

DIARY DATES

Sunday 9 December	11.00 am	Parish Mass
Second Sunday of Advent	12.30 pm	FaithLift: Group Prayer
	5.00 pm	Angel Orchestra Concert
Tuesday 11 December	7.00 pm	PCC Meeting
Wednesday 12 December	7.30 pm	Carols by Candlelight (This is organised by an events company and there will be an admission charge.)
Saturday 15 December	4.00 pm	Youth Group in Community Hall
Sunday 16 December	11.00 am	Family Mass
Third Sunday of Advent	12.30 pm	Carol Singing in Chapel Market

MUSIC DEVELOPMENTS

The Church Council has agreed to put more resources into the music at St Silas. We are indebted to Nathan Lyons for his regular guitar playing and in recent weeks it's been good to welcome Sara playing the oboe. All this is in addition to Martin's regular commitment as organist. The Church Council has agreed that we will pay to have a trumpeter four times per year, and a professional singer to cantor at Mass on two Sundays each month, so that we're not relying so much on Pat. This arrangement will be for one year, initially. I'm delighted to say that we have already been promised a gift of £750 towards these costs. If you are able to increase your regular giving to the church to help meet these costs, that would be very helpful.

Fr Rayner

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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 2 DECEMBER 2018 THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)



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 takes place today alongside the Parish Mass. Children aged 4 and over are welcome to join in. The children gather in church with the adults and go out for their own teaching after the Opening Prayer. They return at Communion time. Big thanks to our Junior Church leaders who undertake this vital work with our children.

OUR CHRISTMAS FAIR & SANTA'S GROTTO takes place after Mass today. Please do not go through to the hall unless you are involved in running a stall. The Fair will be open from 12.30 pm.

FAITHLIFT: GROUP PRAYER

The next thirty-minute session of group prayer will be at 12.30 pm next Sunday, 9 December, with the theme *I am your salvation*.

HYMNS AT MASS TODAY

133 Come, thou long-expected Jesus
522 O come, O come, Emmanuel
167 Father, we love You
268 How lovely on the mountains

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

Monday 3 December

St Francis Xavier

11:30 Funeral of Lydia Peters RIP
19:00 Overeaters Anonymous

Pray for the bereaved.

Tuesday 4 December

St John Damascene

09:30 Relax, Stay & Play
16:30 Anna Scher Theatre
18:15 Rosary Prayers
18:30 Mass
19:00 Alcoholics Anonymous

Pray for Mary's Meals.

Wednesday 5 December

16:30 Anna Scher Theatre
19:30 Angel Orchestra

Pray for the Bishop of London.

Thursday 6 December

St Nicholas

12:00 Silent Prayer
12:30 Mass
19:00 The Vision Drop-In

Pray for London's emergency services.

Friday 7 December

St Ambrose

10:00 Coffee & Craft
14:00 Gower School Concert
in church from 13:00
18:00 Alcoholics Anonymous
(women only)
19:45 Anna Scher Theatre

Pray for Kings Cross Good Neighbours Scheme.

Saturday 8 December

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

09:30 Holy Dusters (church cleaning)
10:30 Alcoholics Anonymous
12:00 Mass
12:30 Hall booking until 16:30

Pray for our Government.

Sunday 9 December

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)

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

12:30 Faithlift: Group Prayer

Pray for the people of our parish.



BIBLE READINGS THIS WEEK 	Monday 3 December	Isaiah 2:1-5 / Matthew 8:5-11
	Tuesday 4 December	Isaiah 11:1-10 / Luke 10:21-24
	Wednesday 5 December	Isaiah 25:6-10 / Matthew 15:29-37
	Thursday 6 December	Isaiah 26:1-6 / Matthew 7:21,24-27
	Friday 7 December	Isaiah 29:17-24 / Matthew 9:27-31
	Saturday 8 December	Genesis 3:9-15,20 / Ephesians 1:3-6,11-12 Luke 1:26-38

MUSIC AT MASS

The organ music before and after Mass in Advent is quiet and reflective. Today's is by Jean Titelouze who was organist of first Saint-Omer and then Rouen Cathedral in the late sixteenth and early seventeenth centuries. **Martin**

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

The next meeting of the PCC will be on Tuesday 11 December, at 7.00 pm, in church following Mass at 6.30 pm.

YOUTH GROUP

Due to diary clashes and the hall being booked, the Youth Group has not met for a few weeks. The next meeting will be on Saturday 15 December, at 4.00 pm, in the Community Hall.

PREPARING THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS

We'll make extra efforts during Advent to clean the church, metalware, statues, votive candle stands etc for Christmas, and then put the Christmas decorations up. Most of this will be done on Saturday mornings from 9.30 am but could also be done after Mass on Thursdays. If those times are not convenient, access to the church can be provided at other times. Remember: **many hands make light work!**

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Next Sunday, 9 December, envelopes for donations for Christmas flowers will be distributed. The flower fund is rather low at the moment, so please give generously!

CAROL SINGING IN CHAPEL MARKET

Our annual visit to Chapel Market for carol singing will take place after the Parish Mass on Sunday 16 December. We gather in the market at about 12.15 pm and sing until 1.00 pm. We distribute details of our Christmas services, but do not collect money.

FAMILY MASSES

In the new Church year, which starts today, the Family Mass will be on the **third** Sunday of each month.