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Second Sunday of Advent. 6th December 2020

The Deep End - The beginning of the good news

The second Sunday of Advent turns our attention to John the Baptist. John was an interesting individual. We are told he dressed a bit strangely and spent a lot of time in the desert, *'the voice of one crying out in the wilderness'*. Yet it seems he was very popular with *'all the people of Jerusalem'* went out to hear him. John must have been a dynamic speaker and one in whom people found hope and inspiration. In John the Baptist's time, the people lived under the oppression of the Roman Empire and were waiting for someone who would liberate them. John points to one that is greater than he, he points the people to Jesus.

When Pope Francis released the encyclical *Fratelli Tutti* in October this year he noted that dark clouds hang over our world and he urged everyone to embrace a spirit of friendship, kindness, compassion and solidarity as we move forward, to help ensure the dignity of every person and a more sustainable world for all. We have certainly experienced a type of *wilderness* this year as we continue to battle the effects of COVID19 and find a way forward. Our communities need messengers, like John, who bring good news, hope and a vision for the future, who point us towards a new way forward. As we prepare to welcome Christ into our lives once more, let's make the most of this advent time, the most of this waiting time. May we use this space to reflect on what type of world can be born out of this wilderness we find ourselves in. May we reach out to those who are crying out for hope during these difficult months, like John the Baptist, offering a positive vision for the future.

Churches are open. Welcome

Lockdown II concluded on Thursday. It is a joy to welcome you all back to Mass this weekend. All the same protocols that were used before Lockdown II will resume.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

6th December 2020 Second Sunday of Advent	6:00 (Sat. Vigil Mass)	Patrick Curran – R.I.P
	8:30 am Mass 11:00 am Mass (Via ZOOM)	For the Parish Gabriel Samuels R.I.P –Anniv Margaret Cooke – R.I.P
7 th November Monday St Ambrose	9:15 am Mass	Family Vanin –Libresso R.I.P
8 th December Tuesday The Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary	No Mass	
9 th December Wednesday Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin	9:15 am Mass	George White R.I.P
10 th December Thursday Advent Feria	9:15 am Mass	Eileen Graham R.I.P
11 th December Friday Advent Feria	9:15 am Mass	Rose Young R.I.P
12th December Saturday Our Lady of Guadalupe	6:00pm (Sat. Vigil Mass)	11:00-12:00 noon Confessions and by appointment Anna McDonagh R.I.P
13th December 2020 Third Sunday of Advent	8:30 am Mass 11:00 am Mass Via ZOOM	Holy Souls Anne & Cathleen Rainsford – R.I.P Anniversary. Abimbola Cletus - Ints

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

"We are a welcoming, nourishing living parish, inspired by the Sacred Heart to serve and radiate this love to all."

We ask for your charitable prayers for those who are sick, recently deceased and those whose anniversaries are at this time...

For the sick and the housebound:

Derek Turner, Michael Bradley, Margaret Collins, Esther Joseph, Mary Ryan, Angeles Wong, Tony Reilly, Mary Egan, Colman Connelly, Catherine Wright, Ngozi Elong, Lily de Nobrega, Lil Traynor, Christopher Browne, Brian Conway Crystal Green, Ludvinia King, Maria Louise Patrick Doolan, Margaret Toolan, Rosa Santos, Tom Kelly, Bridie Prior, Mary Wong, Michael & Cathy Bailey, Ada Bacarini, Martine Rainsford, Christopher Fradley, Edwina Toson, Charlie Crane Eileen Ely, Barbara Baptiste, Margaret Mulroy, Alison McGoff, Martin Cooke, Stephanie Enepi, Chris Eisen *and all who are sick and housebound in the parish.*

Anniversaries

Anne & Cathleen Rainsford, Thomas Baker, Gabriel Samuels, John Danquah, Philomena & Louis Kalathara, Xavier & Ann Kamaranchath Sarah Toolan, Marianne Formosa, Mary Morrissey.

