

St. Patrick's, Soho

Go out and proclaim the joy of love

HOLY MASSES FOR THE WEEK 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SUNDAY 2.12.18 <i>+1st Sunday of Advent</i>	11am 5pm 6pm	Parishioners Ned Markey – Sp. Int. Spanish
MONDAY 3.12.18 <i>St Francis Xavier, Priest and Martyr</i>	12.45pm	Concetta Magnolia - RIP
TUESDAY 4.12.18 <i>Advent feria</i>	12.45pm	Evangelisation
WEDNESDAY 5.12.18 <i>Advent feria</i>	12.45pm	Friends and Benefactors
THURSDAY 6.12.18 <i>Advent feria</i>	12.45pm	Holy Souls
FRIDAY 7.12.18 <i>St Ambrose, Bishop and Martyr</i>	12.45pm 5.30pm 7-9pm	Saskia Pot – Sp. Int. Advent Mission Adoration
SATURDAY 8.12.18 <i>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	12noon 4pm 6pm	Advent Mission Portuguese Mary Forde – RIP

PRAYER GROUPS

CENACOLO – The Group prays for those who are most afflicted by addiction and seeks to bring them to the healing love of the Lord. All welcome. **Every Monday in the Church – 7pm-8.30pm**
LEGION OF MARY – Every Wednesday: 7pm-8.15pm.
DAILY PRAYER – Tuesday to Friday – Morning Prayer: 7.45pm.

CONFESSION – Monday to Friday – 12.15-12.40pm; Saturday – 5.30pm-6pm
SOS PRAYER LINE – “Because nothing is impossible to God” – Request for prayer answered personally by telephone – 020 7434 9211 – 7 days a week, 7pm-11pm
ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT – Monday: 1.30pm to 6pm; Tuesday to Friday: 7am to 8; 1.30pm-6; Saturday: 7pm-9pm.

ST PATRICK'S IN THE HEART OF SOHO

This week, the side chapels at St Patrick's were beautifully adorned by Alina with red flowers for Red Wednesday, Aid to the Church in Need's initiative to raise awareness about the oppression and persecution of many Christians in parts of the world. Six people from St Patrick's joined the one-hundred-strong procession from Parliament Square to Westminster Cathedral that evening. Particular thanks go to Kevin Fagan, our trusted Open House doorman, who volunteered to be a marshal on the procession (and who also represented our parish on the Walk of Witness on Saturday). Preparations are well underway for our Advent Mission next weekend. Please keep it in your prayers and do come along to some or all of it. It will be a beautiful opportunity to celebrate Advent with others and with each other.

MUSIC AT THE 11AM MASS

Entrance Hymn: Come Thou Long Expected Jesus (1)

Kyrie: Mass of Blessed John Henry Newman (Sir J. MacMillan b1959)

Psalm: *To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul, I lift up my soul.*

Offertory Hymn: Lord Accept the Gifts We Offer (105 Tune 278)

Offertory: Ave Maria (C. Saint-Saëns 1835-1921)

Trans: *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.*

Sanctus, Benedictus & Agnus Dei: Mass of Blessed John Henry Newman (Sir J. MacMillan b1959)

Communion Solo: Communion Solo: Godhead here in hiding - Hymn No. 117 Catholic Hymn Book
(From *Adoro te devote* Att. St Thomas Aquinas 1227-74; Translation by Gerard Manley Hopkins S.J. 1844-89)

Recessional Hymn: Lo, He Comes with Clouds Ascending (7)

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REFLECTION

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

PSALM 24

LUKE 21: 25-28, 34-36

We're surrounded by lies and half-truths. This is the sad reality of life. It seems that Political leaders tell a lie when the truth is perfectly adequate. The internet has opened up the real possibility of instantly accessible information and knowledge and this has spawned the concept of 'fake' news. - a phrase much trump-eted by Donald Trump. We genuinely don't know what or who to believe. One particular bug-bear of mine is the fake sincerity contained in the message "Your call IS important to us and you are held in a queue" By the time I have reached the head of the queue I have morphed into Victor Meldrew!

