



NEWSLETTER

Sunday 19th December 2021 – 4th 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

- Please wear a face covering except when receiving Holy Communion

MASS INTENTIONS			MUSIC AT THE 11AM MASS
Sunday 19 th December <i>4th Sunday of Advent</i>	11am 5pm 6pm	Parishioners Spanish	<p>Entrance Hymn: Hail to the Lord's Anointed (3)</p> <p>Kyrie: Missa de Angelis (285 pg 419)</p> <p>Psalm: <i>God of hosts bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.</i></p> <p>Offertory Hymn: The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came (36)</p> <p>Offertory Solo: Quia respexit (Magnificat, J. S. Bach 1685-1750)</p> <p>Trans: <i>For he has regarded the low estate of His handmaiden: behold, for from this time, may I be called blessed.</i></p> <p>Sanctus & Benedictus: Missa de Angelis (285 pg 423)</p> <p>Agnus Dei: Missa de Angelis (285 pg 424)</p> <p>Communion Solo: Rorate Caeli – The Advent Prose (305)</p> <p>Recessional Hymn: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (8)</p>
Monday 20 th December <i>Advent feria</i>	12.45pm	Maureen Welsh – RIP	
Tuesday 21 st December <i>Advent feria</i>	12.45pm 7pm	Andrew Lydon - RIP	
Wednesday 22 nd December <i>Advent feria</i>	12.45pm	Manus Canon – Rip	
Thursday 23 rd December <i>Advent feria</i>	12.45pm 7pm	Annie Naughton – RIP <i>Last Mass before Christmas</i>	
Friday 24 th December <i>Advent feria</i>	12.45pm 11.30pm 12am	Peggy, Nicola and Michael Griffin – Sp. Int. Carols Midnight Mass	
Saturday 25 th December <i>The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)</i>	11am <i>After which time the Church will close</i>		



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:

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

With many thanks to all those who made it such an occasion of grace and joy. It was a beautiful time.

CHURCH CLEANING AND POLISHING

Any offers of help to prepare the Church for Christmas would be much appreciated. Please come on Christmas Eve morning from 10am to 12pm.

CRIBS AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

On the Immaculate Conception, we blessed all our cribs both inside and outside the Church. If I can thank those who made them so tastefully. The 8th December 2021 is important for placing the crib in our homes without the Baby Jesus. It is part of our journey to the fullness of Christmas Day.

REFLECTION

There is an old medieval love song dating from the 17th century and probably Scottish in origin. It's called 'Barbara Allen' and you may have heard it. It tells of how Barbara Allen denies a dying man's love (William), then dies of grief soon after his untimely death. One of the lines in the lyric tells of how William, while on his sick bed is rebuffed by Barbara. *He turns his face unto the wall, he turns his back upon her...* His death quickly follows. I often remember this love song when I spend some time reflecting on the mystery that is love – and in particular, at this time of year, the mystery of love that is God made Man. God is Love. A bald simple statement that never fails to enrich our lives to the degree in which we are prepared to love. This is the challenge. Sometimes, for a whole variety of reasons, we choose to turn *our face unto the wall and turn our back on the needs of others*.

In this Sunday's Gospel reading we learn how Mary did the exact opposite. When most of us would be absolutely shell-shocked at the dramatic news delivered by Gabriel, *Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah to visit her cousin Elizabeth*. Her outpouring of selfless love is recognised even by the child growing Elizabeth's womb: *For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy! Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled*. Love has that effect. The dying man's spirit is lifted when we stroke the back of his hand, the teenager's pulse quickens, his heart floats when his girlfriend steps off the train or comes through arrivals at the airport. Love always lifts the soul – and the absence of love dries the heart, it suffocates, it kills that same soul. The absence of love makes us bitter. When I can love feely and without consideration of the cost, two things will happen: the recipient of my love will grow and become the person God always intended and my heart, like the child in Elizabeth's womb, will leap for joy. I will walk with a spring in my step: I will be living the way God wants me to live... and love.

Please note there are no public facilities in the Church