

If you have any questions in the meantime please contact Theresa Rudley on 07742 649580 (after 6.00 p.m.). Use the following link for the online form. You will need to know the date of your child's baptism and place of baptism.

<https://stanneschertsey.wufoo.co.uk/forms/z19a2s1q0p57nnj/>

FAITH IN FOCUS: WAITING-HOPING-TRUSTING

We're in the middle of two Advents. One has already happened 2,000 years ago when God came among us as a baby in the person of Jesus of Nazareth. The second one is still to happen in the future when Christ will return and human history will come to an end. Today's liturgy concentrates on this future coming.

But in a world that doesn't even know that Advent exists and that has already flung itself fully into the festivities of a commercial Christmas, how can Christians celebrate Advent?

In Advent, Christians wait. We just wait. Every week in our Creed we speak of Jesus coming again to judge the living and the dead; and we talk about looking forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Advent reminds us that there is more to life than what we see with our eyes and hear with our ears. A promise of everlasting life is on offer. Advent is about maturing slowly, about allowing God's Spirit to form us and mould us so we're ready for Christ's coming.

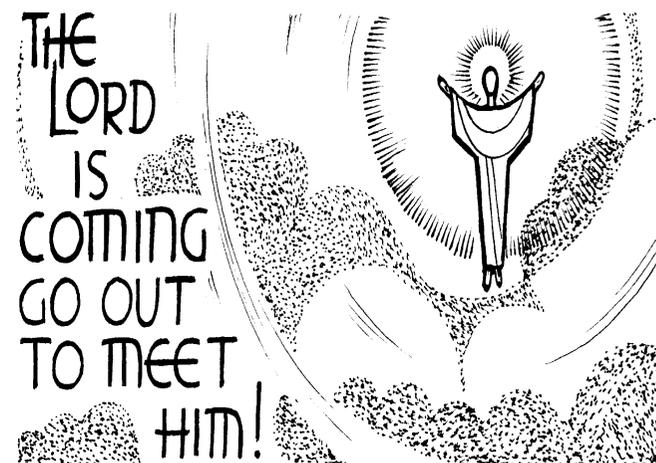
In Advent, Christians hope. If we celebrate Advent properly then we feel a sense of great longing. We find ourselves yearning for Christ to come again and to set up his everlasting kingdom where we shall see God face to face and enjoy the unending happiness of heaven. Advent hope sustains us amid all the comings and goings of a society intent on having and getting, one that mistakes pleasure for joy, consuming for concern and enjoyment for bliss. But Christians wait in joyful hope for Christ to return.

In Advent, Christians recognise their trust and dependence on God. It's not all down to us. It is God who will unlock the gates of heaven for us. Our God will not come to condemn us but to set us free since Christ is not a predator but a liberator. Advent encourages us to recognise and acknowledge our dependence on God. Will we be around when Christ comes back again or will we see God face to face when we die? The chances are the latter. But because we are held in the palm of God's hand we await his coming in joyful hope. And our Advent cry is: Come, Lord Jesus, come!

St Anne's Catholic Church, Newsletter

2nd December 2018
1st Sunday of Advent Year C.

(Missal Page 704)
(Prayer of the Church Week 1)



Sunday Masses

6:30pm (Vigil) 8:30am & 10:30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 10:30-11:30am & on request

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Last Week

Sunday Collection: £287 +
Standing Orders. Thank You.

Sunday

Coffee and Tea available in the Savio Centre after the 10.30am Mass

We welcome **Thomas Bridgeman**, through baptism, into our faith community.

7pm Prayer & Praise

Monday

St. Francis Xavier

9.30am Mass

7.00pm Alpha Course in Savio Centre

Tuesday

9.30am Mass

Wednesday

9.10am Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary

9.30am Mass

Thursday

9.30am Mass

10 -4pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

10-11am Mothers' Prayers

Friday

St. Ambrose

7.30pm Mass

Saturday

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

10.00am Mass followed by Exposition of the Blessed

Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation

12.00 Memorial Mass **Sr. Kathleen Jones FMA RIP**

Next Sunday

2nd Sunday of Advent Year C

Advent

'My Day by Day' booklets are available at the back of the Church beside the Repository. They are free during Lent and contain the readings of the Mass each day through Advent. The Advent Reconciliation Service is on Monday 10th December at 7.30pm. Please make good use of this time of preparation for the feast of Christmas.

Prayer and Praise Sunday, 2nd December, 7 to 8 pm.

Preparing for Christmas? Then make a good start by brightening up your preparations with song and uplifting prayer on the **1st Sunday of Advent**.

Come and join with others while looking forward to the Nativity of the Lord with much joy and gladness. All are welcome.

Light refreshments available afterwards in the Savio Centre.

Christmas Cards

Christmas cards will be sold after the Masses on December 2nd.

3rd Sunday of Advent 16th December 2018

Sunday Mass; Bring a smile to another child's Christmas day. Children please bring a wrapped gift for a child. Please label with the age and gender most suitable for your gift. Children will be asked to bring the gifts to the altar after communion.

Christmas Fair

St. Anne's school is having its Christmas Fair on Sunday 2 December from 12-2.30pm and the school would love to see as many parishioners there as possible to support the event.

Christmas Carol Service

The Salesian Cooperators are hosting their annual Parish Carol Service in the Savio Centre on Monday 17th December at 7.30 pm. **EVERYBODY** is welcome. Light refreshments will be served. As is the tradition a collection will be made and the proceeds sent to the children in an orphanage which is situated in the centre of **BETHLEHEM**.

First Reconciliation and Holy Communion Programme 2019.

St Anne's is following the Diocese's recommended

programme 'Growing up Catholic' with sessions starting in January

2019. The programme is family based, as parents are the first leaders in any child's faith, and each candidate will be required to attend 12 weekly facilitated sessions with at least one parent/guardian. You will work with your child to complete the programme and to attend weekly mass (Sat 6-30 p.m vigil Mass., Sun 8-30 a.m., 10-30 a.m. family Mass). This is a new and exciting way to bring Jesus's love into our children's lives, and the reports from other Parishes in the Deanery are very positive.

The programme will run from January to May 2019 weekly, apart from school holidays. There will be a number of different sessions available, with preferences requested at a later date.

On the weekend of the **26th/27th January 2019** all the candidates and families will be required to attend Vigil/Sunday Mass where they will be enrolled in the programme and parishioners will be asked to pray for your family's journey to a deeper loving relationship with Jesus Christ.

To register for this programme, please complete the online form.. All parents who have registered will need to attend an information evening for parents on the **11th December 2018** at 7-30 in the Savio Centre.