



2nd Sunday
of Advent

St Patrick's, Soho

MASS

Monday to Friday – 12.45pm; Saturday – 6pm;
Sunday – 11am, 5pm & 6pm (Spanish).

CONFESSION

Monday to Friday – 12.15pm to 12.40pm;
Saturday – 5.30pm to 5.55pm.

ADORATION

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday – 7am to 7pm;
Wednesday – 7am to 5pm; Saturday – 7pm to 8pm;
Sunday – after 11am Mass until 4pm

Mass Intentions

Week commencing Sunday 7th December 2025

Sunday 7th December 2025
Second Sunday of Advent
11am – Parishioners
No 5pm Mass today
6pm – International Mass

Monday 8th December 2025
**The Immaculate Conception of the
Blessed Virgin Mary**
12.45pm – Clare Screeton – RIP
6pm – Solemn Mass with Choir

Tuesday 9th December 2025
Advent feria
12.45pm – Charles – Int.
7pm – Latin Mass

Wednesday 10th December 2025
Our Lady of Loreto
12.45pm – Naim Hoxha – RIP

Thursday 11th December
Advent feria
12.45pm – Mass
7pm – Latin Mass

Friday 12th December 2025
Our Lady of Guadalupee
12.45pm – Mass

Saturday 13th December
Saint Lucy, Virgin & Martyr
6pm – Mass

Parish Team

Father Alexander Sherbrooke – Parish Priest; Tracy Butterly – Parish Operations Manager.
Magdalene Lee – Director of Mission; Laurence Scheyvens – Evangelisation Coordinator;
Janet Dowie – Outreach Coordinator.



SOS Prayerline

020 7434 9211

Do you have a Prayer Request and would like to ask for intercession?

**Monday to Sunday
(7pm to 11pm)**

Our SOS volunteers will be at the other end of the phone to intercede together with your prayer request in front of the Blessed Sacrament.

Alternatively, you can leave a prayer voice message anytime of the day and night and our volunteers will listen to them and pray for your intentions.

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Divine Mercy

Chaplet

Daily at 3pm

Every day we say the Chaplet during Adoration. The revelation of Our Lord to Saint Faustina is an invitation “to drink deeply of the mercy and forgiveness of God” so that we may better understand His love for us from the womb to eternity.

Legion of Mary Tuesdays – 6.30pm to 7pm



The main aim of the Legion of Mary, which is the worlds largest Catholic lay association, is to help its members grow in holiness. We meet weekly on Tuesday’s from 6.30pm to 8pm for prayers like the Rosary and reporting on the work done previously. We do either merciful or charitable or evangelising wokrs once a week, fulfilling our Christian vocation. Gather outside the Church at 6.20pm.

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Prayer to St Michael the Archangel

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; may God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.

Donations

To make an offering during Mass, please use the QR code below and choose which activity you would like to donate to. On the QR code there are four areas which you can give either separately or together. You can still make a donation via our contactless machines at the back of the Church and our volunteers are also able to take any cash donations as usual. 100% of your generous donations to **Open House, Evangelisation** and **Music** goes to the actual activity and is “ring-fenced” for that fund and that fund alone. **If you wish to avoid using the QR code during Mass – we have simple “support our mission” cards ready to take away with you.**

Evangelisation

This helps in all our outreach activities be it Night Fever, missions, talks (including our Sessions/Summits). It is how we share our faith in Jesus Christ.

Homeless projects

(Open House, Breakfast Club etc)

Every week we provide some 250 meals for those less fortunate as well as companionship, welcome and friendship.

Music and the choir

Saint Patrick's has a long and rich history of music and choirs. How important it is we can enhance and make more beautiful our celebration.

Giving – offertory

This goes 67% to the general upkeep of the Church such as cleaning, lighting etc and 33% goes to support the work of the Archdiocese of Westminster. Please know our gratitude for all you give and pray for us. Every week we pray for you as a weekly Mass intention. Please also pray for the work of the Parish.

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### Advent Book

Caryll Houselander has written a book called “The Reed of God” which is a classic Advent text with deep spiritual invitation to come close to Mary as we journey with her to Bethlehem. This will be on sale in Café Manoppello from this weekend at £20.00.



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# Reflection

**“In his days shall justice flourish, and great peace forever”.**

Today's psalm continues to proclaim the promise of this Season of Advent which is the coming of the Messiah and the Son of God being born in our midst. The challenge for all of us at this time is how do we prepare ourselves and our communities for this most wonderful event. It is too much to imagine and understand but still we are invited to enter in.

Our invitation comes this week from St John the Baptist who we encounter in the Gospel. John is deliberately given to us by God to prepare our hearts and minds for this great event and of course there is much that we can say about him whether it is his relationship to Jesus, where he lived, how he preached or how he lost his head. For now to share two particular characteristics which we read of this Sunday. The first is how he lived which was clearly the road of poverty and simplicity for he had no more than locusts and wild honey to feast on. He lived in that most inhospitable and arid part of the country, so what we hear is abject poverty. There is complete sacrifice here in which he gives himself completely to the service of the Gospel and the Messiah. There is nothing about him that holds back or prevents that journey of simplicity. Let us pray with this truth and ask what it might mean for our lives and the question that you need to ask concerning our worldliness, dependence upon material goods and satisfaction of our greed. John the Baptist is one with the poor and the vulnerable.

Second, he chooses the way of humility whereby he tells us very clearly that he is not fit to carry the sandals of the Messiah. John is telling us that even though he has many of his own disciples and thousands had followed him, that his status and position is a mere nothing compared to Jesus. He is exhorting us to a radical humility in which we need to ask of ourselves how much have I pushed myself forward, have I stood by my ego, have I been arrogant or dismissive of others. Humility comes in very many guises but it is part of that Gospel journey.

Last Sunday you would have heard from the pulpit the need to take on a greater responsibility for the outreach projects of the parish. I also said at the time that we would have a series of targeted appeals during the year. It happens this Sunday that we are thinking and praying very much about our work with the homeless and vulnerable – known as St Patrick's Open House. There is nothing wrong in taking John the Baptist as an icon of those people that we serve every day in the Parish. Let us pray with the vulnerable and homeless so that we can bring them to God in our hearts and in our prayer.

God bless.

Father Alexander Sherbrooke