

FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

ADVENT SUNDAY, 30 NOVEMBER <i>Preacher: The Vicar</i> <i>Preacher: Fr Neil Bunker</i>	StM	9am Low Mass
	StB	9.30am SUNG MASS
	StM	11am HIGH MASS
	StM	5pm Low mass
	StM	6pm Advent Carols (A Vigil of Light) and Solemn Benediction
Monday 1 December <i>Feria</i>	StM	<i>No morning Prayer/Mass</i> 6pm Evening Prayer 6.30pm Low Mass
Tuesday 2 December <i>Feria</i>	StM	7.45am Morning Prayer 8am Low Mass
	StM	6pm Evening Prayer 6.30pm Low Mass
Wednesday 3 December <i>St Francis Xavier, Pr.</i>	StB	<i>No morning Prayer/Mass</i> 12.45pm Low Mass
	StM	6pm Evening Prayer 6.30pm Low Mass
Thursday 4 December <i>Feria</i>	StM	7.45am Morning Prayer 8am Low Mass
	StM	6pm Evening Prayer 6.30pm Low Mass
	StB	6.30pm Low Mass 7.30pm Compline
Friday 5 December <i>Feria</i>	StM	7.45am Morning Prayer 8am Low Mass
	StM	6pm Evening Prayer 6.30pm Low Mass
Saturday 6 December <i>St Nicolas, B</i>	StM	10.30am Morning Prayer
	StM	11.00am Low Mass with Baptism and Confirmation
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, 7 DECEMBER <i>Preacher: Fr Stuart Leamy</i> <i>Preacher: Fr Stuart Leamy</i>	StM	9am Low Mass
	StB	9.30am SUNG MASS
	StM	11am HIGH MASS
	StM	6pm Solemn Evensong & Benediction
	StM	7pm Low Mass

ADVENT SUNDAY 30 November 2014

Welcome to St Mary's, especially if you are visiting us for the first time.
Please join us for drinks after High Mass.



- ❖ *The Order of High Mass with the Ordinary texts is provided in the High Mass booklet.*
- ❖ *The Propers (prayers, readings and verses) of the Mass are set out overleaf.*
- ❖ *The Hymns are found in The New English Hymnal.*

- ❖ **Tonight** at 6.00 pm, there will be the traditional service of readings, Advent carols and Benediction, followed by drinks and mince pies at the back of church.
- ❖ **The Study Group** will next meet on Tuesday 2 December, 7-9pm. Contact Amanda Wright amanda@londonarttherapy.com
- ❖ **Carol singing** round the parish will take place on Thursday 18th December at 7.00 pm, followed by mince pies and mulled wine in the Presbytery. Money raised will be for West London Churches Homeless Concern. All welcome; meet in the church porch.
- ❖ **The Home Produce Sale** last Sunday raised £493.85. Many thanks to all who brought and bought!

THE INTERCESSIONS: *Of your charity please pray for the sick. Please continue to leave the names of the sick on the list at the entrance to church. Copies of the full list are available in the porch.*

To be baptized: Theodora Magdalena Pyke (Saturday 6th December 11am at St Mary's)

To be confirmed: Tamsin Pyke, Clayton Gurney, Lara Budgen, Scott Toomer, Rhiann Pryor, Marc Prema-Ratner and Jarbas Rodrigues da Silva (Saturday 6th December 11am at St Mary's).

Recently departed: Charles Richardson, pr; Barbara Adler; Michael Stack; Hilary Kaye
Anniversaries of death: Mon 1st Dec Helen Pilkington; Tues 2nd Dec Kenneth Levy; Patrick, Earl of Lauderdale; Wed 3rd Dec Ivor Collins; Thurs 4th Dec Dudley Downe-Finnemore

Jesus Christ will return in glory to the earth. We do not know when he will return. But Christ promised us that he would return in glory, "as light comes from the east" to bring God's plan of redemption to its fulfilment. (...) In the early Church, Christians expected that Christ would come soon—any day. There was hopeful expectation. They were watchful—they looked to the sky in the east to wait for Christ. And because they did not know when he would return, they proclaimed the Gospel with urgency and enthusiasm, hoping to bring the world to salvation before Christ returned. It has been nearly two thousand years now since Christ ascended into heaven. It has become easier to forget that he will come again to earth. It has become easier to forget that we must be waiting, we must be watching, and we must be ready. (...) The Mass is rich with symbolism. The vestments of the priest remind us of the dignity of Christ the King. We strike our breasts, and bow our heads, and bend our knees to remember our sinfulness, God's mercy, and his glory. In the Mass, the ways we stand, and sit, and kneel, remind us of God's eternal plan for us. Since ancient times, Christians have faced the east during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass to remember to keep watch for Christ. Together, the priest and the people faced the east, waiting and watching for Christ (...) The symbolism of facing together, and awaiting Christ, is rich, time-honoured and important. Especially during Advent, as we await the coming of the Lord, facing the east together is a powerful witness to Christ's imminent return. Today, at a time when it is easy to forget that Christ is coming—and easy to be complacent in our spiritual lives and in the work of evangelization—we need reminders that Christ will come. Be watchful!" says Jesus. "Be alert! You do not know when the time will come."

