the New Year, which would enable families with younger children to celebrate together. For the past few years it has taken place in Eleanor Hall. The Hall was open in the evening, and people were free to come at whatever time suited. They brought some music, something to eat, something to drink, and the kettle was on the boil! The Hall can stay open on New Years Eve Night until about 1.00am.

What do people want?

CHRISTMAS EVE - CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

There will be a Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 5.00pm Mass on Christmas Eve. This will be celebrated in the Church. If any young person wishes to take a more active role in this celebration, please add your name and age to the list in the Sacristy. There will be a practice on Wednesday 23rd December at 10.30pm

ST PAULS' SUNDAY MISSAL

St Paul's 2010 Sunday Missal is now on sale in the shop, priced £4.50. Please note that the Missals are free to those who are on Readers' Rota.

CHRISTMAS SERVICE TIMES

The Parish Christmas Card, with the time of all the Services during Christmas and the New Year, are now available at the Church Entrances.

FAIR TRADE STALL

The Fair Trade Stall will be open this weekend after all Masses; this will enable you all to do your Fair Trade Christmas shopping!

PENANCE SERVICE

There will be an Advent Penance Service on Tuesday 22nd December at 8.00pm.

HELP REQUIRED!

CHRISTMAS WORKSHOP: Help is needed with the preparation of our Christmas celebrations. There will be a Session on **Monday 21st December at 11.00am**. Children and adults are needed in St. Joseph's Hall to decorate wreaths ready for our Christmas celebrations.

CHRISTMAS EVE: Help is needed to clean, prepare and decorate the Church from 10.30am also at 4.00pm to light candles (ladder-climbers needed please Gents!). Please contact the Parish Office if you are able to help with either or both of the above. As always, your help is greatly appreciated.

100+ CLUB NOVEMBER WINNERS

£35.00:	No.114	Mary Thomas
£25.00:	No. 37	John Ball
£15:	No.102	Jocelyn Blackman

The Christmas Jackpot Draw will take place on Sunday 20th December. Application Forms for 2010 are available at the Church entrances. Subscription unchanged at £12 per number. The first draw will be on Sunday 31st January 2010.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Truly, God is my salvation,
I trust, I shall not fear.
For the Lord is my strength, my song,
he became my saviour.
With joy you will draw water
from the wells of salvation.

Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name!
Make his almighty deeds known to the peoples!
Declare the greatness of his name.

Sing a psalm to the Lord
for he has done glorious deeds,
make them known to all the earth!
People of Zion, sing and shout for joy
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia
The spirit of the Lord has been given to me.
He has sent me to bring good news to the poor.
Alleluia!

TODAY'S READINGS: Zephaniah 3:14-18
Psalm 12
Philippians 4:4-7
Luke 3:10-18
NEXT WEEKS' READINGS: Micah 5:1-4
Psalm 79:2-3,15-16,18-19
Hebrew 10:5-10
Luke 1:39-45

Mass Times

SUNDAY	THIRD SUNDAY ADVENT	8.30am 11.00am 12.30pm & 6.30pm
Monday		10.00am
Tuesday		10.00am
Wednesday		10.00am
Thursday		10.00am
Friday		10.00am
Saturday		6.30pm
SUNDAY	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	8.30am 11.00am 12.30pm & 6.30pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation –
Saturday 10.30 – 11.00am & 5.45 – 6.15pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
There is Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Church each Friday morning from 9.15 to 9.45.

Offertory Last Week: £1430.79
plus the regular Standing Orders. Thank You!

PARISH COLLECTIONS

Our Cafod Fast Day collection raised £1568.87 and the Sick and Retired Priests collection came to £1164.23, many thanks for your generosity.

SVP

The SVP Group meets on Monday evenings at 8.00pm in the Sacristy.

RCIA

The RCIA Group will meet on Monday evening at 8.00pm in the Presbytery.

LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary meets in the Sacristy at 10.45 on Tuesday mornings.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

The Canossian Lay Associates of our parish and Leyton invite you to their Advent Christmas Carol Service on Sunday 13th December at 2.30pm at the Convent, 3 Longlands Close, Cheshunt, EN8 8LW. Traditional refreshments follow. For enquires please contact The Sisters on 01992 626772.

BAPTISMS THIS WEEK

Saturday 19th December 6.30pm:
David and Jeremy Baafi.
Sunday 20th December 11.00am – Jake Lehane

LINE DANCING

A Christmas line dancing party will be held on Tuesday 15th December at 7.30pm in Eleanor hall for all past, present and future ABs (absolute beginners)! £3 entrance, snacks and bar will be open. Why not come and see how much fun we have. The next classes will start on Tuesday 12th January 2010.

BROXBOURNE STREET PASTORS

A team of Broxbourne Street Pastors will be walking the streets of Hoddesdon, Broxbourne, Cheshunt and Waltham Cross on Friday 18th December, Thursday 31st December and New Years Eve.

CONFIRMATION 2010

Please hand in your completed Application Form if you have not already done so. The final date for accepting them is fast approaching!

CHURCH MASS DIARY

The Diary for Mass Intentions to be celebrated here in the Parish is full until the end of the year. Mass Intentions are being sent to be celebrated by the sick and retired priests of the diocese. The 2010 Mass Diary will be started at a later date.

WESTMINSTER YEAR BOOK

The Westminster Year Book 2010 is now available from the shop priced at £4.

CHRISTMAS CARDS AND CALENDARS

A wide selection is on sale now in the Church shop.

ADVENT PREPARATION

A Booklet for advent and Christmastide, entitled "Walk with Me" is a journey of prayer and reflection for this Season. Cost £1 and available at the back of the Church.

The Christmas Posters are available at the Church Entrances. Please take one home and display the true message of Christmas to your neighbours.