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2nd Sunday of Advent (Year B) 6th December 2020

Sunday Reflection: "Prepare a Way for the Lord" - We are still in the midst of a World Pandemic of Covid 19. We must continue therefore to be extremely vigilant and careful not to contribute in any way to spreading the coronavirus amongst family and friends. Let us be sensitive and continue to observe the restrictions and guidelines as outlined by the government, while at the same time entering fully into the Spiritual significance of Advent and Christmas. We are preparing to celebrate the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. It is so easy in our secular age for some to indulge in over-eating, drinking, spending and in forms of undisciplined behavior. So, it is good that John the Baptist strides on to our Liturgical stage this week and challenges our familiar preparations for Christmas. He would have reveled in a climate of austerity. He is dressed in the traditional garb of the prophet, hairy and unkempt. In him we see a primitive wildness, reluctant to accept society's standards. A man from outside the system, from beyond the edges of civilization, who is uncompromising and challenging. He comes to shake up his world! His diet is a few locusts, wild honey, berries and roots, and untreated animal skins are adequate for his clothing. He would never be a guest on a TV chat show for his very presence would tear apart the hypocrisy of the system. He dared to speak about sin. What an effect he had on the people of Judea and Jerusalem? He spoke about repentance and baptism! This voice in the wilderness put them in touch with their own primitive and untamed forces within, and gave them the courage to be honest, so they confessed their sins. That was good news. He introduced them to 'someone ... more powerful than he was, who would baptise them with the Holy Spirit.' He led them to the Christ of God. This Advent we too need to step off the treadmill and dare to look at how we live our lives, and then to recognise our need of God's gift of a Saviour. "Come Lord Jesus, Come".

Novena Mass for Christmas/Simbang Gabi - from Tuesday 15th to Wednesday 23rd December Novena Masses will be at 8pm.

St Peregrine Mass - Will be held on Wednesday 30th December at 10am. We shall pray for healing for all who suffer from Cancer and other serious illnesses. Let us continue to remember with love and faith all our brothers and sisters who need our prayers.

Welcome - We are delighted to welcome back to our Community and Parish, Fr. Fulgensio Ssuuna OSM, a Servite Friar from Uganda, Africa and a member of the Servite Venetian Province who spent some months with us about two years ago. He is a disciple of the late Fr. Patrick O'Connell OSM who spent many years in our Ugandan mission. It is a joy to welcome Fr. Fulgensio OSM back with us and we hope he will be welcomed by all our Parishioners.



Christmas Masses - On Christmas Eve we intend to have two Masses, a) at 6.30pm and b) 9pm. On Christmas Day Masses at 9.30am and 11am. There will also be a Spanish Mass at 12.30pm. Admittance to these Masses will be by ticket only because of Covid 19 restrictions and social distancing. Happy Christmas to all.

Vigil Mass: Sat 6.30pm
Sunday 9.30am
11.00am
Spanish Mass 12.30pm
Mon to Fri 10am (Daily)

Sacrament of Confession

By Appointment

If you would like Confession, please email, or call the Parish Office.

Parish Office Opening Hrs

Mon - Fri 9am to 5pm

Saints Days

Mon 7th - St Ambrose

Tue 8th - The Immaculate
Conception of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

Wed 9th - St Juan Diego
Cuauhtlatoatzin

Fri 11th - St Damasus I

Sat 12th - Our Lady of
Guadalupe

Catholic Proficiency Forms -

Will be signed by our Priests from tomorrow Monday 7th to Friday 11th December from 3pm to 5pm. Bring your completed signed forms with you! **To Print:**

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