

# St German's Church

2 December 2018 - Advent 1



Advent is a season of hope and expectation. We hope that God will complete the work begun long ago with the coming of his Son. We are longing for his reality to break into our world and transform it. Some of us too will look on this new season as a chance to consciously try again to reform ourselves into people of joy, faith, prayer and optimistic hope.

## Parish Notes:

**Advent** - Service of Advent Lessons and Carols by Candlelight this evening at 6pm in St German's. All are welcome.

**Rome Pilgrimage 3-7 December** - Many of us will be away this week.

Consequently, there is no Monday evening mass on 3rd December but there will be a mass at 11:30am which is open to all.

**Advent Hymns** - Hymns for the season of advent will be taken from the New English Hymnal (Green Book).

**Advent and Christmas** - Copies of the services for Advent and Christmas are available at the back of the Church. A highlight of this is a return for the series of prayer reflections on the 8 days before Christmas following the ancient 'O Antiphons' of the Church.

**Nightshelter** - We will have an information and training evening for those interested in helping with our Nightshelter on Monday 10 December at 7pm. This is open to new volunteers as well as to those who helped last year. Its purpose is to update everyone on procedures for this year. As ever, if you would like to help out in any way with the night shelter please contact Fr Phelim or one of the wardens.

**Messy Church** - the next Messy Church will be in St German's at 4pm on Christmas Eve. We will need lots of help and if you can help us please let Fr Phelim know.

**Advent and Christmas Magazine** - Copies arrive this week and will be given out next Sunday and they'll be delivered to every household in Adamsdown.

**Recently Departed:** Freddy Palmer, Helen Morgan, RIP

## This week:

### Sun 2 Advent 1

9:30 Sung Mass (St S)

11am Sung Mass (St G)

6pm Advent Carols and Lessons (St G)

### Mon 3:

11:30am Mass (St G)

St Francis Xavier

### Tues 4:

10am Mass (St S)

St John Damascene

### Wed 5:

10am Mass (St G)

### Thur 6:

5:45pm Mass (St S)

St Nicholas

### Fri 7:

6pm mass (St S)

St Ambrose

### Sat 8:

11am Mass (St S)

The Immaculate Conception

### Sun 9: Advent 2

#### St Saviour's:

9:30 Sung Mass

6pm Benediction with Music for Advent

#### St German's:

11:00 am Sung Mass

## Parish Priest:

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## READINGS THIS WEEK

Jer 33:14-16

Ps 25

1 Thess 3:12-4:2

Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

## READINGS NEXT WEEK

Baruch 5:1-9

Ps 125

Philippians 1:4-11

Luke 3:1-6

## PSALM:

To you, O Lord, I lift up  
my soul. (3vv)

**Hymns: 7- Hills of the North; 1- Creator of the stars of night; 5- Hark a herald voice; 3- Come thou long expected Jesus; (Mass setting: Rizza 955)**

## COLLECT:

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.. **Amen**

## FIRST READING

The First reading is from the prophet Jeremiah.

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah: ‘In those days and at that time, I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David, who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land. In those days Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell in confidence. And this is the name the city will be called: The-Lord-our-integrity.’

This is the word of the Lord.

*Jer 33*

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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

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. **R/**

The Lord is good and upright.  
He shows the path to those who stray,  
He guides the humble in the right path,  
He teaches his way to the poor. **R/**

His ways are faithfulness and love for those who keep his covenant and law.

The Lord’s friendship is for those who revere him;  
to them he reveals his covenant.

**R/**

*Psalm 25*

## SECOND READING

A reading from the 1st letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians.

All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away. He, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place forever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.

This is the word of the Lord.

*Thess 3*

## GOSPEL

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Luke.

‘There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations

confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see “the Son of Man coming in a cloud” with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.’

Then he told them a parable: ‘Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.’

‘Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*Luke 21*