

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

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Third Sunday of Advent 11 December 2011

'Gaudete' Sunday

Today is called 'Gaudete' Sunday because of the words of St Paul to the Thessalonians. He tells them 'to rejoice' or 'be happy at all times'. It is on the day when John the Baptist looks beyond himself and declares that he is a witness to the Light, namely Christ.

Baptism

On Sunday afternoon we welcome Kai O'Brien into the family of God and the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism. We call down God's blessing on him, on his parents Jamie and Lisa and his sister Kiera and brother Liam.

Collection for Christmas Flowers

This weekend we invite those who couldn't make a contribution to the Flower appeal for Christmas last weekend to kindly do so this weekend. Christmas is a very special occasion and we wish to welcome the Holy Family with flowers and with our hearts as well. Thank you in anticipation.

ADVENT TALK

On Tuesday evening at 7.30 Fr Francis Preston, who has just returned from being Rector of the Salesian Theologate in Jerusalem, will come and speak to us about his experiences in the Holy Land. It would be lovely to see a full Church! Fr Francis is known to many of you because he was Provincial of the English Province for many years.

CHRISTMAS POSTERS

Thanks to Ray Cookson and the Knights of St Columba for providing us with Christmas Posters. Please take a copy and place it in your window to profess your faith in the mystery of the Incarnation.

Mass intentions for the Week Beginning

Sunday 11 December 2011

Sat'day	6.00pm	Tom and Angie Alexander RIP
Sunday	8.30am	Special Intention (Healing)
	10.30am	People of the Parish.
Monday	9.30am	James Merdell RIP
Tuesday	9.30am	James Hall RIP.
Thu'day	9.30am	Loretta Stratton (Intention)
Friday	9.30am	Alice Stanton RIP (Foundation)
Saturday	9.30am	Ann Nunan RIP.

Third Sunday of Advent

Vigil Mass	6.00pm	Cecilia White (Intention)
Sunday	8.30am	Deceased parents of George and Margaret Reid.
	10.30am	Noreen Murphy (Intent).

Masses not celebrated in the Parish Church

Nora O'Connor RIP

Services on Saturday Mornings.

9.15	Morning Prayer of the Church.
9.30	Holy Mass
10 – 11	Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
10 – 10.40	Confessions/Reconciliation.

Third Week of Advent

Prayer of the Church – Psalms week 3

Monday	Mass of the Third Week in Advent
Tuesday	Memorial in honour of St Lucy (Martyr) 7.30 Talk on the Holy Land. 7.30 Advent Talk in Church
	7.30: Reconciliation at Holy Trinity, Church Crookham.
Wednesday	Morning Prayer and Eucharistic Service
Thursday	Mass of the Third Week of Advent
Friday	Mass of the Third Week of Advent
Saturday	Mass of the Third Week in Advent.
	6.00 Vigil Mass. The Fourth Sunday of Advent. Next Sunday is Christmas day

APF Mission Boxes

Please bring in your APF Mission Boxes as soon as possible. Also, collect a calendar from the table in the Narthex. There will not be enough for all members due to the increase in new members recently recruited.

Dates to remember

18 December	8.00pm Harvesters meet at OLS (Cove)
7 January	10 – 2pm Meeting of First Communion children
8 January	The Epiphany of the Lord. Enrolement of First Communion children.
10 January	7.30 pm. Meeting of Confirmation parents.
11 January	8-9pm Meeting of First Communion parents.
14 January	Salesian Study day at Chertsey.
22 January	Parish Annual General Meeting.
22 February	Ash Wednesday.
8 April	Easter Sunday

Don Bosco Calendar 2012

Copies of the Don Bosco Calendar for 2012 are available on the table in the Narthex. Reduced - PRICE £1.00.

Services at Christmas and New Year

Please pick up a copy of the services for Christmas and the New Year from the book rack in the Narthex. If you know of anyone who might come to Church if they were aware of the times of Services please take them a copy.

THE MAIN CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Saturday 24 Dec.	9.30 – 10.30 Confessions 4.00 pm: Children's Christmas Mass. 11.30pm: Carols Midnight: Mass
Sunday 25 Dec.	9.30 Christmas Day Mass.
Monday 26 Dec.	10.00am Mass (Feast of St Stephen).

We remember the sick in our Prayers

Fr Bill Carroll (Abercorn House), Bridgette Timmins, Maria Fraser, Dominic Clark, Nick Mills, Debbie de Bono, Matt Murphy, Elizabeth Pearce, Claire Hilder, Audrey Phoenix, Anthony Leakey, Ellen Hack, Ruth Taylor, Grace Bilyard, Bernard Shiels, Grace May, Mary O'Connor, Delphine Lannon, Jack Pollicutt, Ann Croombs and all the names in the Petition Book.

We pray for the deceased members of our Parish

John Hornsby, Madeleine Goldsmith, Mary Crowdy, Beryl Carrall (Fegredo), Graham Barnard, Rose Harding, Sydney Willatts, Francis Farrugia, Christina Styles, Barney O'Kane.
May they Rest in Peace.