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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT – 4TH DECEMBER 2022 *‘Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight.’*

A free short reflection brought to you each day of Advent:

Advent can be such a busy demanding time, but we encourage you to make some space to reflect and pray this advent. Sign up for our free Southwark Diocesan ‘daily advent reflections’ to aid your prayer. Every day during advent you will receive an email with a very brief thought for the day based on the daily reading. It is an opportunity to listen to God’s invitation to you this advent. All you have to do is sign up and then set aside a couple of minutes each day to reflect! Sign up via the Commission web site: <http://www.southwarkdsc.org.uk/> clicking on the Advent Reflection box. Alternatively, if you are viewing this online, you can sign up directly by clicking here: <https://southwarkdsc.us11.listmanage.com/subscribe?u=a3e1dce7f8f666e9d64edd867&id=4f880b3b9c>

The Climate Sunday group would like to invite everyone to them for a Care for Creation themed Rosary in honor of the Pope’s monthly intention for non-profit volunteer organizations, especially for those groups tasked with caring for Creation. We will meet at 10:15am on Sunday, 11 December, in between the two Sunday Masses (after the 9:00 am Mass coffee/tea). We hope to see you there.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): RCIA programme Prepare adults and young people over 14 years to become members of the Church through the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation & Eucharist). If you are considering to join this programme, please speak to Fr Tesfamichael.

Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland - 15th March 2023. £699.00 per person sharing:

Price includes flight, all transfers, 4 nights in Knock House Hotel with full board. All entertainment and excursions included. Day trips to Westport, Ballintubber Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Fr. Peyton Centre & National Museum. Special St. Patrick’s Day Celebrations. Single supplement £150.00. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

World Youth Day, Lisbon (31st July to 7th August 2023)

The Archdiocese of Southwark is taking a group of young people (aged 18-35) to World Youth Day in Lisbon from 31 July to 7 August 2023. Bookings are now open; the price is £1,295, which includes flights, 3* accommodation (shared room), transfers, WYD registration fee & meal vouchers. If you are between 18-35, you are welcome to book via <https://bit.ly/WYDSouthwark>. For further information, please email youth@rcaos.org.uk

Homes for Ukraine Matching Service: Caritas Social Action Network, in partnership with St John of God Hospitaler Services, an international Catholic Charity with many services for the vulnerable in the UK and Ireland, have launched a service to bring together Ukrainian people displaced by the brutal war in their country with people in the Catholic community willing to host them in their homes for six months. Once the match is confirmed the Ukrainian guest can apply for their visa. If you have room in your home and in your heart to consider welcoming a stranger displaced by war, then we’d love to hear from you. Please visit <http://sjog-homesforukraine.uk/> for more information. C.S.A. Network.

RE: Free Christmas Dinner for Local Senior Citizens at St Michael’s College – Tuesday 13th December

We are pleased to announce that our annual Christmas Party for the Senior Citizens in our local community will take place once again in the college dining hall between 5pm and 7.30pm on **Tuesday 13th December**. **This is a free event**. Please call or email Mr Stephen Kelly to let us know you are coming; s.kelly@stmichaelscollege.org.uk or 02072376432

Prayer: *‘Lord, grant that the world may put away the weapons of war, so that all of God’s children may enjoy the peace and unity of your kingdom where you live for ever and ever. Amen.’*

Mass Times and News

SUNDAY: 4TH DECEMBER; 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR A 9am: Mass - For people of parish 11pm: Mass – Mrs Therese Assamoi – birthday thanksgiving	THURSDAY: 8th December – 9.15am: Mass – Holy souls
MONDAY: 5th December No Mass	FRIDAY: 9th December – St Juan Diego 9.15am: Mass; 7pm - Adoration & Advent Prayer
TUESDAY: 6th December – St Nicholas, Bishop 7:30pm: Mass – Mary Patricia Scorer RIP (FM)	SATURDAY: 10th December 6pm: Mass – Rose Flaherty RIP
WEDNESDAY: 7th December – St Ambrose, Bishop 9:15am: Mass – Eileen & Jamie O’Sullivan RIP,	SUNDAY: 11TH DECEMBER; 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR A 9: 00am: Mass; Jeannie Phatty RIP - Anniversary 11:00am: Mass; thanksgiving for Frank & Murielle, wedding Anni.

Pope’s prayer Intentions for December: Let us pray that volunteer, non-profit organisations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

Gift Aid Scheme: If you are not a box holder, and are a taxpayer, please do consider signing up for the Gift Aid Scheme. The relevant forms are at the back of the church or on the parish website.

<https://stpeterandtheguardianangels.com>.

Please contact Diane Rampling on dmrampling@aol.com or 07808 006228, if you would like to discuss further.

Works done in the Church: New carpet for altar area (cost - £6,000); Gutters cleaning & repairs (£1,680). Work on blocked drainage is still to be carried out.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS;

Standing order – October - £362; 23rd October - **£506.49.**
 2nd collection, **MISSIO - £213.70.** 30th October collection - **£760. 21.** 6th November collection - **£521.70.** 13th November;
 1st collection - **£504.37.** 2nd collection **for Archbishop’s appeal - £318.20.** 20th November 1st collection - **£607.94;**
 2nd collection **for Youth Service £172.10.** 27th November;
 collection **£646.52. THANK YOU!**

Contributions for Christmas flowers and the Christmas Tree are welcomed at this time. Thank you!

Many of you will know Mick Hannon, who has been running the St Peter’s Social Club for many years, following on from his Dad and Mum - John and Betty. Mick will be leaving the role at the end of the year and it will be great if we can present him with a token of our thanks at the Christmas get together on 18th December. Please give any donations to Father or put in the collection in an envelope marked Mick Hannon’s collection. Many thanks.

Parish Census: you will find **Parish Census Card** at the entrance of the church, please fill in your details and bring it back to the presbytery or hand it to Fr TesfaMichael. I would like to assure you that your personal details will be stored securely and it will only be used for pastoral matters. These details will be restricted to the parish priest and the people authorised by him, and will not be shared with any other.

Prayer for the sick & housebound; we remember those who have asked for our prayers;

“Tend your sick ones, O Lord Christ.

Rest your weary ones.

Bless your dying ones.

Soothe your suffering ones.

Pity your afflicted ones.

Shield your joyous ones.

And for all your love’s sake. Amen.”

(St Augustine)

Your prayers are also requested for: Mariana, Margarita, Sara, Nancy Kray, Barry Crawley, Ronnie Bates, Kay Crehan, Mary Ellen Design, Liam and Maggie, Howard Moss, Ruby Louisa Longman, Jeany McDonagh, Anna, Monika, Lusja & Slawek; Esther, Oliver, Stephen, Pepe, Goren, Sharon, Philip, James, Mary, Rosemarie, Paul, Mark, Noel, Dany, Daniel, Saher Sinclair, Marek, Charlie, Fergie, Kohen, Christine Sanders.

Please pray for those who have died recently; Kathleen Shelley, Michael O’Brien, Winifred Rust, Barry Deller, Tina, Darius, David Marks Senior, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Prayer for all Souls: “Merciful Father, hear our prayers and console us. As we renew our faith in your Son, whom You raised from the dead, strengthen our hope that all our departed brothers and sisters will share in His resurrection, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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