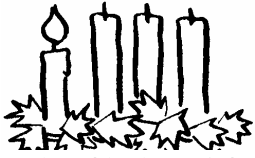


# Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception and St Joseph

The First Sunday of Advent  
29<sup>th</sup> November 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 CAROL EVENING

The annual Christmas Carol Evening will be held here in the Church on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December from 7.30pm, with a festive repertoire to enjoy. It will be led by the choir. Mulled wine and mince pies will be provided in St Joseph's Hall in the interval. Everybody is welcome!



## PARISH CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Thank you to everyone for selling tickets. The Draw will take place next Saturday during the interval at the Carol Concert, so please ensure that all counterfoils and monies are returned to the Parish Office as soon as possible.

## ADVENT PRAYER WITH CHURCHES TOGETHER

"Journeys to Christmas – Theirs and Ours" will be an Advent Quiet Evening held at St James' Church, Goffs Oak, on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm. All welcome!

## CALLING ALL APF RED BOX HOLDERS!

As we move into Advent it is time to have a collection for the APF red box holders in the parish. At the back of the church is a box containing envelopes with the names and addresses of all the APF box holders in the parish. Please take home the APF envelope with your name and address on, fill it with the contents of your APF box, and return it to the Parish Office next Sunday.

The APF is the charity that helps Catholic missionaries to continue to work in countries across the world. We thank you for all the money you give to this important work. If you have any questions please contact Terry O'Sullivan on Tel No: 01992 444 642.

## St JOSEPH'S SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAYRE

St Joseph's Christmas Fayre is being held this Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> November, 1.00-3.00pm. There will be lots of stalls for you to browse around and plenty to keep the children amused. Father Christmas will also be paying us a visit. We have a great raffle again this year, the top cash prizes are £100, £50 and £25. If you have not as yet bought your raffle tickets, they will be available at the school on Sunday. The PFA would like to thank the Parish for its continued support at all our events. See you all there

## BISHOP STACK'S PARISH VISITATION

Bishop George Stack will be making a Visitation to the parish next weekend. He will be here on Saturday afternoon and Sunday.

The timetable is:

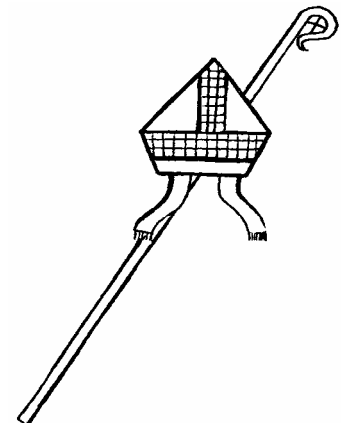
### Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December

- 3.00pm Meeting with members of the Finance and Fundraising Committees
- 4.30pm Meeting with members of the Faith Sharing Groups
- 6.30pm Mass

### Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December

- 8.30am Mass
- 11.00am Mass
- 12.30am Mass
- 3.00pm Meeting with the Parish Catechists
- 4.00pm Meeting with the Parish Safeguarding Representative
- 4.30 pm Available for individual Parishioners
- 6.30pm Mass

If any parishioner would like to meet with the bishop privately on Sunday afternoon, please contact the Parish Office to arrange an appointment



**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Lord, make me know your ways.  
Lord, teach me your paths.  
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:  
for you are God my saviour.

The Lord is good and upright.  
He shows the path to those who stray,  
he guides the humble in the right path;  
he teaches his way to the poor.

His ways are faithfulness and love  
for those who keep his covenant and will.  
The Lord's friendship is for those who revere him;  
to them he reveals his covenant.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Let us see, O Lord, your mercy  
and give us your saving help.  
Alleluia!

**TODAY'S READINGS:      NEXT WEEKS' READINGS:**

Jeremiah 33:14-16      Baruch 5:1-9  
Psalm 24:4-5.8-9.10.14      Psalm 125  
1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2      Philippians 1:4-6.8-11  
Luke 21:25-28.34-36      Luke 3:1-6

**Mass Times**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	<b>8.30am 11.00am 12.30pm &amp; 6.30pm</b>
Monday	Andrew	10.00am
Tuesday		10.00am
Wednesday		10.00am
Thursday	Francis Xavier	10.00am
Friday	John Damascene	10.00am 8.00pm
Saturday		<b>6.30pm</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	<b>8.30am 11.00am 12.30pm &amp; 6.30pm</b>

**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: £1,320.99  
plus the regular Standing Orders. Thank You!**

**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 from the Parish Office.

**FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION**

The children who are being prepared for First Communion this year will be celebrating their First Confession during the next two weeks. Please remember the children, and their families in your prayers at this time.

**LINE DANCING**

Why not come along and join our Line Dancing Classes on Tuesdays from 7.30 – 8.30pm in Eleanor Hall. All are welcome, especially Abs (absolute beginners!!)  
This is your chance to have fun, keep fit, and help support the New Parish Centre Building Fund (£397 raised in six weeks!)

**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 will now be sent to be celebrated by the sick and retired priests of the diocese. The 2010 Mass Diary will be started at a later date.

**CONFIRMATION 2010**

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated here on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2010. If you attend Mass here in the Parish, and are in Year Ten of Secondary School, or older, you are eligible for Confirmation here in St. Joseph's. If you do wish to be Confirmed, would you please see Fr John by the end of November. The preparation will begin after Christmas. For all those who attend at St. Paul's in Cheshunt, please see Father Anton for details of the preparation there. Please note that we can only prepare people who are already attending Mass in this Church on a regular basis.

**BAPTISMS THIS WEEK**

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November:  
12.30pm – Arabella Piccirillo  
1.30pm – Alice Bayross

**FAIRTRADE STALL**

The Fair Trade Stall will be in operation in its usual position near the Shop after all the Masses this weekend. Now is your chance to stock up early with your Chocolate and Biscuits for Christmas.

**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.

**WESTMINSTER YEAR BOOK**

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

**PURIFICATORS**

A rota of ladies for the laundering of purificators for use during Mass is available from the Sacristy.

**EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATION FOR FAITH SHARING GROUPS**

A Concluding Eucharist to mark the close of the present season of the Faith Sharing Groups will be celebrated on 3 December at 8.00pm at the Convent, 3 Longlands Close, Cheshunt. All are welcome.