

<b>Saturday 14th December</b> <b>St. John of the Cross</b>	Sirach 48: 1-4, 9-11; Matthew 17: 9a. 10-13 10am Holy Souls 6pm Fr Richard Bateman RIP
<b>Sunday 15th December</b> <b>Third Sunday of Advent (Lectionary Cycle C)</b>	Zephaniah 3: 14-18; Philippians 4: 4-7; Luke 3: 10-18 10am Carol Blades Birthday 5:30pm People of the Parish
<b>Monday 16th December</b> <b>Advent Feria</b>	Numbers 24: 2-7, 15-17; Matthew 21: 23-27 10am No Mass
<b>Tuesday 17th December</b> <b>Advent Feria</b>	Genesis 49: 2, 8-10; Matthew 1: 1-17 10am Harrington Family Ints
<b>Wednesday 18th December</b> <b>Advent Feria</b>	Jeremiah 25: 3-8; Matthew 1: 18-24 10am John Harrington RIP
<b>Thursday 19th December</b> <b>Advent Feria</b>	Judges 13: 2-7, 24-25; Luke 1: 5-25 10am Fr James Hurley RIP 10.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 1.00pm
<b>Friday 20th December</b> <b>Advent Feria</b>	Isaiah 7: 10-14; Luke 1: 26-38 10am Andy Wisbey 10.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 1.00pm
<b>Saturday 21st December</b> <b>Advent Feria</b>	Song of Solomon 2: 8-14; Luke 1: 39-45 10am Oscar Menga 6pm Chrissy Williams Birthday Ints
<b>Sunday 22nd December</b> <b>Fourth Sunday of Advent (Lectionary Cycle C)</b>	Micah 3: 2-5; Hebrews 10: 5-10; Luke 1: 39-45 10am Deceased members of Bzowski and Gacon Families 5:30pm People of the Parish

**PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL WHO ARE SICK INCLUDING:**  
Jaime Molina, Jennifer Kirwin, Fr. David, Natalie Pell, Michael Hoskins, Colin Smitherman, James Gledhill, Bernadette Marchetti, Nigel Pell, Paul Gismondi, Victoria Monaco, Callum Jamieson, Tom Bailey, Jason Moreno, Shirley Monaco, Gemma Morgan, Jenny Schlegel and Bibiana Young.  
  
Please pray for all those who have died recently.

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**3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)**



Saint John the Baptist (1597-1607)

El Greco [Doménikos Theotokópoulos] (1541-1614)

Gaudete Sunday is a day of joy and rejoicing (the Latin verb for “to rejoice” is *gaudere*), so it may seem strange that today’s Newsletter illustration is of the ascetic Saint John the Baptist painted by El Greco. In his “garment of camel’s hair” and subsisting on a diet of “locusts and wild honey” (Matthew 3: 4) he is a forbidding figure, able to see right through people and into their souls. Yet it is he who directs us to the one who is our saviour, Jesus Christ our Lord (Luke 3: 15-18). All of this Sunday’s readings reflect this theme. The Advent season anticipates the celebration of Christ’s birth, but it also illuminates the purpose of the Incarnation: to remove judgement, to destroy sin and death, and to grant intimate, life-giving communion with God. “All seek joy,” said St John Chrysostom, “but it is not found on earth.” It is found instead in the Son, who comes from heaven to earth – to the crowds, the tax collectors, the soldiers, and to us. Great joy flows from immortality. Rejoice!

Sunday 15th December 2024

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## PARISH NEWS

### CHRISTMAS WEEK MASS TIMES

<b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b> Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec	6 pm 8:45	Vigil – children’s Mass Carols and Christmas Mass during the night
<b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b> Wednesday 25th Dec	10am	Mass  NO EVENING MASS
<b>Thursday 26th Dec</b> St Stephen	10am	Mass
<b>Friday 27th Dec</b> St John the Apostle	10am	Mass
<b>Saturday 28th Dec</b> Holy Innocents	9:30am - 9:50am 10am  5:30am - 5:50am 6:00 pm	Confessions  Mass  Confessions Vigil Mass
<b>Sunday 29th Dec</b> Feast of the Holy Family	10am 5:30 pm	Mass Mass
<b>Monday 30th Dec</b>		No Mass
<b>Tuesday 31st Dec</b>	10am	Mass
<b>New Year’s Day</b> Wednesday 1st Jan	10am	Mass

### NATIVITY PERFORMANCE

We are looking for some children to act in our parish nativity on the 24th December at 6pm. Practices to be confirmed. If your child is interested, message Mee-Ling on 07866612865

### THE WINNERS OF Sunday 15th December 200 CLUB

1	102	Mr L McAdam
2	148	Max Hu-Fouye

### PARISH VOUCHER SYSTEM

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

### This is a School Voucher Sunday

#### Parish Hall—Bookings

If you are planning an event and would like to use the Parish Hall, bookings can be made by emailing [bookingsolsp@gmail.com](mailto:bookingsolsp@gmail.com)

### 2025 FIRST HOLY COMMUNION APPLICATION FORMS

Application Forms to join the 2025 First Holy Communion programme are available from Fr. Philip in the sacristy. All classes are 10.50 a.m. – 12.00 p.m. on a Saturday morning. The first class will be on Saturday 18 January 2025. Children need to arrive 5 minutes before the lesson in order that the class can start on time and should be collected promptly at the end of the lesson. The First Holy Communion Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 18 May 2025 at 12.00 noon. **Application forms to be returned by today, Sunday 15th December, please.**

### NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MARRY

Please be aware that the Southwark diocesan policy on marriage states that at least six months’ notice of marriage is normally required at the parish closest to the Catholic party. This is to ensure paperwork and preparation can both be completed.

**Baptisms/Marriages by appointment only. Please see Fr. Philip**  
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Thank you to everyone for coming along to our Christmas Fair. We raised £850. for the parish.



### RED MISSION BOXES

Please return your Red Mission Boxes for emptying and counting as soon as possible.



### WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

To meet our budget we need £1,600 each week

Sunday’s offering was	£583.56
Contactless	£215
Standing Orders	£400
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1198.56</b>

**Thank you for your generosity**

### GIFT AID SCHEME

If you are a taxpayer, for every £1 you give to the parish, we can get another 25p.

Please speak to: John O’ Reilly 07977 538671.

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