

Our Lady Queen of Heaven Church

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Third Sunday of Advent

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Dear Friends,

A warm welcome to all parishioners and visitors as we celebrate the Third Sunday of Advent. There is a wonderful simplicity about the message that Jesus gives when we don't try to embellish it thinking we are making it more 'relevant' to our time. The temptation to every preacher and teacher is to have their own voice heard as they explain the scriptures. Well, we are reminded in today's Gospel that Jesus answers that question head on. John the Baptist lived on the fringes of society, yet when he spoke, people understood immediately. Here is someone who understands "me"; I can detect it in his tone. He was not speaking down to people, he understood their struggle. John the Baptist came to prepare the way of the Lord and this he did in a way we can all understand — I hope.

God Bless you all, Fr. John

Patricia Looby – After a long struggle, 'Pat' as she was known died peacefully at home. Pat and John gave a great deal of time and help to many people in need and distress, through work at the SVP and quietly in many ways over decades. Please pray for Pat and the family. Her funeral will take place at OLQH on December 18th at 1pm.

The Shed is up – Thanks to so many who made this possible especially Paul Wilson and all who gave a helping hand in any way.

<u>Christmas Ice Magic: On Saturday 13th December</u>, St Augustine's School in Frimley are hosting "Christmas Ice Magic", as well as a Christmas market and Santa's Grotto. This will be the areas only ice-skating experience. Tickets for the skating cost £10 for 30 minutes and can be purchased in advance at: pta-events.co.uk/st-augustines

<u>Advent Small Groups.</u> Please consider joining as part of your Christmas preparations. For further details please see the notice on the table at the back of the porch

<u>Christmas Stars</u> We are continuing the tradition this year of placing stars on our Christmas tree to remember our family and friends. Please use the blank stars at the back of church to write the names of those you wish to remember and place in the gift bag.

Please pray for all those who have died recently:

Belen Dunlop, Pat Looby, Jenny Mauree, Colleen Welsman *May they rest in peace.*

Please pray for all those who are sick at this time:

Marie Bellizzi, Neil Brackley, Millie Bridger, Josie Cash, Anthony Cheah, Teresa Connell, Pat Conroy, Ray Cookson, Cathy Cowan, Ray Corry, Eddie Cummins, Sue Cummins, Mary Curd, Mary Dixon, Maggie Duncan, Desmond Fleming, Leo Gibson, Maureen Harker, Ian Harrison, Michele Haygreen, Mary Higton, Alan Jenkins, Ian Joseph, Mary Kearney, Shelley Kimmel, Shirley Livera, Elizabeth MacDermott, Anne MacKenzie, Georgia Mackinlay, Luz Martin, Didier McGaw, Patricia McMahon, Joyce Monserrat, Jasmine Moorehead, Louise Moorehead, Maura Morris, Saura Perez Olmos, Adrei Penkov, Valeria Penkova, Aurora Ramirez, Zofia Reynolds, Kathleen Sampson, Moira Sced, Sherry Small, Ralph and Pauline Smith, Godelieve Vandersloten, Jean Watkins, Deborah Wright and all those named on the noticeboard in Our Lady's Shrine.

Mass Intentions				
Sat 13 th Dec	6.00pm	Pat Looby RIP (Dunphy Family)		
Sun 14 th Dec	8.30am	Ann King O'Shea RIP (Chris Sadler)		
	10.30am	Sola Rodin (Thanksgiving) (Robin Thomas)		
		Marina Gaudoin (Thanksgiving)		
	5.30pm	Mary and Roy Johnson RIP (Sarah)		
Mon 15 th Dec	7.30pm	Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion		
Tue 16 th Dec	10.00am	All Parishioners		
Wed 17 th Dec	10.00am	Twomey Family		
	7.00pm	Year 5 St Augustine's Christingle service		
Thu 18 th Dec	10.00am	Barretto and Dias Family		
Fri 19 th Dec	10.00am	Holy Souls		
Sat 20 th Dec	6.00pm	Catherine Dunphy (Family)		
Sun 21 st Dec	Sun 21 st Dec 8.30am Alfredo de Vera (Sr.) RIP (Thelma Bachalor)			
	10.30am	Maria Teresa Fuentes RIP (1st anniv.) (Sandra Merritt)		
5.30pm Sue Nithyanandan RIP (Sarah Johnson)				

Retiring Collections

13th/14th Dec Connect Counselling

OLQH Children's Christmas Party

Saturday 20th December, 3pm-4:30pm. This party is for primary school aged children (Reception to Y6) who attend OLQH Catholic Church. Tickets are £5 per child and we have limited places (60 spaces). Tickets will be sold on a first come basis. Please contact Tochi on 07890 770251 to purchase your tickets.

Connect Counselling

Connect Counselling is a service in Camberley offering general counselling for adults over 18. Since 1994 we have been offering professional counselling irrespective of gender, sexual orientation, religion or ethnic origin. Our ethos and background are rooted in the Christian faith but we are proud to serve all members of the community, irrespective of their beliefs, faith or none. Our counselling sessions are affordable and accessible in keeping with our charity's purpose. Thank you for your contributions.

Midnight Mass

Let us make the Christmas Eve Carol Service extra special. It starts at 10pm followed by Midnight Mass at 10.30pm. If you play an instrument or would like to sing in the choir, please add your name to the sheet in the porch or speak to Philip after 10.30am Mass on Sunday.

Collections for Weekend 6th/7th Dec 2025

Offertory Collections	£463.17	
Gift Aid Collections	£82.00	
Standing Orders		£1192.00
(Weekly average)		
	Total	£1737.17
PCF TW&C		£247.97

<u>Crib Offering to support the Catholic Children's</u> <u>Society A&B Crisis Fund</u>

The Catholic Children's Society helps families in our diocese who are facing a crisis in their lives. They provide immediate support when families need it most – for example helping a newly bereaved family put food on the table or simply providing a child in poverty with a warm winter coat.

You can donate at the Crib or via the website – www.cathchild.org.uk/crib

Volunteers Needed to Help at Mass over Christmas

As we look forward with joyful expectation to the celebration of the birth of Christ, we are seeking your help with the following roles at Mass over Christmas:

 Welcoming, Mass coordinating, Reading, Eucharistic Ministry

Volunteering for the Parish is a wonderful act of faith and if you can spare some time to assist with any of the above then please write your name on the sign-up sheet in the Church porch.

<u>Homily feedback</u> – As part of his ongoing formation please provide anonymous feedback regarding the homily that Deacon Simon preached on 6/7 Dec. The link is https://bit.ly/251207Homily. For further information contact simon.tierney@abdiocese.org.uk / 07980 445301