

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Isaiah 63:16b–17 Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down.

Psalms 79 (80) 'God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.'

1 Corinthians 1:3–9 We are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed.

Mark 13:33–37 Stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming.

Today's readings remind us that waiting for the Lord is not a passive exercise. Isaiah prays that God 'might meet us doing right,' rejecting our sinful ways. Jesus warns his disciples that they must keep watch, because, like servants not knowing when the lord of the house will return, we don't want to be asleep when we should be ready to receive him. Paul assures the Corinthians that they 'will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit' as they wait. Let the word of God inspire us to prepare our hearts for his arrival.

CALENDAR

Monday, 30th November

Solemnity of St Andrew

Thursday, 3rd December

Memorial of St Francis Xavier

OFFERINGS

We are most grateful to those who continued to support the Cathedral over the difficult time of lockdown. Your generosity has enabled us to keep going. Collections have not returned to their previous level but most bills continue and the current rules have imposed certain new costs, particularly around cleaning/sanitising and PPE.

To limit cash handling, we encourage regular worshippers to consider making your offerings by bank standing order. To do this, please contact the Cathedral Office (address on front page). There is also the possibility of using Paypal or My Giving from our parish website to make one-off electronic donations to the Cathedral.

Gift Aid: If you are a parishioner, a regular or even an occasional visitor please consider using gift aid for your donations. This adds 25% to your contribution, as we can reclaim the tax you pay to HMRC. To do this, you should fill in a Gift Aid form (available in the sacristy) and obtain some of our Blue regular GA envelopes. If you require more envelopes, please speak to Fr. Sharkey. To make a one off donation, please use a yellow Gift Aid envelope, available in the pews, and fill in the details required on the front. If you have questions please speak with Canon Sharkey or email the parish office, cathedral@rcag.org.uk.

STREAMING

Watch Cathedral services online—see link at www.cathedralG1.org



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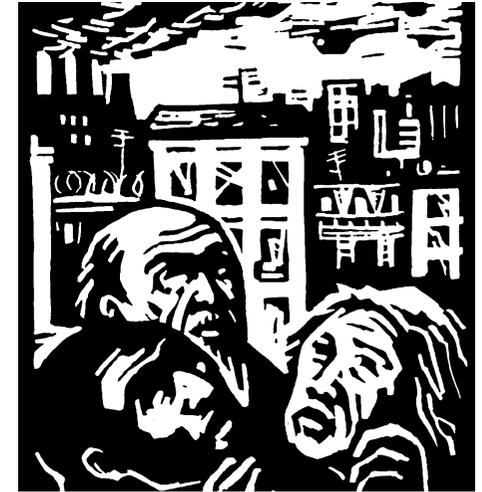
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29th November 2020

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*"Why do you let us wander, O Lord,
from your ways?"*

Isaiah 63:17



WEEKEND MASSES

SATURDAY: 1PM; Vigil 5.15pm

SUNDAY: 10.00am, 11am, 12.00 noon, 4.15pm and 5.15pm

Please make a booking for a place at our weekend Masses

MASS MON—FRI

1.00pm and 5.15pm (both open to the public)

Due to the 20 person limit, for the time being, please make a booking through our website.

CONFESSIONS

Please see information inside.

CATHEDRAL CLERGY

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CATHEDRAL NEWS

The Season of Advent: In Advent the Church prepares to celebrate the Nativity, when we recall Christ's first coming. As we remember so also we look forward in faith to his Second Coming at the end of time. It is a period of joyful hope. The hope of Advent is expressed during the first part of Advent with the concentration on the Second Coming while the first coming is recalled particularly from 17th December, when Christ is seen as the fulfilment of the hope of Israel.

Consultation on Christmas Masses: Thank you for your responses. It will take us time to get through them all and much will depend on Government guidance (whether only 20 places at Mass, or 50 as previously, or some other criteria). It is likely that there will be extra Masses but we will inform you as soon as possible what has been decided and when booking is available.

