

LATEST COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS

Sanitizing gel is available at the door, where the QR code for the NHS App is displayed.

Please continue signing-in.

The holy water stoup will remain empty.

You might wear a face mask for the whole of Mass or just while singing.

Allow distance between people.

The peace will not be exchanged.

Continue to come to receive Holy Communion, in one kind only, via the central aisle.

THURSDAY HOMELESS DROP-IN

We could do with a volunteer to help out on **one Thursday per month** at our drop-in for the homeless and vulnerable. The main tasks are to help set up the hall, serve teas and coffees, distribute meals (already prepared) and help with clearing away. You would need to arrive at 6.45 pm. Please speak with Fr Rayner if you could help.

SAVE OUR ORGAN!

Our organ is in need of urgent repair, having had no major work done on it since before the First World War. We need to raise about £65,000 (lower than originally thought) and expect most of this to come from grants. Do you have any ideas for fundraising? Please speak to Fr Rayner if you do. There are some brochures about the project at the back of church.

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

OUR MISSION

Bringing people in. Bringing people on. Witnessing to Jesus Christ.

SUNDAY 5 DECEMBER 2021 THE SECOND 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.

Coffee and tea will be served after Mass in the Community Hall.



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

TODAY we celebrate the second Sunday of the Advent season. During this season of preparation for Christmas the liturgical colour is purple, we omit the Gloria at Mass and we don't have flowers in church. We mark our keeping of Advent by the lighting of the candles on the Advent Wreath.

JUNIOR CHURCH takes place today. Children aged 4+ 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.

SPONSORSHIP OF THE ELEMENTS

This week the elements have been sponsored by Gloria Mercury in celebration of her birthday. Happy birthday Gloria!

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Our Christmas Fair was a great success. We took about £520 and the profit is about £430. This is much better than in previous years. A really big thank you to those who supported the Fair in any way, and especially to those who ran the stalls.

HYMNS AT MASS TODAY

373 Lo, He comes with clouds descending
399 Love is his word
72 Be still, for the presence of the Lord
S10 Longing for light

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

Monday 6 December

St Nicholas
16:00 Dani Grant Dance Classes
19:00 Overeaters Anonymous

Pray for the children of the parish.

Tuesday 7 December

St Ambrose
12:00 Al Anon Family Group
16:30 Anna Scher Theatre
18:15 Rosary Prayers
18:30 Mass
19:00 Alcoholics Anonymous

Pray for theologians.

Wednesday 8 December

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

09.30 Relax, Stay & Play
13:30 Gower School in church
16:30 Anna Scher Theatre

Pray for Shrines to Our Lady.

Thursday 9 December

12:00 Quiet Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament
12:30 Mass
followed by tea & coffee
16:00 Dani Grant Dance Classes
19:00 Drop-In @ St Silas

Pray for our keeping of a holy Advent.

Friday 10 December

19:45 Anna Scher Theatre

Pray for local traders.

Saturday 11 December

09:30 Holy Dusters
(church cleaning)
10:30 Alcoholics Anonymous
12:00 Mass

Pray for the NHS.

Sunday 12 December

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)

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

18:00 Happiness Lab 'Reunion'
in the Community Hall



Pray for the people of our parish.

BIBLE READINGS THIS WEEK		
	Monday 6 December	Isaiah 35:1-10 / Luke 5:17-26
	Tuesday 7 December	Isaiah 40:1-11 / Matthew 18:12-14
	Wednesday 8 December	Genesis 3:9-15,20 Ephesians 1:3-6,11-12 / Luke 1:26-38
	Thursday 9 December	Isaiah 41:13-20 / Matthew 11:11-15
	Friday 10 December	Isaiah 48:17-19 / Matthew 11:16-19
	Saturday 11 December	Ecclesiasticus 48:1-4,9-11 Matthew 17:10-13

MUSIC AT MASS

The organ music before and after Mass in Advent is quiet and reflective. Today's is by Johann Jakob Froberger. He was born in 1616 in Stuttgart, where his father was in charge of music at the court. He moved to Vienna when he was 18 and became deputy court organist there, travelling a lot but remaining as an organist there till 1657, when he moved to what is now eastern France. **Martin**

PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS

Over the next couple of weeks we need to make a real effort with church cleaning and then start decorating the church for Christmas. We hope to get most of the cleaning done next Saturday (11 December). If you can't come along in the morning then come between 12.30 pm and 2.00 pm, there will be Mass at 12 Noon as usual.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Envelopes for Christmas flower donations are on the table at the back of church. Envelopes with donations can be put in the collection baskets, or handed to Pat Black or one of the Churchwardens.

THURSDAYS: QUIET PRAYER BEFORE MASS

As Advent begins, Quiet Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament before Mass on Thursdays will resume. At 12 Noon there will be a hymn and short meditation, leading into silent prayer. In the colder months we'll gather at the All Saints altar in the Community Hall.

MUSIC GRANT

We are very pleased to have received a grant of £700 from the Ecclesiastical Music Trust. This will be used to help cover the cost of visits from professional singers.

HAPPINESS LAB 'REUNION'

About a dozen people participated in *The Happiness Lab* in September/October and it was agreed that the group might continue to meet in some form. Those who participated are therefore invited to a 'reunion' which will take place in the Community Hall on Sunday 12 December from 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm.

GRANT FOR 'RELAX, STAY & PLAY'

We're delighted that the London Borough of Islington is to provide us with a grant of £1652 towards the cost of running our parent and toddler group. The grant will come from the Local Initiatives Fund, which supports projects in the various Council Wards in Islington. Our thanks to our local Councillors for supporting our application.