

Sunday 13th December 2020

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Saturday 12th December Our Lady of Guadalupe	10am 6pm	Matthew Manchant Patrick and Stephen Gallagher RIP
Sunday 13th December Third Sunday of Advent	10am 12 Midday 5.30pm	Edward Clinton RIP Liana Lloyd RIP Noreen Murphy
Monday 14th December St John of the Cross	8am 10am	*Mass at Struan Convent No Mass
Tuesday 15th December	8am 10am	*Mass at Struan Convent Electa and Eloude
Wednesday 16th December	8am 10am	*Mass at Struan Convent Baby Lily Aolela Woolcott
Thursday 17th December	8am 10am	*Mass at Struan Convent Nell Fleming RIP
Friday 18th December	8am 10am 6:45pm	*Mass at Struan Convent Noreen Flaherty Ints Liana Lloyd RIP
Saturday 19th December	10am 6pm	Celine Pinto People of the Parish
Sunday 20th December 4th Sunday of Advent	10am 12 Midday 5.30pm	Domenico, Maria Grazia and family Daniel Thompson Dave Lloyd and family

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PARISH VOUCHER SYSTEM

Those people who will require a school reference when applying to a Catholic School need to participate in this. By signing the vouchers the parish keeps a record of your mass attendance which is referred to when signing school reference forms.

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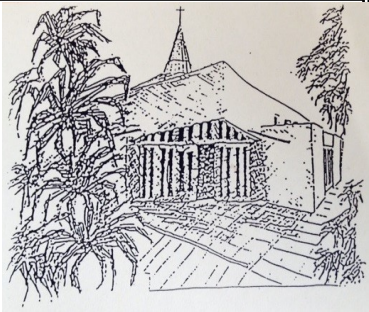
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GAUDETE SUNDAY (B) THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT


Our Lady of Loreto (Feast 10th December)

Tradition holds that a small house in Loreto, Italy originated in Nazareth and is the actual home of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The dimensions are very small, one-room measuring 30 x 13 feet. It is composed simply of stones and mortar found in Palestine and hand-chiseled in a style consistent of the time of Jesus. This was thought to be the home of Saints Anne and Joachim, Mary’s parents. The Immaculate Conception occurred in this house. It is here that the Angel Gabriel appeared to Mary, and with her “Fiat” the Incarnation happened in this very house. This was also the house that the Holy Family lived in Nazareth after returning from their time in Egypt. Jesus lived here until he was 30 and began his public ministry. Here also is where St. Joseph died.

Since apostolic times this house was a place of pilgrimage and worship. In 313 AD Constantine built a basilica around the Holy House of Nazareth to protect it. The basilica was destroyed by the Saracens in 1090, but the Holy House was untouched. Another basilica was built during the twelfth century but this was destroyed by Moslems in 1263 during the Crusades. The Holy House was again unharmed. When the Christians were driven completely out of the Holy Land in 1291, the Holy House disappeared from Nazareth and suddenly appeared in modern day Croatia. It is said that angels transported it. The house was again moved (by angels) on December 10, 1294 (hence the date of the new Optional Memorial), due to the Muslim invasion of Albania. The house landed first in Recanti, Italy, but soon after moved for a third time to its present location in Loreto, Italy.

Loreto is the final home for this Holy House. There is a large basilica containing the house. The Holy House is covered by marble on the outside facade, but on the inside is the original humble stone and mortar walls. The east wall contains an altar with the inscription: “Hic Verbum Caro Factum Est” (Here the Word was made flesh). Above the altar is a statue of Our Lady of Loreto. The current statue is a replica of an ancient one made from cedar of Lebanon, one of the so-called “Black Madonnas” due to the burning of candles and incense for hundreds of years. The original statue was destroyed by fire and replaced by another similar statue made from cedar from the Vatican in the 1920s.

Whether we doubt the true origin of the house, or dispute the miraculous traveling of the house to Loreto, and/or dislike the image of the statue of Our Lady of Loreto, this feast day is still pertinent to us. This feast of Our Lady of Loreto is a bridge of the Advent season to Christmas.



