

## ADVENT II

There is a **Preface** at every Mass: it is the part that comes between 'Lift up your hearts' and 'Holy, holy, holy...'. One of the features of the Roman Rite has long been what liturgical historians have come to call its 'sobriety.' It has not historically had lots of options for things, preferring to use the same texts over and over again. Other rites of Mass, though, have greater variety in some respects. More recently, that variety has itself come to influence the Roman Rite. So it is that we now have a multiplicity of Prefaces for many feasts and seasons. At least part of the reason for that is that they are able to encapsulate particular teachings: they have a didactic purpose, and it is often said that some of these prefaces and Mass formulae were specifically composed, in the last century, for places where the Church was either grudgingly allowed or driven underground altogether, and where, consequently, catechesis was all but impossible.

All this is by way of introducing some Prefaces from across the tradition which are for use in Advent. The first is the one we are using at Mass at the moment. Every preface has three parts: A) the bit where we tell God that we know we should praise him; B) the bit where we tell God why we are doing so; C) the bit where, in union with the angels, we get round to doing so. For the first example, we have parts A, B, and C from this Sunday. There follow two Prefaces from the Ambrosian Rite (where Advent has six weeks, not four, and a different preface for each of those weeks). Next week, some more prefaces. Why? So that we can use the Church's public worship to take themes and ideas into our prayers. Think about what they put before us, and whether that is or isn't what we might expect. Thus, knowing a bit about where we've come from, we can fix our eyes on where we're going.

**A** It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord.

**B** For he assumed at his first coming the lowliness of human flesh, and so fulfilled the design you formed long ago, and opened for us the way to eternal salvation, that, when he comes again in glory and majesty and all is at last made manifest, we who watch for that day may inherit the great promise in which now we dare to hope.

**C** And so, with Angels and Archangels...

*Roman Missal, Preface I of Advent: The two comings of Christ*

...To whom it belongs and is unique that you are good, and that in your nature you are not subject to change. Have mercy on those who call on you, and show to your Church the mercy which she confesses, making known to your people the wonderful mystery of your only-begotten Son: so that what you promised through the Gospel of your Word may be fulfilled in all the nations of the world, and that they may have the fullness of adoption to which your truth bears witness.

*Ambrosian Missal: First Sunday of Advent*

...Through Christ our Lord. By whose incarnation the world was saved, and by whose passion was procured the redemption of humanity whom you created. May he himself lead us, we pray, to eternal reward, who redeemed us from the darkness of hell, and in his second coming, may he justify us, who redeemed us in the first place: that his glory might defend us from all evils, whose humanity raised us up to life.

*Ambrosian Missal: Second Sunday of Advent*

Third Sunday of Advent  
Zephaniah 3:14-18; Isaiah 12:2-6; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:10-18



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SUNDAY 9 December	<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> <b>Saturday Vigil</b> 5.00pm Mass ( <i>Divine Worship</i> ) Confessions 6.10pm Our Lady of the Rosary Mass 6.30pm Our Lady of the Rosary <i>Ted Renshaw RIP</i> Mass 7.30pm Holy Rood ( <i>in Portuguese</i> ) <b>Sunday</b> Sung Mass 9.15am Our Lady of the Rosary <i>Clare Shea RIP</i> Sung Mass 11.15am Holy Rood <i>Pro populo</i> <b>Waiting with Mary: 5.00pm Our Lady of the Rosary</b>	
Monday 10 December	<i>Monday of the Second Week of Advent</i> <i>No Mass</i> <i>Funeral Service 10.00am Baby Oscar Griffiths</i>	SUNDAYS: YEAR C DIVINE OFFICE WEEK 2   WEEKDAYS YEAR I
Tuesday 11 December	<i>St Damasus I, Pope</i> Mass 9.30am Our Lady of the Rosary <i>Pauline Naidoo RIP (1st Anniv)</i> Adoration 8.00-9.00pm Our Lady of the Rosary	
Wednesday 12 December	<i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i> Mass 9.00am Holy Rood <i>Michal Giedroyc RIP</i>	Coffee after morning Mass Adoration 9.30-10.00am
Thursday 13 December	<i>St Lucy, Virgin, Martyr</i> Mass 6.30pm Holy Rood ( <i>Divine Worship</i> ) for <i>Vocations</i> followed by Adoration; Confessions, 7.00-8.00pm	
Friday 14 December	<i>St John of the Cross, Religious, Doctor</i> Mass 8.30am <i>St Thomas More</i> —Br Charles Anthony Jukes SSS, RIP ( <i>Anniv</i> ) Mass 12.30pm Holy Rood ( <i>Latin, 1962</i> )	<b>Holy Rood open for prayer 8.30-4.00pm Adoration 1.00-4.00pm</b>
Saturday 15 December	<i>Saturday of the Second Week of Advent</i> Mass 9.00am Holy Rood <i>Grace of a Good Advent</i> followed by Rosary; Confessions until 10.00am	
SUNDAY 16 December	<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> <b>'Gaudete Sunday'</b> <b>Saturday Vigil</b> 5.00pm Mass ( <i>Divine Worship</i> ) Confessions 6.10pm Our Lady of the Rosary Mass 6.30pm Our Lady of the Rosary Mass 7.30pm Holy Rood ( <i>in Portuguese</i> ) <b>Sunday</b> Sung Mass 9.15am Our Lady of the Rosary <i>Catherine Harker RIP (Anniv.)</i> Sung Mass 11.15am Holy Rood <i>Pro populo</i> <b>Waiting with Mary: 5.00pm Our Lady of the Rosary</b>	

