

## DIARY DATES

Sunday 10 December	5.00 pm	Angel Orchestra Christmas Concert
Sunday 17 December	12.30 pm	Carol Singing in Chapel Market
	6.00 pm	Community Carol Service
Sunday 24 December	11.00 am	Parish Mass
Christmas Eve	4.00 pm	Blessing of the Christmas Crib
	11.30 pm	Midnight Mass

**Christmas Day**  
**11.00 am**  
**Family Mass With Carols**



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**Welcome to**  
**SAINT SILAS, PENTONVILLE**  
**in the Parish of St Silas with All Saints & St James**

**We are committed to**  
*... bringing people in ... bringing people on*  
*... witnessing to Jesus Christ*

### St Silas Vision 2020

We welcome everyone. We help them grow in faith.  
We care for each other and those around us.

**SUNDAY 3 DECEMBER 2017**

## THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)

**THE ORDER OF SERVICE** is in the Mass book. Hymn numbers are on the right-hand pillar at the front and printed below. The Bible readings are on the separate white sheet.

Toilets and baby changing facilities are in the entrance lobby.



We have a loop system in the church and hall.  
Please switch your hearing aid to T.

**JUNIOR CHURCH** for children from age 4 takes place today alongside the Parish Mass. Children gather in church with their families, then leave together after the Opening Prayer. They come back in to church at Communion time.

### CHRISTMAS FAIR

Our popular Christmas Fair with Santa's Grotto takes place **TODAY** after the Parish Mass. Please do not go into the hall at the end of Mass unless you are involved in running one of the stalls.

### HYMNS AT MASS TODAY

**133** Come, thou long-expected Jesus  
**522** O come, O come, Emmanuel  
**167** Father, we love You  
**16** All for Jesus

**WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK  
@ ST SILAS CHURCH & COMMUNITY HALL**

**Monday 4 December**

St John Damascene

19:00 Overeaters Anonymous

*Pray for London's rough sleepers.*

**Tuesday 5 December**

09:30 Relax, Stay & Play

16:30 Anna Scher Theatre

19:00 Alcoholics Anonymous

**No Rosary Prayers or Mass today.**

*Pray for St Augustine's High School, Kilburn.*

**Wednesday 6 December**

St Nicholas

16:30 Anna Scher Theatre

19:30 Angel Orchestra

13:00 Gower School in church until 15:15

*Pray for world peace.*

**Thursday 7 December**

St Ambrose

**12:00 Silent Prayer**

**12:30 Mass**

**13:00 Bible Study**

19:00 The Vision Drop-In

*Pray for the unity of the Church.*

**Friday 8 December**

**The Immaculate Conception**

18:00 Alcoholics Anonymous (women only)

19:45 Anna Scher Theatre

*Pray for mothers.*

**Saturday 9 December**

09:00 Holy Dusters (church cleaning)

10:30 Alcoholics Anonymous

**12:00 Mass with healing ministries**

12:30 Church cleaning continues

*Pray for churches in the Deanery of Islington.*

**Sunday 10 December**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)**

**11:00  
PARISH MASS  
with Junior Church  
followed by tea & coffee**



*Pray for the people of our parish.*

<b>BIBLE READINGS THIS WEEK</b> 	Monday 4 December	Isaiah 2:1-5 / Matthew 8:5-11
	Tuesday 5 December	Isaiah 11:1-10 / Luke 10:21-24
	Wednesday 6 December	Isaiah 25:6-10 / Matthew 15:29-37
	Thursday 7 December	Isaiah 26:1-6 / Matthew 7:21,24-27
	Friday 8 December	Genesis 3:9-15, 20 / Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12 Luke 1:26-38
	Saturday 9 December	Isaiah 30:19-21,23-26 Matthew 9:35, 10:1,5-8

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!** Today's celebration of Advent Sunday marks the beginning of a new Church Year. During the Parish Mass we shall bless our Advent Wreath and light the first candles. The lighting of a candle each week will mark our journey through this Advent season, culminating with the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. Try to avoid the 'busyness' of the run-up to Christmas!

**MUSIC AT MASS**

The organ music before and after Mass is by Francois Couperin. He was made organist to King Louis XIV of France in 1693 when he was just 25 years old, but today's pieces were written when he was even younger, just 21, and was organist of Saint-Gervaise in Paris. He wrote two sets of organ music for Mass, one for Parish Churches, the other for Convents and Monasteries. Today's are from the set for Parish Churches. **Martin**

**TUESDAY MASS THIS WEEK**

Apologies for having to cancel Tuesday evening Mass again this week. Fr Rayner has school governor meetings.

**MASS WITH HEALING**

Our Advent Mass with prayers for healing will take place next Saturday, 9 December, at 12 Noon. Mass will include opportunities for the laying-on of hands and anointing.

**PREPARING THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS**

During Advent, apart from our spiritual preparations, we make sure the church is clean, including brass and silver-ware, and put up a variety of decorations. Please join us on Saturdays during Advent, from 10.00 am until 12 Noon, Mass at 12 Noon, then from 12.30 pm to 2.00 pm. Soup and rolls will be provided. Many hands make light work – please don't leave all the work to a faithful few.

**FAMILY MASS FOR DECEMBER**

This month's Family Mass will take place on the **third** Sunday of the month, 17 December, rather the fourth Sunday of the month.