



NEWSLETTER

Sunday 5th December 2021 – 2nd Sunday of Advent

CHURCH OPENING TIMES

Monday-Friday
8am-6pm

Saturday
9am-8pm

Sunday
9am-7pm

12.15pm-12.40pm – confessions
12.45pm - Mass
1.30pm-4pm - Adoration

5.30pm-6pm – confessions
Saturday Mass - 6pm

Sunday Mass - 11am
Sunday Mass - 5pm
Spanish Mass - 6pm

COVID-19 Guidelines

1. Please wear a face covering except when receiving Holy Communion

MASS INTENTIONS			MUSIC AT THE 11AM MASS
Sunday 5 th December <i>2nd Sunday of Advent</i>	11am 5pm 6pm	Parishioners Margaret Edwards – RIP Spanish Mass	Entrance Hymn: Hark! A Herald Voice is Sounding (4) Kyrie: St Anne's Mass (Sir J. MacMillan b1959) Psalm: <i>What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.</i>
Monday 6 th December <i>Advent feria</i>	12.45pm	SMG family, residents, staff & associates – Sp. Int.	Offertory Hymn: Blest Are the Pure in Heart (208)
Tuesday 7 th December <i>St Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor</i>	12.45pm 7pm	Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary	Offertory Solo: Ave Maria (A. Dvořák 1841-1904) Trans: <i>Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.</i>
Wednesday 8 th December <i>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	12.45pm 6pm	Darlene Letey – Sp. Int. Blessing of the Crib	Sanctus, Benedictus & Agnus Dei: St Anne's Mass (Sir J. MacMillan b1959) Communion Solo: Godhead here in hiding - Hymn No. 117 Catholic Hymn Book (From <i>Adoro te devote</i> Att. St Thomas Aquinas 1227-74; Translation by Gerard Manley Hopkins S.J. 1844-89)
Thursday 9 th December <i>Advent feria</i>	12.45pm 6.30pm	Thomas Joyce – Sp. Int.	Recessional Hymn: Hail to the Lord's Anointed (3)
Friday 10 th December <i>Advent feria</i>	12.45pm 6.30pm	Noreen Costigan - RIP	
Saturday 11 th December <i>Advent feria</i>	12noon 6pm	Gerry Santangeli – Sp. Int.	



ST PATRICK'S PLANNED GIVING CAMPAIGN 2021/2022

As Advent begins, we are delighted to announce the launch of the St. Patrick's Planned Giving Campaign 2021/22. Cards will be handed out at Sunday Masses explaining the various funds that contribute to the many activities creating a vibrant parish life. More details will be shared about the funds in the New Year. Throughout Advent, we ask that you generously consider giving to the following:

Second Sunday of Advent (5 December) - Evangelisation

Gaudete Sunday (12 December) - Music

Third Sunday of Advent (19 December) - Homeless Projects

PRAYER GROUPS

Confession - Monday to Friday

12.15pm-12.40pm and Saturday 5.30pm-6pm

Cenacolo

7pm-8pm – Monday's only (in the Church)

SOS Prayerline

Request for prayer answered personally by telephone: 020 7434 9211 - 7 days per week.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday to Friday - 1.30pm-4pm

Saturday – 7pm-8pm

Daily rosary – 12pm to 12.20pm

JOIN OUR LIVE STREAM

Monday - Friday 1.30pm - 4pm; Saturday 7-8pm
Holy Mass; Sunday 11am; Join us via livestream at www.stpatricksoho.org/livestream. If you have any prayer requests, please send them to: adoration@stpatricksoho.org.

ST PATRICK'S ADVENT MISSION

St Patrick's Advent Mission will take place this year from 9th to 12th December. We will be hosting a fair, street Evangelisation, Adoration, various talks, Night Fever and carol singing on the streets. On Thursday 9th, we have an evening talk at 7.30pm by Father Gabriel and 8pm Adoration; on Friday 10th we have street Evangelisation at 4pm – all are welcome and a healing service at 7.30pm. Saturday 10th is our fair (in Soho Square) which will run from 11am to 3pm where there will be various stalls including wreath making.

For a comprehensive timetable please visit our website: www.stpatricksoho.org/events.

REFLECTION

I take a daily cocktail of eleven different tablets to keep my heart and blood pressure under control. Recently I developed a reaction to one called Ramipril (mentioned in the blurb inside each box) and called my GP. He advised to stop taking that particular tablet for a week, assuring me that I wouldn't be doing too much damage in the process. ('too much damage' was not totally reassuring but I happily went with the flow!) He called me back after a week to check on progress. He told me to stop the Ramipril completely and instead prescribed a small dose of Candesartan to begin with, with a view to increasing the dosage after a couple of weeks. My conversations seemed to me to be the most natural thing in the world. I was happy to go with his advice and trust him. So, from personal experience of my own essential medication, I am confused by those who refuse a COVID vaccination because..... (INSERT reason here). I respect their decision but cannot understand. I also appreciate that there is so much dis-information and conflicting views 'out there'. Social media has certainly played a disproportionate role in adding to the chaos. What is the truth? What is the right thing to do? What is the better course of action? Oh, to have absolute certainty!

This weekend's Gospel sees Luke putting everything down in plain sight so that there can be no confusion for his readers. He tells us: *In the fifteenth year...when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee...during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John, son of Zechariah.* He wants his reader to be in no doubt, not only of the events surrounding the mission of John the Baptist, but also of the unbreakable link between the two. In John's Gospel, Jesus is referred to as the **WORD** made flesh and Luke tells us today that *the word of God came to John, son of Zechariah.* In an age when the word of almost everyone else is questioned, when it is difficult to know the truth about anything, we treasure and value the Word of God. He calls us by name, he will never abandon us, and He is the one Word we can trust completely. Once we are able to absorb this truth into every fibre of our being then we realise just how immense the wealth we have been given.

Please note there are no public facilities in the Church