



# St. Augustine of Canterbury, Highgate

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**First Sunday of Advent**  
**December 2nd, 2018**

**Parish Mass and Sunday School at 10am**

Welcome to St. Augustine's. The service can be followed in the purple booklets, and the hymns from the books in the seats. Please stay for refreshments after the service.

*Hymns: 11, 6, 9, 15*



Today is the First Sunday of Advent, a season of waiting and expectation. Yes, we are waiting to celebrate Jesus's first coming at Christmas, but as the Gospel reading indicates, it is not just this. Advent encourages us to look forward to more to come. Here and now, to live as people who have an eye to the future as well as the present and the past.

## ***Please pray***

*For the coming of the kingdom of God in all its fullness*

*Justin our archbishop, Sarah our bishop, Robert our area bishop.*

*This country especially our political leaders*

*The sick, housebound and all in need Albert Akoto, Gerald Wilson, Gerald and Ruth Margolis, Tom Valentine, David Healy, Marguerite Kilmer, Stuart Cromie, Michael Noma, Albert and Pearl Radley, Williette Henries Gardiner, Corinne Skinner Carter, Norah Egwim, Catherine George, Jill Shepherd, Tina Bell, Collins Agunwa, Boyce Agunwa.*

*Anniversaries of death Maurice Orme (2); Elizabeth Bodmin (5); Margaret Cook (8)*

## First Reading

*Jeremiah 33.14-16*

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

## Responsorial Psalm

*Verses from Psalm 25*

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

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

Your ways, O Lord, make known to me;  
teach me your paths.

Guide me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are God my saviour. **R.**

Good and upright is the Lord;  
thus he shows sinners the way.  
He guides the humble to justice,  
and teaches the humble his way. **R.**

All the paths of the Lord are kindness and constancy,  
toward those who keep his covenant and his decrees.  
The friendship of the Lord is with those who fear him,  
and his covenant, for their instruction. **R.**

## Second Reading

*1 Thessalonians 3.9-14*

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

## **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

**Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,  
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

**Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

## **Gospel Reading**

*Luke 21.25-36*

Jesus said, '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.'

## NOTICES

**MASS THIS WEEK** is on Wednesday at 10am and Saturday at 12 noon.

**QUIET HOUR FOR ADVENT** this Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 8-9pm, an opportunity for quiet reflection and prayer at the beginning of a busy season.

**ADVENT APP 'A GOOD ADVENT'** A resource to help us use Advent well to prepared for Christmas has been produced including thoughts for this sea from the Bishop of London. The app is available from the usual app stores for smartphones.

**ADVENT GIVING** you will see the red sheets with suggestions for Advent giving. Thank you for donations already received.

**PARENT, CARERS AND TODDLER GROUP** on Tuesday downstairs at the church at 10am.

**CHRISTMAS TREE** This needs to be put up at the end of the Parish Mass on December 9<sup>th</sup> ready for the carol service and nativity in the afternoon that day. Volunteers will be needed!

**CAROL SERVICE AND NATIVITY** is next Sunday at 3pm followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

**CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY** Crib Service at 4pm and Midnight Mass at 11.30pm on Christmas Eve, and Christmas Day Mass at 10am.

**Next Sunday:**                    **Sunday December 9th, 2018**  
   **Second Sunday of Advent**  
   **10am Parish Mass**  
   **3pm Carol Service and Nativity**

**Readings:**                        Malachi 3.1-14; Philippians 1.3-11; Luke 3.1-6

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