



ST JOHN THE
EVANGELIST
UPPER NORWOOD



**PRE
PARE
THE
WAY**

High Mass
The Second Sunday of Advent
6th December 2020 10am

The Gathering

The Organ plays as the sacred ministers and altar party enter

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The Greeting

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

The president introduces the service.

Prayers of Penitence

We are invited to confess our sins

A voice cries out in the wilderness,
'Make straight the way of the Lord.'
So let us listen, and turn to the Lord in penitence and faith.

Silence is kept.

*Kyrie eleison
Christe eleison
Kyrie eleison*

*Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy*

The second candle on the Advent wreath is lit.

The president says the absolution

Almighty God,
who in Jesus Christ has given us
a kingdom that cannot be destroyed,
forgive us our sins,
open our eyes to God's truth,
strengthen us to do God's will
and give us the joy of his kingdom,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Collect

The president introduces a period of silent prayer and then sings

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us,
and with great might succour us;
that whereas, through our sins and wickedness
we are grievously hindered
in running the race that is set before us,
your bountiful grace and mercy
may speedily help and deliver us;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honour and glory, now and for ever.
Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

Readings

We SIT for the readings.

read by David Beadle

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Comfort, O comfort my people,
says your God.
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her
that she has served her term,
that her penalty is paid,
that she has received from the LORD's hand
double for all her sins.

A voice cries out:

'In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
Every valley shall be lifted up,

and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.

Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.'

A voice says, 'Cry out!'

And I said, 'What shall I cry?'

All people are grass,

their constancy is like the flower of the field.

The grass withers, the flower fades,

when the breath of the LORD blows upon it;

surely the people are grass.

The grass withers, the flower fades;

but the word of our God will stand for ever.

Get you up to a high mountain,

O Zion, herald of good tidings;

lift up your voice with strength,

O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,

lift it up, do not fear;

say to the cities of Judah,

'Here is your God!'

See, the Lord GOD comes with might,

and his arm rules for him;

his reward is with him,

and his recompense before him.

He will feed his flock like a shepherd;

he will gather the lambs in his arms,

and carry them in his bosom,

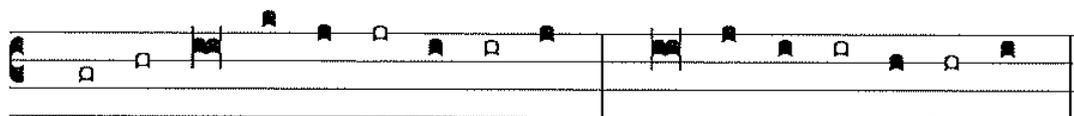
and gently lead the mother sheep.

Isaiah 40.1-11

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 85 vv.1-2, 8-13



VII.7

- 1 Lord, you were gra-cious[^] to your land; •
you restored the for-tunes[^] of Ja-cob.
- 2 You forgave the offence of your peo-ple •
and cov-ered all[^] their sins.
- 8 I will listen to what the Lord God will say, •
for he shall speak peace to his people and to the faithful,
that they turn not a-gain to fol-ly.
- 9 Truly, his salvation is near to those who fear him, •
that his glory may dwell in our land.
- 10 Mercy and truth are met to-ge-ther, •
righteousness and peace have kissed each o-ther;
- 11 Truth shall spring up from the earth •
and righteousness look down from hea-ven.
- 12 The Lord will indeed give all that is good, •
and our land will yield its in-crease.
- 13 Righteousness shall go be-fore him •
and direct his steps in the way.

A reading from the second letter of Peter.

read by Rachel Rae

But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation. So also our beloved brother Paul wrote to you according to the wisdom given to him,

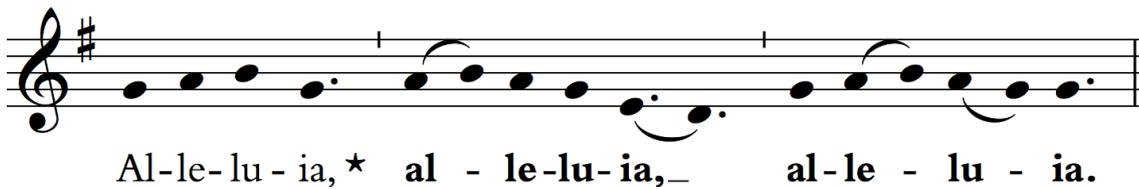
2 Peter 3. 8-15a

This is the word of the Lord.

