

ADVENT III

Last week, we looked at some of the Church's **Prefaces** for Advent, from the Roman Rite and elsewhere. This week, some more. To recap: there is a **Preface** at every Mass: it is the part that comes between 'Lift up your hearts' and 'Holy, holy, holy...'. 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 preface, we give A, B, and C; for the others, the distinctive B-section. Why take a particular look at the prefaces? Why not?! But to begin with, so that we can use some of the Church's public worship to take themes and ideas into our own prayers. The prefaces put, in different kinds of language, a variety of Advent themes before us. Some of it is what we might expect, some is in language, or ways of expression, or using ideas, which we might not have considered before. In any case, in opening up some of this variety, we can know bit about where we've come from, and thus, in the spirit of this season's devout and joyful expectation, 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 all the oracles of the prophets foretold him, the Virgin Mother longed for him with love beyond all telling, John the Baptist sang of his coming and proclaimed his presence when he came. It is by his gift that already we rejoice at the mystery of his Nativity, so that he may find us watchful in prayer and exultant in his praise.

C And so, with Angels and Archangels...

Roman Missal, Preface II of Advent: The twofold expectation of Christ

...Because thou didst send thy beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great glory to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Divine Worship: The Missal for the Ordinariates: Preface of Advent

...Through Christ our Lord. Whom in your mercy and faithfulness you promised as the Saviour for the lost human race, that his truth might instruct those in ignorance, his holiness justify the wicked, and his power aid the weak. Therefore, since the time is drawing near when he whom you are to send is to come, and the day of our liberation is to dawn, with this faith in your promises, we rejoice with holy exultation.

'Gallican' Preface of Advent, added in 1963 to the Tridentine Mass

...and with the invocation of your power, to celebrate the feasts of the Virgin Mary, from whose womb flowered the Fruit who has filled us with the gift of angelic bread. What Eve destroyed in disobedience, Mary restored in salvation. The work of the Serpent is opposed to that of the Virgin: from one, poisons of division arose; from the other came forth the mysteries of the Saviour; from one, the evil deeds of the Tempter showed themselves; from the other, the majesty of the Redeemer assisted us. From one came mortal offspring; from the other, the Creator arose, by whom human nature, now no longer captive but freed, was restored. What Adam lost as ancestor, was regained by Christ its author. *Ambrosian Missal: Sixth Sunday of Advent, of the Incarnation*

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Micah 5:1-4; Psalm 79; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45



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SUNDAY 16 December	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 'Gaudete Sunday' Saturday Vigil 5.00pm Mass (<i>Divine Worship</i>) Confessions 6.10pm Our Lady of the Rosary Mass 6.30pm Our Lady of the Rosary <i>Deborah Moriarty RIP</i> Mass 7.30pm Holy Rood (<i>in Portuguese</i>) Sunday 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> (Gently) Guided (Mostly) Quiet Prayer: 5.00pm Holy Rood
Monday 17 December	O Sapientia No Mass SUNDAYS: YEAR C DIVINE OFFICE WEEK 3 WEEKDAYS YEAR 1
Tuesday 18 December	O Adonai Mass 9.30am Our Lady of the Rosary Adoration 8.00-9.00pm Our Lady of the Rosary 7.00pm Penitential Service English Martyrs. Didcot
Wednesday 19 December	O Radix Jesse Mass 9.00am Holy Rood <i>Annette Mahoney RIP</i> Adoration 9.30-10.00am 7.00pm Penitential Service Our Lady & St Edmund, Abingdon
Thursday 20 December	O Clavis David Mass 6.30pm Holy Rood (<i>Divine Worship</i>) for Vocations followed by Adoration; Confessions, 7.00-8.00pm
Friday 21 December	O Oriens Mass 8.30am St Thomas More Mass 12.30pm Holy Rood (<i>Latin, 1962</i>) Holy Rood open for prayer 8.30-4.00pm Adoration 1.00-4.00pm
Saturday 22 December	O Rex Gentium Mass 9.00am Holy Rood <i>Eileen McNally RIP</i> followed by Rosary; Confessions until 10.00am Church Cleaning 10.00-12.00pm Holy Rood
SUNDAY 23 December	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT Saturday Vigil 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>) Sunday Sung Mass 9.15am Our Lady of the Rosary <i>Pro populo</i> Sung Mass 11.15am Holy Rood <i>Mary Maleary RIP (Anniv.)</i> Children's Christmas Workshop 3.00-4.30pm

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. Children, 23 December 3-4.30pm, Our Lady's. Penitential services at English Martyrs, Didcot, on **Tuesday 18 December** at 7pm and in Our Lady & St Edmund's on **Wednesday 19 December** at 7pm.

CAFOD EVENT AT OLOR TODAY.

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. Contact Christine on Oxford 862033.

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

PARISH COLLECTION TOTALS Week ending 9 December 2018

Main collection plate: £ 525.37

Standing orders: £ 652

Retiring collection Children Fund: £23.83

St Mungo's collection: £300.21

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

Wednesday 19 December

Stella and Alan

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

16 December: Christingles

23 December: Xmas workshop 3-4.30pm

24 December: Mass with Nativity Play 5.30pm

30 December No children's liturgy.

Thank you to Katharina for directing this year's Nativity Play

For any queries please contact Blanka mccarthybb22@hotmail.com

Holy Rood: Children's liturgy runs during the 11.15am Mass at Holy Rood.

This Sunday: Nativity Play after Mass

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

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.

FUNDRAISING QUIZ in aid of East African Playgrounds a charity that builds playgrounds in refugee settlements and schools in East Africa. Victoria Hurrell will give a brief talk **TODAY** and will be selling tickets for this event on the **27 December at 7pm** in the Rosary Room. More details from tory.gorillatrek@hotmail.com

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

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.

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

YOUTH GROUP | See events advertised.

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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.

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.

CHRISTMAS CARDS | We have the Parish Christmas Cards available from this weekend. These have a twofold purpose: 1) to let you all know when things are happening, and where; and 2) to let **other people** know as well. How can they know unless someone tells them? We can pass the news on to other people! This is where you come in: please take a suitable number of cards with you after Mass today, and put them through your neighbours' letterboxes—or, as appropriate, ring the doorbell and deliver it by hand. This is a very gentle form of outreach, not only to the lapsed, but to those who perhaps have yet to encounter Christ in His Church. You may have new neighbours, new housing may have been built; you may wish to co-ordinate with a churchgoing neighbour to put a card through the door of everyone in your street. More are available on request. I should like them to run out! *FrD*

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

PILGRIMAGE COORDINATOR | We are looking for a volunteer to act as Parish Pilgrimage Coordinator. Several of the popular pilgrimage sites indicate their preference for dealing with named Pilgrimage Organisers when arranging bookings, accommodation, meals, etc (the Shrine at Walsingham helpfully adds: 'In our experience, it is usually more difficult for the priest to be organiser due to parish commitments'). If you might be interested in this, please speak to Fr Daniel.