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First Sunday of Advent (Year C) 2nd December 2018

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Sunday Reflection – On this First Sunday of the Advent Season, we begin a new liturgical year. The English word “Advent” is from the Latin, “Adventus”, meaning “Coming” or “Approaching”. Our focus during Advent is on the “coming” or “Approaching” God. We confidently proclaim, “The Lord is near”. The mood during these weeks is one of joyful anticipation. Hope is in the air. We wait expectantly for something new and wonderful to happen. Waiting is part of life, and there is no life without it. Our culture has invented the “Waiting Room”. We sit in waiting rooms anticipating news about ourselves or others. While waiting in Advent we are admonished “to stay awake” to “be alert”, to be ready for the glory of Christ to be revealed in all its fullness. Jesus alerts all, when he says “.... Hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand”. We now live in the meantime “the in-between” time, ie. The time between the First Coming of Christ and Second Coming in glory. We wait creatively by remembering. We recapture the longing and expectancy of God’s people as they hoped for an “Anointed leader” and “better times”. We prepare for the feast of Christmas by re-living the experience of God’s people “Waiting in hope” for the birth of the Messiah. Bringing the past into the present creates a foundation from which emerges a hope-filled future. We invite the approach of God in the person of Christ to enter our lives and dispel the encircling gloom, colored now by concerns of anxiety and fear. Our prayer is all the more urgent. “Come Lord Jesus”.

Christmas Bazaar – Yesterday, we celebrated our Parish Bazaar in the School Hall. It was a great and successful event. We want to thank you all for your generous support and presence at the Bazaar. A special word of thanks to all who sold the Raffle tickets, all who donated gifts, money and prizes for the different stalls, and all those who worked so hard with the preparations and on the day itself. A special thank you to Susana Sousa e Silva for the expert co-ordination and guidance of the whole event. Without her Vision and enthusiasm and her team of helpers it would not have happened, so we are most grateful to Susana and all for the hard work and energy. As soon as final results are available, we will let you know. Thank you all again.

First Holy Communion – 5th Session will be on next Sunday 9th Dec at an earlier start time of 8.30am. Parents and children are asked to be on time for the lesson.

Investiture of New Altar Servers – On Friday 14th December at 6.30pm Mass. Parents and new Servers are requested to attend.

Novena Mass for Christmas/Simbang Gabi – 15th to 22nd of December. Masses on Saturday 15th at 6.30pm & 8pm, Sunday 16th at 7pm & 8pm. From 17th to 21st Masses will be at 8pm and not 6.30pm. Saturday 22nd Masses will be at 6.30pm and 8pm.

Confirmation 2019 Date – Is set for Sunday 2nd June at 12.15pm Mass. Details of Programme, Commencement and Registration will be announced soon.

Parish Office Opening Hrs

Mon - Fri 9am to 5pm
(Lunch Hour 1.30pm - 2.30pm)

Mass Times

Vigil Mass: Sat 6.30pm
Sunday 8.30am
10am
(Spanish) 11.15am
12.15pm
7pm
Mon - Sat 10am
6.30pm

Sacrament of Confession

Mon - Fri 6.15 - 6.30pm
Saturday 10.45 - 11.15am
6.00 - 6.30pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Mon - Fri 10.30 am - 11.15am

Rosary – Wednesdays 10.30am,
followed by Tea/Coffee in the
Founders Room.

Legion of Mary – Every Tuesday at
7pm in the Library. New members
are welcome!

Charismatic Prayer Group: Is on
Thursdays at 11am in the Founders’
Room.

Saints Days

Mon 3rd – St Francis Xavier
Tue 4th – St John Damascene
Thu 6th – St Nicholas
Fri 7th – St Ambrose
Sat 8th – The Immaculate
Conception of the Blessed
Virgin Mary



New Liturgical Year –
Begins this weekend, Sunday
2nd December, the 1st Sunday
of Advent. No flowers in the
Church for Advent.