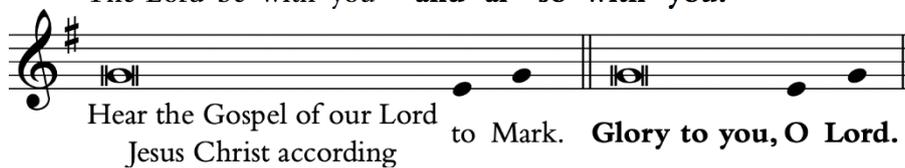
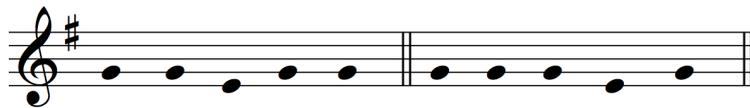
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

The choir sing



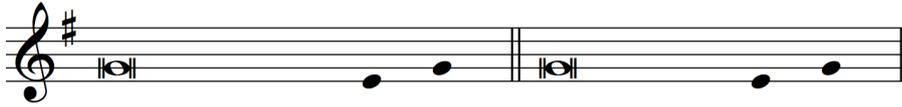
Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,
and all flesh shall see the sal-va-tion of God. **Alleluia, alleluia,**
alleluia.



The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,
'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way;
the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
"Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight" ',

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'



This is the Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon
Rob Barber

We SIT. The sermon is followed by an organ reflection.

O come, O come Emmanuel
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Flor Peters 1903-

The Creed

We STAND.

Let us declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven**

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

and in the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

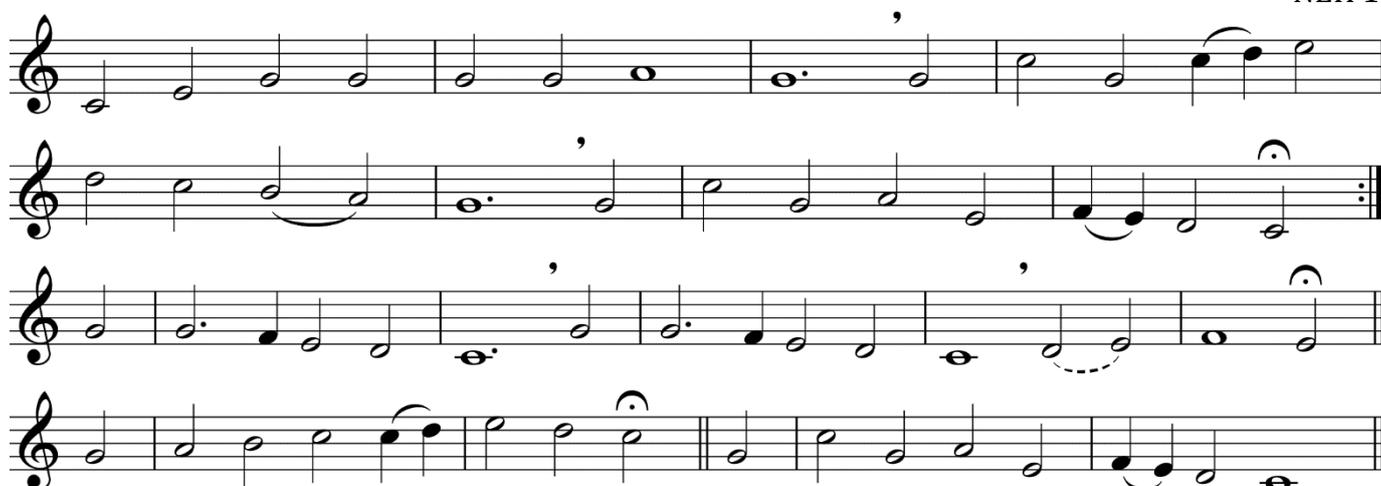
The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