Please Pray for the Recently Dead:

Eileen Graham, Paolo Paner, Tommy Doherty, Margaret Cooke, Philip Yambao, Anna McDonagh, Amor Marcelo, Nora Harkin, Thomas Moran, Hugh Robert Evans, Patrick Connolly, Ruperto Josef, Evelyn Devereux, Thomas Philip Doherty. Luke Dowd.

Eternal rest grant unto them Lord, and let your light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

SACRAMENTS

Government Guidelines in celebrating the Sacraments:

The guidelines to date, limit number for funerals to 30 people only regardless of the size of the church, 6 for Baptisms and 15 for Weddings.

In the current situation in the case of funeral Masses, we request you not to attend unless specifically invited by the family of the deceased.

MARRIAGE- Six months' notice must be given, even if you're marrying elsewhere to gather and process the paper work. Please contact Fr. Gideon. To make an appointment email: holloway@rcdow.org.uk

BAPTISM (Child)

Following the government announcements, Baptisms are suspended until further notice. Please watch this space. You can email us for more info holloway@rcdow.org.uk

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2021

First Meeting for Parents/carers is this Thursday 10th December at 7:00 pm. We will email you to confirm further details.

Young People's Confirmation

We are working to re-schedule the Mass of Confirmation. You will be contacted once there is a confirmed new date.

STAY SAFE

From Thursday 3rd December 2020 Our church re-opened for (public) communal worship and we must follow the same protocols before Lockdown 2. Please remember to sanitise your hands as you enter the church, use 'track and trace,' wearing a face mask is a must, observe social distancing by only sitting where you see the tick unless you are in the same household. Benches will be sterilised by the stewards so kindly leave the church immediately after Mass.

Christmas Mass at Sacred Heart

We are now celebrating the wonderful season of Advent. This weekend is the 2nd Sunday of Advent. Soon we will have the joy of participating in Christmas together. We are conscious that lots of people like to come to Church at Christmas time, we are also aware that many people will not be able to travel to return home for the holidays because of the restrictions. Because of this, we have put an extra Mass on Christmas Eve but please note that you have to book your place at Mass.

Times of Christmas Mass:

As you might expect, this year Christmas Masses will be different, but the Joy of celebrating our Lord being born is the same than every year. In order to attend one of the Christmas Masses you MUST book online or contact the parish office by telephone if you do not do internet. Further information will be given next week.

Bookings will be open on Monday 14th December.

**Christmas Evening Masses:
6:00 pm. and 9:00 pm. (Zoom)
Christmas Day Masses:
8:30 am. 11:00 am. (Zoom)**

THE GOD WHO SPEAKS Meditate

Today we begin to read the Gospel of Mark. He writes the things that are important for him about the Christian message. He does not begin with Jesus because he knows that a preparation is necessary before we can accept Him in our lives. What does it mean for you today repentance and forgiveness of sins?

Act

The people listening to John the Baptist's message confessed their sins. Perhaps during this Advent you might consider going to confession. Fr. J Ruiz

Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel!

1. John the Baptist is presented as a messenger to prepare the way for Jesus. Who have been messengers to you, preparing the way for the Lord by alerting you to ways in which you could improve your life? To whom have you been such a messenger?
2. In recent days there are many and conflicting voices advising us on how best to deal with the threat of the Covid 19 pandemic. What messengers have helped you to find a way of combining due care with living a full life?
3. John calls the people to repentance (= a change of heart), as a way to a new life. Can you recall times when you had a change of heart, and the change led to new life for you?
4. John baptised people with water as a gesture to mark their change of heart. Sometimes we perform an action to symbolise our change of heart – write a letter, throw away our last cigarettes, etc. Can you remember a symbolic gesture with which you marked a change of heart?

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

PRAYING THE ROSARY TOGETHER ON WEDNESDAY.

We continue praying the Holy Rosary every Wednesday at 8:30 pm via Zoom. The last group Rosary in 2020 will be on Wednesday 16th December. And we will resume in January 2021.