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7/8 DECEMBER 2019 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT-YEAR A

Saturday 7th	5:00 pm		Adiba Enwonwu Int
Sunday 8th	9:00 am 11:00 am	2nd Sun of Advent - Year A	Michael Daly (Anniv.) Ian Middleditch
Monday 9th	9:30 am	Feria	Matthew Brunton R.I.P
Tuesday 10th	9:30 am	Feria	Douglas Kelly (2nd Anniv)
Wednesday 11th	9:30 am	Feria	Ann Kelly
Friday 13th	9:00 am	Benediction and Mass	Charlie Sweeney R.I.P
Saturday 14th	5:00 pm		
Sunday 15th	9:00 am 11:00 am	Third Sunday of Advent A	
Sacrament of Reconciliation		Saturdays at 4:30 pm	

We pray for the sick in our Parish especially Benedetta and Paolo, Ronnie More, Maria Keith, Tim O., Alba G, Julia Abimbola, Peggy, Pead, Josephine, Martin, Anesta and Nadia Ramasaway. We pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed and remember Joseph Brenden Casey and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

SUNDAY READINGS

1st Reading	Isaiah 11:1-10	The living branch from Jesse's stump is our hope of peace and salvation
2nd Reading	Romans 15:4-9	How to live in harmony and share in the promises to the patriarchs of old
Gospel	Matthew 3:1-12	How John the Baptist prepared his people for a new era of grace

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK – Preparing the way of the Lord

Jesus found his first disciples among those who were influenced by the preaching of John the Baptist. He had showed them the value of self-control and of prayer; he urged them to listen to the inner voice of God, with repentance and a faithful heart. The high point of John's short ministry was his meeting with Jesus. Not only did he get to baptise Our Lord but he also helped some of his own followers to go with Jesus and become the first Christian disciples. Through him, Andrew and his brother Peter, and Philip and Nathanael became apostles of Jesus.

Clearly, God wishes us Christians also to help other people to know and love him. If in the first place, we were more committed to our own Christian calling, we would be more effective in influencing others towards religious commitment. Parents have the first opportunity to point their children towards God. But their words will only be effective when backed up by the actual example of their own faith and prayer.

CHRISTMAS FOOD PARCELS for this and next Sunday we are collecting food suitable for Christmas parcels for the elderly. This is a Parish activity organised by the Knights of St Columba. Please leave any donations in the box provided near the altar. Thank you

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE THIS TUESDAY, 10TH DECEMBER AT 7:30PM. ALL ARE INVITED

FUNERAL MASS ON MONDAY 16 DECEMBER, 2019

The Funeral Service for Maureen Braithwaite is on Monday 16th December at 1.00 pm at St. Paul's Church. Burial at Bury Green, Cheshunt. Come and support the family. Thank you.

APPRECIATION

I received a £300 (Three hundred) pound donation from a family in the Parish towards the cleaning of the floor carpets in the Church. Our appreciation to the family. Thank you to all those who go the extra mile in helping our Parish Community. Please keep them in your prayers.

NOVEMBER HOLY SOULS OFFERING

It was fulfilling praying for all the faithful departed in the Month of November. Gone but not forgotten! They are remembered throughout the year as we pray for the Holy Souls during Mass. £613.30 came through the November Holy Souls envelopes as offering to the Parish. Thank you

WESTMINSTER DIRECTORY

The Westminster Year Book 2020 including 2020 Liturgical Calendar with full listings of Catholic Parishes, Priests, Schools and Societies is available at the back of the church. Get a copy for yourself. £4.50/£5.00 ringbound.

CAFOD WORLD GIFT CATALOGUE

Stuck for a Christmas present? CAFOD world gifts offers a great alternative for friends or family who do not need anything, but might appreciate a gift which helps poor communities to access services like basic healthcare, clean water and education. CAFOD provides you with a certificate detailing a gift that has been given to a community overseas on your behalf. Please take home a CAFOD World Gift Catalogue after Mass.

AVAILABLE AT THE REPOSITORY

Get copies of Advent booklets "my day by day" (£2) and "my day by day junior" (£1). These are specially designed for the family. Christmas and other cards are also available at the Repository. Pick up your copy of the Parish diary at the back of the church at the cost of one pound (£1). Thank you

WINTER NIGHT SHELTER

The Winter Night Shelter will run again this year; it will run for 12 weeks, from January till the end of March. Please start thinking about how you can help. St Joseph's with our help will be hosting it on a Tuesday evening and again there are a number of roles to be filled: Volunteer Training will be held later in the autumn. Anyone over the age of 18 can volunteer, so please have a think about helping out. The system for applying to be a Volunteer will be web based this year. If you volunteered last year, you will be contacted shortly and invited to volunteer again this year. If you are volunteering for the first time, please contact Diane Forrest, 01992 307488, and she will start the process for you.

ST PAUL'S KNITTERS

Following on from our support of the neo natal unit at North Middlesex Hospital we now embark on a new project – hats for the homeless. These will be distributed at the night shelter and Centrepont. Please take a pattern from the notice board and see Pat Stevens if you need any wool.

COMMUNITY PRAYER-HOLY HOUR EVERY FRIDAY AT 9.00 AM

We gather every Friday at 9:00 am for Benediction. This is a community prayer that lasts for thirty minutes and it is followed immediately by the Mass. You are all being encouraged to be part of this spiritually rewarding devotion. Join the Parish prayer group- first Saturday every month at 6:15pm

OFFERTORY LAST WEEK; Envelopes £283.80, Loose plate of £297.82, candles £66.89. Total £648.51
STANDING ORDERS FOR OCTOBER £1762.00 THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WHO HELP WITH THE CHURCH LITURGY, ADMINISTRATION, FLOWERS AND CLEANING AND FOR THE OFFERINGS INCLUDING STANDING ORDERS