The deacon says

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Preparation of the Table Taking of the Bread and Wine

NEH 16



**Wake, O wake! with tidings thrilling
the watchmen all the air are filling,
arise, Jerusalem, arise!
Midnight strikes! no more delaying,
'The hour has come!' we hear them saying.**

**Where are ye all, ye virgins wise?
The Bridegroom comes in sight,
raise high your torches bright!
Alleluia!**

**The wedding song swells loud and strong:
go forth and join the festal throng.**

**Every soul in thee rejoices;
from men and from angelic voices
be glory giv'n to thee alone!
Now the gates of pearl receive us,
thy presence nevermore shall leave us,**

**we stand with Angels round thy throne.
Earth cannot give below
the bliss thou dost bestow.
Alleluia!
Grant us to raise, to length of days,
the triumph-chorus of thy praise.**

‘Wachet auf’

Melody by Philipp Nicolai (1556–1608)

Harmony by J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

Philipp Nicolai

translated by F. C. Burkitt (1864–1935)

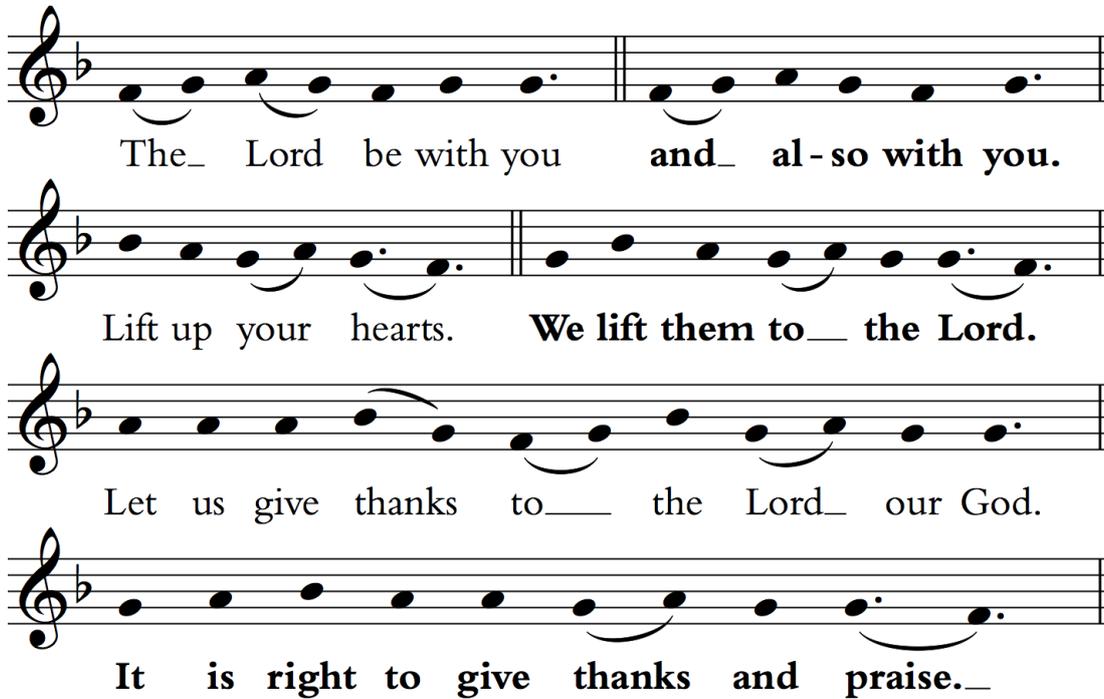
The following prayers are said

Pray, my brothers and sisters,
that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God the almighty Father.
**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands,
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good and the good of all his church.**

As this bread was scattered
and then gathered and made one,
so may your Church be gathered into your kingdom.
Glory to you, O God, for ever.