This weekend sees the beginning of the Season of Advent when we prepare to remember the First Coming of Jesus Christ with our eyes firmly fixed on his second - whether that be at the end of time when the last second elapses or when we walk through the door of death and accept his warm embrace. He doesn't tell us that we are in a queue - but he does tell us that we are important - vitally important to God's plan. We have worth and value - a worth that became our rightful possession from the moment of conception and remains throughout our lives - no matter what level we achieve in life.

The Gospel this weekend, however carries a warning: *There will be signs in the sun and the moon and the stars.....men dying of fear as they wait what menaces the world.* My thoughts immediately went to the people of Paradise in California as the fire raged around them.... *men dying of fear.* And now there are fires raging in Queensland, Australia. Fear will be filling the lives of many in that part of the world. Fear can sometimes be a part of our own lives, too. Fear of an impending operation, fear of appraisal at work or school, fear of rising prices, fear of reliance on food banks. Jesus urges to *stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive...and stand with confidence before the Son of Man.*

Fear and anxiety are part of our lot in life. We cannot avoid them - but we can equip ourselves to live with them, understand them and cope with them. God has made us a promise in the person of Jesus Christ who loves us more than we can ever love ourselves and allows to sing with the Psalmist in today's Psalm: *Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth and teach me, for you are God my saviour.*

OPEN HOUSE CONTINUES ON TUESDAY 4TH AND THURSDAY 6TH DECEMBER 2018

NOTICES

ST PATRICK'S ADVENT MISSION- Friday 7th December to Sunday 9th December: please join with the St Patrick's community for our annual Mission when we share the joy and light of Advent with Soho and with each other. If you are able to help out with street evangelisation, carol singing, decorating and food preparation, please speak to Lucy McGuinness or Carley O'Bryan or email evangelisation@stpatricksoho.org.

ADVENT TALK - In the week before the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Dr Jacob Phillips will give a talk on the importance of Our Lady for evangelising, *Mary Star of Evangelisation*, at 7pm on Monday 3rd December in the Parish Centre. Professor Tracey Rowland will chair. You can register on Eventbrite or by emailing evangelisation@stpatricksoho.org or simply turn up on the evening.

DEMOCRACY AND ITS DISCONTENTS: CATHOLICISM AND PUBLIC LIFE IN TURBULENT TIMES - a lecture by Dr George Weigel at 7.30pm on Wednesday 5th December at St Dominic's Priory Church, Southampton Road, London NW5 4LB, organised by the Catholic Union Charitable Trust and the Thomistic Institute.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION - From 13th January 2019, we aim to hold Perpetual Adoration here at St Patrick's. If you are able to commit to at least an hour per week, please fill out a card (to be found in the entrance of the church) or email adoration@stpatricksoho.org.

THE GOSPEL SOURCES OF CATHOLIC TEACHINGS - 7pm-8.45pm, Wednesday evenings at St Patrick's in the parish room upstairs. This week, we will be discussing Matthew, Chapter 22. All are welcome.

BIBLE TIMELINE COURSE - next session is on Monday 10th December 2018 in the parish centre downstairs. Registration is now closed.

CHURCH COUNTERS - St Patrick's urgently needs volunteers to help count the weekly collection. If you are able to spare a Sunday evening or weekday morning, please speak to Father Alexander or email evangelisation@stpatricksoho.org

PARISH HANDBOOK - a beautiful book of St Patrick's 230 year history is on sale from the Parish House or the Sacristy - £10.00.

INTERNATIONAL MASS - Sunday the 9th December, no 5pm Mass but 6pm International Mass for Immaculate Conception.

VISIT OF BISHOP NICHOLAS HUDSON - will be with us next weekend visiting the Parish and seeing all the different activities. Please be ready to welcome him.