**Our Lady of the Rosary**, Botley, OX2 9BD ✕ **Holy Rood**, Abingdon Road, OX1 4LD  
**St Thomas More**, Grace Dieu, Boars Hill, OX1 5DN

**ADVENT CONFESSIONS** | We ought all to go to Confession during Advent. In this parish, you can on Saturdays 9.30– 10.00am, 6.10-6.30pm; Thursdays 7.00- 8.00pm, before or after any Mass, or at another time as arranged. Other churches are also available, and Penitential services with the opportunity for individual confessions later on in different parts of the Pastoral Area. There's time for children and adults later in Advent.

**RESERVE A PLACE AT CRISIS THIS CHRISTMAS** | A place at Christmas for a homeless is more than just a hot dinner, a health check and a haircut. For £28.18 one guest will receive housing and job advice plus access to year round services at Crisis. To donate please go to [www.crisis.org.uk](http://www.crisis.org.uk)

**APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA** seeks your kind donations of woolly hats, toblerone chocolates as well as other personal items for seafarers. Donations of rosaries, bibles or small crucifixes as well as financial donations are most welcomed. For more information and how to donate please visit [www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk](http://www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk)

**PARISH COLLECTION TOTALS**  
**Week ending 2 December 2018**  
Main collection plate: £624.31  
Standing orders: £ 652  
**Parish giving info:** Cheques should be made payable to:  
**PRCDTR North Hinksey Our Lady**  
Bank transfers to account number **00883337**, sort code **309304**.  
For Gift Aid, please complete the gift aid declarations at the back of church and return to the parish office.

**COUNTING ROTA**  
**Tuesday 11 December**  
David and Maria

**FORTHCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS** | **13 January** White Flower appeal; **20 January** Cathedral.

**CHILDREN'S DIARY**  
**Our Lady's:** Children's liturgy runs on Sundays, during the 9.15am Mass at Our Lady's.  
**9 December:** Advent Children's Mass  
**16 December:** Christingles  
23 December: Xmas workshop 3-4.30pm  
24 December: Mass with Nativity Play 5.30pm  
Thank you to Catarina for directing this year's Nativity Play  
For any queries please contact Blanka [mccarthybb22@hotmail.com](mailto:mccarthybb22@hotmail.com)  
**Holy Rood:** Children's liturgy runs during the 11.15am Mass at Holy Rood.

**CHILDREN PARISH FUND (CHIPS)**  
Today a new initiative in the form of Children Parish Fund has started, with a yearly contribution of up to £1000 from the parish, approved by the Finance Council. This fund will be used for outdoor/outreach activities for children of our Parish. **TODAY** there is a **CAKE SALE** and a **RETIRING COLLECTION** at OLOR. *Thank you for your support.* Any ideas for fundraising activities or constructive comments please see Blanka or Fr Daniel.

