

St. Francis of Assisi, Isleworth

First Sunday of Advent

Sunday December 3rd, 2023



Today Advent begins, a time marked by expectation, hoping, looking forward to Christ to come, both in the future in glory, now in our lives, and also looking back to the first coming at Bethlehem. It is a rich time when we pray, 'O come, O come.' Images for Christ abound during this time –from Christ in majesty, to the baby in the manger.

For your prayers

For a readiness to look for Christ's coming
For the Holy Land, and all affected by conflict there
For The King, and for wisdom for all in authority
For the Church especially Sarah our bishop, and Emma our area bishop; for a sense of anticipation in Advent
For peace in our world especially Ukraine
For our community For the sick and suffering, for those in hospital, in different forms of care or supported at home
For the departed

Notices

Sunday School today, during the service.

Refreshments are served in the hall after the service. Do come and share them, and enjoy fellowship together.

No Thursday eucharist this week.

Sunday December 24th at 11am please note that there will be a Sunday Mass, as usual, at 11am on this day, which will not be a Christmas service, but rather the Fourth Sunday of Advent.

Christmas Services Christmas Eve, Vigil Mass at 4pm; and Mid-night Mass at 11pm. Christmas Day at 10am.

Next Sunday, December 10th at 11am

Second Sunday of Advent

Readings: Isaiah 40.1-11; 2 Peter 3.8-15a; Mark 1.1-8

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