Wisdom has built her a house;
she has mixed her wine; she has set her table.
Glory to you, O God, for ever.

The Eucharistic Prayer



The_ Lord be with you and_ al- so with you.

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to_ the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to_ the Lord_ our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise._

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise,
almighty God and everlasting Father,
through Jesus Christ your Son.

For when he humbled himself to come among us in human flesh,
he fulfilled the plan you formed before the foundation of the world
to open for us the way of salvation.

Confident that your promise will be fulfilled,
we now watch for the day
when Christ our Lord will come again in glory.

And so we join our voices with angels and archangels
and with all the company of heaven
to proclaim your glory
for ever praising you and singing:

The choir sing the Sanctus and Benedictus

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

Dominus Deus Sabaoth

God of power and might, .

Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua heaven and earth are full of your
glory.

Hosanna in excelsis

Hosanna in the highest.

Benedictus qui venit

Blessed is he who comes

In nomine Domini

in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in excelsis

Hosanna in the highest.

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:
Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Lord of all life,

help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with Our Lady Mary, John the Evangelist,
Alban the Martyr and all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
for ever and ever.



A- men.

The Lord's Prayer

Awaiting his coming in glory,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Giving of Communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

The body and blood of Christ keep you in eternal life. Amen

The choir sing the Agnus Dei

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. (x2)
Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy upon
us.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.
Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

The choir sings

Canite tuba

Canite tuba in Sion, quia prope est dies Domini. Ecce venit ad salvandum
nos: erunt prava in directa et aspera in vias planas, veni Domine et noli
tardare.

*Blow ye the trumpet in Sion, for the day of God is near at hand. See, he cometh
and will save us: he will make the crooked straight and the rough places will he
make plain: Come then, O Lord, and do not tarry.*

Joel 2: 1; Isaiah 11: 4

Francisco Guerrero 1528-1599

Prayer after Communion

We STAND

Father in heaven,
who sent your Son to redeem the world
and will send him again to be our judge:
give us grace so to imitate him
in the humility and purity of his first coming
that, when he comes again,
we may be ready to greet him
with joyful love and firm faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Almighty God,
**we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work
to your praise and glory. Amen.**

Notices may be given and Banns of Marriage read.

The Sending Out

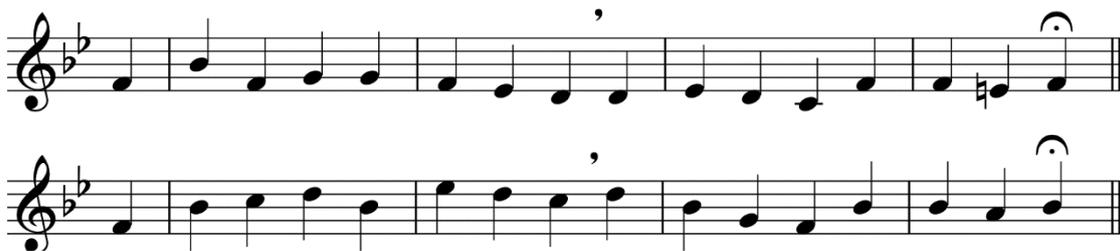
The Dismissal

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

May God himself, the God of peace,
make you perfect and holy,
and keep you safe and blameless, in spirit, soul and body,
for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

The deacon says

As we await our coming Saviour,
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.



**On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh;
come then and hearken, for he brings
glad tidings from the King of kings.**

**Then cleansed be every Christian breast,
and furnished for so great a guest!
Yea, let us each our hearts prepare
for Christ to come and enter there.**

**For thou art our salvation, Lord,
our refuge and our great reward;
without thy grace our souls must fade,
and wither like a flower decayed.**

**Stretch forth thine hand to heal our sore,
and make us rise, to fall no more;
once more upon thy people shine,**

and fill the world with love divine.