**CAKE SALE FUNDRAISER** | The young people at Holy Rood have organised a cake sale on **Sunday 9 December** after the 11.15am Mass at Holy Rood. All the proceedings will go to St Mungo's in support of their work with homelessness in and around Oxford.

**OUR LADY'S SPARROWS** | Our Lady of the Rosary's children's choir for those aged 6+ practises after the 9.15am Sunday Mass. For more information, contact Alex Lloyd at [alvlloyd@gmail.com](mailto:alvlloyd@gmail.com)

**CHERUBS: HOLY ROOD LITTLE CHOIR** | Singing practice for our youngest musicians by the organ after the 11.15am Sunday Mass. Contact Julia Craig-McFeely via the parish office for more information.

**IN OUR PRAYERS**  
**THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED** |  
*Sean Hodgkins, Vanessa Clark, John Finch, Maurice McAvoy, Peggy Duhig, Anne Lansberry, Moira Fryer, Harold Crapper, Julia Craig-McFeely, Maura Dennehy, Chris Travis, Alex Lloyd*  
**THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED** |  
*Ted Renshaw, Margery Finch*

**HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS** |  
**In the Service of the Transmission of Faith**  
That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

**SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT LECTURE SERIES** | On **Saturday 22 December** at the Carmelite Priory, Boars Hill, from 10-12noon. £30 per lecture. Please see poster in church with more information and how to book a place.

**FUNDRAISING QUIZ** in aid of East African Playgrounds a charity that builds playgrounds in refugee settlements and schools in East Africa. The charity employs and trains local people who are struggling to find work. Tickets are £5 for the event on the **27 December at 7pm** in the Rosary Room.

**YOUTH GROUP** | See events advertised. **E** [tipayouth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:tipayouth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)  
**WOMEN'S READING GROUP** | A group of women from the Parish meets once a month on a Monday evening, 8.30-9.30pm to read and discuss together *Amoris Laetitia*. **E** [maria.rosa.antognazza@kcl.ac.uk](mailto:maria.rosa.antognazza@kcl.ac.uk).  
**ROSARY** | Saturday morning after 9.00am Mass.

**ADORATION** | Tuesdays, 8.00-9.00pm, Our Lady's; Thursdays 7.00-8.00pm Holy Rood; Fridays 1.00-4.00pm Holy Rood  
**CONFESSIONS** | Thursdays 7.00-8.00pm Holy Rood; Saturdays 9.30-10.00am Holy Rood; Saturdays 6.10-6.30pm Our Lady's.

**ORDINARIATE** | **Sung Mass**, Saturdays at 5.00pm (for Sunday); Thursdays 6.30pm, at Holy Rood. Masses using the Ordinate Missal, which all are welcome to attend, are indicated by *Divine Worship* in the newsletter.

**AVE CRUX SPES UNICA** | We have recently got a new set of altar-cloths at Holy Rood, funded from a legacy left to be spent on such things. Altar-cloths need to be renewed from time to time, and in doing so we have got a set for 'best.' Picking up on the lettering carved on the altar and the font, they also have lettering embroidered on them: the words 'Ave crux spes unica', which means, 'Hail to the Cross, our only hope'. These words of course relate to the dedication of the church to the Holy Cross, and come from a very ancient hymn, the *Vexilla Regis*, familiar to some from its English translation beginning 'The royal banners forward go'. Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mrs Manuela Toporowska (1922-2015).

**PARISH OFFICE** | Please note the office will be closed from 18 December until 11 January (inclusive).

**NEW CAFOD EVENT** Following the creation of a Cafod team of volunteers we would like to hold a fund raising event on **Sunday 16 December**. Please bring along your unwanted Xmas decorations to the Saturday night or Sunday morning Mass. There will be a sale after the 9.15 mass for you to purchase some different decorations to refresh your tree this year. All donations gratefully received and any cakes for us to sell would also be most welcome. Christine OX 862033.

**JOB OPPORTUNITIES AT VIVA** The global children's charity is currently seeking a **Supporter Relations Manager** to build and develop relationships with individuals and churches (application deadline: **14 January**) and also has an urgent short-term, part-time position of **Fundraising Assistant**, to begin January (application deadline: 17 December). Details at [www.viva.org/jobs](http://www.viva.org/jobs)