Bookstall: We now have Christmas stock including greetings cards, advent calendars and nativity sets. There are also some CTS books on the theme of Advent and Christmas. Catholic newspapers, magazines, rosaries and cards for various occasions are also available. Please place your money in the metal boxes in the wall.

40 Hours: Due to the current restrictions, our annual 40 Hours is postponed.

NOTICES

Aid to the Church in Need 'Set Your Captives Free Petition: Over the last five years ACN's #RedWednesday campaign has been hugely successful in drawing attention to the human rights tragedy of Christian and other religious persecution. Now a global initiative, endorsed by the UK government, it is time to make #RedWednesday a campaign that can really change lives. Raped, forced to marry and convert, and now facing death threats, Christian girl Maira Shahbaz, 14, from Pakistan, urgently needs asylum. Maira and her family are in hiding from extremists who accuse her of apostasy and want her dead. We invite you to sign the ACN petition calling on Prime Minister Boris Johnson to grant UK asylum to Maira and her family. Please go to <https://acnuk.org/our-campaigns/redwednesday/>.

Mary's Meals Double the Love campaign: Throughout this year, Mary's Meals have continued to say 'yes' to feeding children their daily meal in a place of education. Now they are delighted to share a new opportunity to provide hope to 43,000 children in Bong County, Liberia. Until 31st January 2021, any donations made to the *Double the Love* campaign will be matched by UK government, up to £2 million. You can get involved by setting a place at their Big Family Christmas dinner table (<https://bigfamilychristmas.marysmeals.org.uk/big-family-christmas-table>). You can also buy Christmas gift cards on their website. More information on how to support them can be found at www.marysmeals.org.uk/doublethelove. Thank you.

ST NICHOLAS CARE FUND

Covid 19 is continuing to present challenges to many individuals, families and communities throughout the Archdiocese. The Fund has already provided grant funding to a number of initiatives that are supporting those most in need, such as churches, schools and other community groups, and have adapted their grant application procedures to ensure that they can do this as swiftly as possible.

There are no deadlines for applications and they are trying to make the process as responsive as possible. Grants are being paid via bank transfer. They would welcome more applications, so if you are aware of any initiative that may benefit from a grant, please encourage them to apply.

Application forms are available from <http://www.rcag.org.uk/index.php/the-archdiocese/st-nicholas-care-fund> and can be emailed directly to sheena.kenny@rcag.org.uk. They are unable to take applications sent in by post as their offices are closed at the moment.

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

Mass You will be aware by now of the need to book for weekend Masses and this also applies to weekday 1pm Mass (but not to 5.15pm) due to the Tier 4 restrictions. But also, please arrive in good time—at least ten minutes before Mass—so that there is time to check your name, ensure you have a face-covering, sanitise your hands and be guided to a seat in a safe manner before Mass begins.

You should also remember that the obligation to attend Mass is still lifted (by the Bishops' Conference of Scotland) until further notice due to the pandemic. The bishops will make clear when this changes. Until then, you may choose to attend Mass another day, rather than Sunday. If you are unwell, particularly if you have any Coronavirus symptoms, or are in self-isolation, you must not attend Mass to protect others and prevent the spread of the virus.

Volunteers: Sincere thanks to those who have given generously of their time to allow the Cathedral to be open every day for Mass. But as more people return to work, we require more volunteers, just to keep to our reduced timetable. Please consider helping us as a steward (training is provided and it is not a huge time commitment, particularly if you are coming to Mass anyway).

Confession: The current rules prevent us using the Confessional Boxes (people are too close together, there are no windows to allow better ventilation). As many people are reluctant to make an appointment for Confession, we are trying to come up with an alternative. Please bear with us while we work this out.. However, it is still possible to phone to arrange a suitable time for Confession.

Votive Candles: We ask you not to light candles yourself but ask one of the stewards to do it for you. Place your donation in the slot and ask the steward to light the appropriate number of candles for you.