All praise, eternal Son, to thee
whose advent sets thy people free,
whom, with the Father, we adore,
and Spirit blest, for evermore.



A - men.

'Winchester New'
Adapted from a chorale in
Musicalisches Hand-Buch (Hamburg,
1690)

Jordanis oras praevia
Charles Coffin (1676–1749)
translated John Chandler (1808–76)

We remain **STANDING** Devotions after Mass

A&M 85



**The Angel Gabriel from heaven came,
his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;
'All hail,' said he, 'thou lowly maiden Mary,
most highly favoured lady.'**
Gloria!

Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.
You shall bring forth a son and call his name Jesus.

Let us pray.

Eternal God,
as Mary waited for the birth of your Son,
so we wait for his coming in glory;
bring us through the birth pangs of this present age
to see, with her, our great salvation
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Organ Voluntary

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme
1933

Sigfrid Karg-Elert 1877-

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER DIARY

Christopher our Bishop; Justin our Archbishop; Jonathan, Bishop of Croydon

Those we have been asked to pray for

Jennifer Penny, Pat Parker, James Delaney, Nathan Tulip,
Neville & Celeste Prinsloo, Roy Rae, Robbie Middleton, Christopher Love,
David Ogundeji, Lorna Gautier, David Maitland, Simon Gabe,
Michael Hale, Vinnette & Mike Melbourne, Michael Cooper,
Adam Phillips, Peter Bibby, Janet Kempson, Philippa Pearce,
Alison O'Melia, Julie Loh, Ann Newman, Naomi Ioannou, Alan Driedger,
June McCallum, Carmen Alveraz, Paul Allen, and Poh Wong

Those known to us recently departed

Terry Paxton

Past priests, benefactors, friends, and all whose year's mind occurs this week

Kenneth Ralston, Sarah Manning, Ruth Buckland Eyre, Florence Crook,
Katharine Carlyle, Charles Stewart, George Betts, Alice de Linde, *benefactor*,
Frederick Chaplin, Mary Hardy, Mabel Marshall

TONIGHT at 6PM
Music: Stainer in B flat.

How beautiful upon the mountains – John Stainer
Benediction Music: Sydney Nicholson

NOTICES

APCM: this will be rescheduled and a new date will be circulated in due course

Advent Course, Wednesdays from 2 December, 7pm: this year's Advent Course will continue on Zoom on 9, 16 and 23 December at 7pm. The theme will be "hope", following our Black Lives Matter theme. We find it difficult to talk about race because it is so firmly embedded in our western, European culture. In our Advent course we will look at some of the issues, in the hope we will all be able to better understand each other. What is race? Is there such a thing? What does the Bible say about it and about slavery?

Christmas events: please see the website for details of Christmas events. You will need to pre-book for these events and numbers will be strictly limited in order to comply with Covid-19 regulations.

Christmas Day social on Zoom: Mindful that some of our congregation will be alone for Christmas this year, we are planning to hold a get-together at 3.15pm on Zoom hosted by Fr John. If you would like to be involved, please email sjunoffice@gmail.com to receive the link.

Foodbank: please bring your donations for the Foodbank this Sunday. This month, as well as the usual donations, we are particularly asking for supplies of pet food

SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Monday

6pm Christian Meditation *on Zoom*

Tuesday

Blessed Virgin Mary (10am Mass)

3.30pm Christian Meditation *on Zoom*

Wednesday

10am Low Mass *(on Zoom)*

7pm ADVENT COURSE *(on Zoom)*

Saturday

10am Low Mass *(on Zoom)*

Next Sunday, 13th December (Third Sunday of Advent)

10am Parish Mass **in person and Facebook**

5pm Evening Prayer

*For an invitation to the Christian Meditation, contact Fr Tom
(hurcomt@aol.com).*

*An invitation to the Low Mass on Wednesday and Saturday will be circulated
to all those who receive the parish email on the afternoon of the day before. If
you do not receive it, please contact sjunoffice@gmail.com.*

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