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PARISH NEWS

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES		
CHRISTMAS EVE Thursday 24th Dec	10am	Morning Mass
	6pm	Vigil—children’s Mass
	10pm	Mass during the Night
CHRISTMAS DAY Friday 25th Dec NATIVITY OF THE LORD	10am	Mass
	12 Mid-day	Mass NO EVENING MASS
Saturday 26th Dec St Stephen	10am	Mass
	6pm	Mass
Sunday 27th Dec Holy Family	10am	Mass
	12 Mid-day 5:30	Mass Mass
Monday 28th Dec Holy Innocents	10am	Mass
Tuesday 29th Dec St Thomas Becket	10am	Mass
Wednesday 30th Dec	10am	Mass
Thursday 31st Dec St Sylvester	10am 8pm	Mass Vigil Mass of Mary Mother of God Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10pm
New Year’s Day Friday 1st Jan Mary Mother of God	10am 6:45pm	Mass Mass

HELP NEEDED
Please can we have a few volunteers to bring the Christmas Crib from the house to the Church after the 10 am Mass on Sunday 13th.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

This year because of COVID-19 we are restricted to 100 people per Mass. Therefore please can we make use of the additional Mass on Christmas Day at 12 Midday. Please also remember that the Christmas Masses are an Octave so for 7 days after Christmas Day those masses are seen liturgically as Christmas Day. So if you can’t come on the 25th do come to one of the other masses during the week.
There will also be a sign up sheet at the church entrance for the four Christmas Masses. Thank you

Fr Philip

CONFESSIONS—Weekend 19th/20th DECEMBER

Confessions will be heard by a visiting priest during masses.
A wonderful time to prepare for Christmas. Do please make use of this opportunity.

First Holy Communion 2021

Application forms are now available from Fr Philip.

Additional Readers Required

If you would be interested in joining our team of Readers please let Fr Philip know. Training will be provided.

Mass Stewards Needed

As you are aware the guideline for the re opening of Churches say there needs to be stewards who supervise the covid-19 protection, thank God we have a good team but we urgently need more people, can you help? If so, you would be allocated either a weekend or week day Mass. Please let Fr Philip or one of the team know if you would like to help.

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Crib Offering to support the Catholic Children’s Society’s Crisis Fund

Since March the CCS has provided emergency food and essentials, as well as mental health services for over 5500 children and their parents/carers. These families have faced desperate situations due to the Coronavirus pandemic. One family were caring for their very sick child when the father lost his job. With no recourse to public funds they faced a bleak and uncertain future. CCs provided support with food and accommodation costs for several weeks, giving the father time to get a new job as a delivery driver. He said:

“You have kindly helped my family when we were at our lowest point. I can never thank you enough for the kindness you have showed us. You gave us hope during a very dark time. We will be forever grateful”

There are many more families in need of support and our parish will be donating our Crib Offering to support this important work. Every penny donated will be given out vis CCS’s Southwark Crisis Fund to support local families in need. Due to Covid, a special page has been set up at www.cathchild.org.uk/crib where you can make a donation.

Why does the priest wear purple in Advent?

Purple is the colour of penance and the purple vestments worn in Advent help to remind us of the extra effort that we try to make to be properly prepared for the coming of Christ. Advent started in the 6th century as a time for physical, spiritual and mental preparation for Christmas, but it was celebrated differently in different countries. In France it was rather a solemn time of fasting, whereas in Rome the Sundays leading up to Christmas were a time of joyful celebration. Now, we have a mixture of both: penance and joy, signified by the joyful celebration on the third Sunday of Advent called Gaudete Sunday. On this day the priest can wear brighter, rose coloured vestments instead of purple ones to mark the occasion.

FREE BOOKS AND ITEMS

Due to the sad closure of Struan Convent next year there are various religious publications and other items available.

Please phone the convent if you would like any.
0208 394 5580

MASS INTENTIONS AND THE GIFT AID SCHEME

Please remember to Gift Aid your Mass Intention Donations if you are a taxpayer. For every £1 you give to the parish, we can get another 25p.

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Please speak to:
John O’ Reilly 07977 538671.

LEGACIES

Help provide for the future of our Parish by including the Parish in your will

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