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INTROIT ↪ *Ad te levavi*

Psalm 25

Unto thee, O LORD, lift I up my soul: O my God, in thee have I trusted, let me not be confounded: neither let mine enemies triumph over me: for all they that look for thee shall not be ashamed. Shew me thy ways, O LORD, and teach me thy paths.

COLLECT

ALMMIGHTY GOD, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility: that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal.

FIRST READING

Micah 4.1-7

THUS SAITH THE LORD: In the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it. And many nations shall come, and say: 'Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.' And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and none shall make them afraid: for the mouth of the LORD of hosts hath spoken it. For all people will walk every one in the name of his god, and we will walk in the name of the LORD our God for ever and ever. In that day, saith the LORD, will I assemble her that halteth, and I will gather her that is driven out, and her that I have afflicted; and I will make her that halted a remnant, and her that was cast far off a strong nation: and the LORD shall reign over them in mount Zion from henceforth, even for ever.

GRADUAL ↪ *Universi*

Psalm 25

For all they that look for thee shall not be ashamed, O LORD. Make known unto me thy ways, O LORD: and teach me thy paths.

EPISTLE

Romans 13.8-14

BRETHREN: Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law. For this: Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet: and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely: Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law. And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light. Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying. But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.

ALLELUIA ↪ *Ostende*

Psalm 85

Alleluia, alleluia. Shew us thy mercy, O LORD: and grant us thy salvation. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

St Matthew 21.1-13

AT THAT TIME: When they drew nigh unto Jerusalem, and were come to Bethphage, unto the mount of Olives: then sent Jesus two disciples, saying unto them: 'Go into the village over against you, and straightway ye shall find an ass tied, and a colt with her: loose them, and bring them unto me. And if any man say ought unto you, ye shall say: "The Lord hath need of them;" and straightway he will send them.' All this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying: 'Tell ye the daughter of Sion: "Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass.'" And the disciples went, and did as Jesus commanded them, and brought the ass, and the colt, and put on them their clothes, and they set him thereon. And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way; others cut down branches from the trees, and strawed them in the way. And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying: 'Hosanna to the son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.' And when he was come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying: 'Who is this?' And the multitude said, 'This is Jesus the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee.' And Jesus went into the temple of God, and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves, and said unto them: 'It is written: "My house shall be called the house of prayer;" but ye have made it a den of thieves.'

SERMON

Fr Stuart Leamy

CREED ↪ *Cardinalis*

p.5 of the High Mass booklet

OFFERTORY MOTET

Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625) ↪ Matthew 21, Luke 19, &c

Hosanna to the Son of David. Blessed be he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Blessed be the king of Israel, blessed be the Kingdom that cometh in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest places. Hosanna in the highest.

HYMN 3

Come, thou long-expected Jesus

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

GRANT, WE BESEECH THEE, O LORD, that the effectual power of these thy holy mysteries may in such wise cleanse us from all our iniquities: that we may in all purity attain unto him who is the author of the same, even Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord.

COMMUNION ↪ *Dominus dabit*

Psalm 85

The LORD shall shew loving kindness, and our land shall give her increase.

COMMUNION MOTET

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

A spotless Rose is blowing / Sprung from a tender root, / Of ancient seers' foreshowing, / Of Jesse promised fruit; / Its fairest bud unfolds to light / Amid the cold, cold winter / And in the dark midnight. // The Rose which I am singing, / Whereof Isaiah said, / Is from its sweet root springing / In Mary, purest Maid; / For through our God's great love and might / The blessed babe she bare us / In a cold, cold winter's night.

POSTCOMMUNION

ASSIST US, O LORD, WE PRAY THEE, so to wait for thy loving-kindness in the midst of thy temple: that we may with all worthy reverence prevent the coming festival of our redemption.