

St Peter and the Guardian Angels

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR C)

'Prepare the Way of the Lord, make his paths straight'

"Beloved, now is the acceptable time spoken of by the Spirit, the day of salvation, peace and reconciliation: the great season of Advent. This is the time eagerly awaited by the patriarchs and prophets, the time that holy Simeon rejoiced at last to see. This is the season that the Church has always celebrated with special solemnity. We too should always observe it with faith and love, offering praise and thanksgiving to the Father for the mercy and love he has shown us in this mystery. In his infinite love for us, though we were sinners, he sent his only Son to free us from the tyranny of Satan, to summon us to heaven, to welcome us into its innermost recesses, to show us truth itself, to train us in right conduct, to plant within us the seeds of virtue, to enrich us with the treasure of his grace, and to make us children of God and heirs of eternal life. The Church asks us to understand that Christ, who came once in the flesh, is prepared to come again, when we remove all obstacles to his presence he will come, at any hour and moment, to dwell spiritually in our hearts, bringing with him the riches of his grace." (The Season of Advent - St Charles Borromeo- from the Office of Reading)

8th December - The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary:

"Mary gave to the world the life that renews all things, and she was enriched by God with gifts appropriate to such a role. It is no wonder, then, that the usage prevailed among the holy Fathers whereby they called the mother of God entirely holy and free from all stain of sin, fashioned by the Holy Spirit into a kind of new substance and new creature. Adorned from the first instant of her conception with the splendours of an entirely unique holiness, the Virgin of Nazareth is, on God's command, greeted by an angel messenger as full of grace (cf. Luke 1:28). To the heavenly messenger she replies: "Behold the handmaid of the Lord, be it done to me according to thy word" (Luke 1:38) (Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, 56)

Prayer and Adoration in Advent – Fridays 7-8pm: In Advent we come and gather with a renewed hope in the Lord, waiting for him; we gather to celebrate the coming of God in Jesus and wait for the return of Jesus at the end of time. We confess our own incompleteness and sins, and acknowledge that there is always more to God than what we can know or believe or sense. In that recognition there is a proclamation of hope in the goodness of God: in waiting we declare our hope and trust in God.

COME & JOIN US TO PRAY, REFLECT & ADORE the LORD – every Friday of Advent at 7pm in the Church.

Mass Times and News

SUNDAY: 5TH Dec. 2RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 9am: For the people 11pm:	THURSDAY: 9TH December 9:15am: Mass: private intention
MONDAY: 6TH December 7pm Synod process meeting	FRIDAY: 10TH December 9:15am: Mass 7pm: Prayer & Adoration
TUESDAY: 7TH December 7:30pm: Mass	SATURDAY: 11TH December Baptism 12.15pm & 2pm Vigil Mass: 6:00pm
WEDNESDAY: 8TH December – The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Feast 9:15am: Mass	SUNDAY: 12TH December - 3RD Sunday of Advent 9: 00am: For the people 11:00am: Wellbeing of Scott Davidson

The Missio Calendars for 2022 are available at the back of the Church.

Please do pick one up. They are free. If you have a **Missio Red Box** at home that needs to be emptied please can you either (a) **return it to Church by Sunday 12th December** or even better (b) count up the total yourself and put the money and details of the total into an envelope or bag marked Missio and give into the shop at the back of the Church.

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Please contact Diane Rampling

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Pope's prayer Intentions for December: 'Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.'

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday
5.15pm or on request.

COLLECTIONS: 7th Nov. 1st Collection £622.26;
14th Nov. 1st Collection £446.78, 2nd Collection (Archbishop's fund) £85.08. 21st Nov. 1st collection £610.58; 2nd collection (Youth apostolate) £92.26.
Standing order for the month of October £302
THANK YOU

Do you know any elderly, Housebound or Sick Parishioners that would benefit from a home visit from Fr Tesfamichael if so, please visit the Presbytery or call 020 237 2969 or can speak directly to Fr after each Mass.

Share your talent with our Congregation

If you would like to volunteer your talents to the Church, no matter how big or small everyone can make a difference to our community. Please fill out a form with your ideas or anything that you can offer to do or if you are interested in forming a group, maybe a choir, read at mass or help with the offertory, fundraising to maintain our Church is really important and any help would be greatly appreciated, so please write down any thoughts with you name and contact number and place in the box, The forms can be found at the back of the church.

Prayer for the Synod: *'Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth Your Spirit and they shall be created. And you shall renew the face of the earth.'* Come, Holy Spirit, Come.