

# St Saviour's Church

2 December 2018 - Advent 1



Advent is a season of hope and expectation. We hope that God will complete the work begun long ago with the coming of his Son. We are longing for his reality to break into our world and transform it. Some of us too will look on this new season as a chance to consciously try again to reform ourselves into people of joy, faith, prayer and optimistic hope.

## Parish Notes:

**Advent begins** Service of Advent Lessons and Carols by Candlelight at 6pm this evening in St German's. All are welcome.

**Advent and Christmas** - Copies of the services for Advent and Christmas are available at the back of the Church.

**Flowers** Last day for Christmas flower arrangements Sunday 9th December. Please see Gwyneth to complete an order form. Money with orders please.

**Las Posadas** - Mary and Joseph begin their journey around the parish next Sunday 9th December. This is a lovely tradition where households in the parish offer the Holy Family symbolic hospitality. Please add your name to the list at the back.

**Benediction with Music for Advent** - next Sun 9 December at 6pm in St Saviour's.

**Healing Service for Advent** - Wednesday 12 December in St Saviour's at 7pm.

**Nightshelter** - We will have an information and training evening for those interested in helping with our Nightshelter on Monday 10 December at 7pm.

**Christmas Cards** - Envelopes for the Christmas Greeting Display are now available and will go live from next Sunday onwards. These may also be gift aided if you are able. Donations should be given to John.

**Charitable Giving** - Those wishing to make a Christmas donation to charity can donate to the Nightshelter to support its on going running costs.

**Carols and a Cuppa** - Saturday 22 December 2018 at 11:30am.

**Messy Church** - the next Messy Church will be in St German's at 4pm on Christmas Eve. We will need lots of help and if you can help us please let Fr Phelim know.

**Recently Departed:** Freddy Palmer, Helen Morgan (RIP)

## This week:

### Sun 2 Advent 1

9:30 Sung Mass (St S)  
11am Sung Mass (St G)  
6pm Advent Carols and Lessons (St G)

### Mon 3:

11:30am Mass (St G)  
St Francis Xavier

### Tues 4:

10am Mass (St S)  
St John Damascene

### Wed 5:

10am Mass (St G)

### Thur 6:

5:45pm Mass (St S)  
St Nicholas

### Fri 7:

6pm mass (St S)  
St Ambrose

### Sat 8:

11am Mass (St S)  
The Immaculate Conception

### Sun 9: Advent 2

#### St Saviour's:

9:30 Sung Mass  
6pm Benediction with Music for Advent

#### St German's:

11:00 am Sung Mass

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## READINGS THIS WEEK

Jer 33:14-16  
Ps 25  
1 Thess 3:12-4:2  
Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

## READINGS NEXT WEEK

Baruch 5:1-9  
Ps 125  
Philippians 1:4-11  
Luke 3:1-6

## PSALM:

To you, O Lord, I lift up  
my soul. (3vv)

**COLLECT:**

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

**GATHERING:**

Hark! a herald voice is calling:  
'Christ is nigh,' it seems to say;  
'Cast away the dreams of darkness,  
O ye children of the day!'

Startled at the solemn warning,  
Let the earth-bound soul arise;  
Christ, her Sun, all sloth dispelling,  
Shines upon the morning skies.

Lo! the Lamb, so long expected,  
Comes with pardon down from  
heaven;  
Let us haste, with tears of sorrow,  
One and all to be forgiven;

So when next he comes with glory,  
Wrapping all the earth in fear,  
May he then as our defender  
Of the clouds of heaven appear.

Honour, glory, virtue, merit,  
To the Father and the Son,  
With the co-eternal Spirit,  
While unending ages run. Amen.

**O JESSE TREE**

O Jesse tree, O Jesse tree,  
you stand through all the ages.  
O Jesse tree, O Jesse tree,  
your prophets and your sages.  
Remind us all of every sign  
that speaks of Jesus' love divine.

O Jesse tree, O Jesse tree,  
you stand through all the ages.

O Jesse tree, O Jesse tree,  
you speak of Jesus' advent.  
We see in you the promised King  
who heals our hurts  
and helps us sing.  
O Jesse tree, O Jesse tree,  
you speak of Jesus' advent.

**OFFERTORY:**

Lo! He comes,  
with clouds descending,  
once for our salvation slain;  
thousand thousand saints attending  
swell the triumph of His train.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
God appears on earth to reign.

Ev'ry eye shall now behold Him,  
robed in dreadful majesty;  
those who set at naught  
and sold Him,  
pierced, and nailed Him to the tree,  
deeply wailing, deeply wailing,  
shall the true Messiah see.

Every island, sea, and mountain,  
heav'n and earth, shall flee away;  
all who hate Him must, confounded,  
hear the trump proclaim the day:  
Come to judgment!  
Come to judgment!  
Come to judgment, come away!

Now redemption, long expected,  
see in solemn pomp appear!  
And His saints, by men rejected,  
coming with Him in the air.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
See the day of God appear!

Yea, amen! Let all adore Thee,  
high on Thine eternal throne;  
Saviour, take the pow'r and glory,  
claim the kingdom for Thine own:  
O come quickly, O come quickly,  
Alleluia! Come, Lord, come!

**COMMUNION:**

**One bread, one body,  
one Lord of all,  
one cup of blessing  
which we bless.  
And we, though many,  
throughout the earth,  
we are one body in this one Lord.**

Gentile or Jew,  
servant or free,  
woman or man, no more. **Refrain**

Many the gifts,  
many the works,  
one in the Lord of all. **Refrain**

Grain for the fields,  
scattered and grown,  
gathered to one, for all. **Refrain**

**FINAL HYMN:**

O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here,  
Until the Son of God appear.

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.**

O come, thou rod of Jesse, free  
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;  
From depths of hell Thy people save,  
And give them victory o'er the grave.

O come, thou dayspring,  
come and cheer,  
our spirits by thine advent here;  
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
And death's dark shadows  
put to flight.

O come, thou key of David, come  
And open wide our heav'nly home;  
make safe the way  
that leads on high,  
And close the path to misery.

O come, O come,  
thou Lord of might,  
Who to Thy tribes, on Sinai's height,  
In ancient times didst give the law  
In cloud and majesty and awe.

## FIRST READING

The First reading is from the prophet Jeremiah.

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah: ‘In those days and at that time, I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David, who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land. In those days Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell in confidence. And this is the name the city will be called: The-Lord-our-integrity.’

This is the word of the Lord.

*Jer 33*

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**

Lord, make me know your ways.  
Lord, teach me your paths.  
Make me walk in your truth, and  
teach me:  
for you are God my saviour. **R/**

The Lord is good and upright.  
He shows the path to those who  
stray,  
He guides the humble in the right  
path,  
He teaches his way to the poor. **R/**

His ways are faithfulness and love  
for those who keep his covenant and  
law.  
The Lord’s friendship is for those  
who revere him;  
to them he reveals his covenant.  
**R/**

*Psalm 25*

## SECOND READING

A reading from the 1st letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians.

All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away. He, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place forever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.

This is the word of the Lord.

*Thess 3*

## GOSPEL

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Luke.

‘There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see “the Son of Man coming in a cloud” with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.’

Then he told them a parable: ‘Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.’

‘Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*Luke 21*