

## ADVENT I

*A short series on some of the prayers used during Advent. Today: the Collect for the First Sunday:*

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Da, quaesumus, omnipotens Deus, hanc tuis fidelibus voluntatem, ut, Christo tuo venienti iustis operibus occurrentes, eius dexteræ sociati, regnum mereantur possidere caeleste. Per Dominum nostrum Iesum Christum Filium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spiritus Sancti, Deus, per omnia saecula saeculorum.

**Background** This is a fairly old prayer, first found in more or less this form in a collection of prayer for use at Mass called the *Gelasian Sacramentary*, which dates from about AD750. It was originally one of the Prayers after Communion, rather than a Collect, or opening prayer of the Mass. Before 1970, when the Missal of Paul VI began to be used, the prayer for today was one of roughly the same age, which was found in many books and had been fixed as the Collect for Advent I in 1570.

**Some key words** 1) **occurrentes/run forth to meet** This is derived from *ob* (towards, against) + *curro* (I run). It describes how 'your [God's] faithful' should greet 'Christo tuo', 'your Christ', remembering that 'the Christ, the Messiah' means 'the one whom God has anointed. *Occurro* can sometimes just mean 'to meet', but, as the Missal shows us, translating it as 'run[ning] forth to meet' keeps that sense nicely. We can compare it with the related word **succurre**, in the Advent Anthem to Our Lady, the *Alma Redemptoris Mater*. There, we ask Our Lady to '**succurre cadenti**', (*sub* (under) + *curro* (I run) - that is, very literally, to 'run under', or more flexibly, to 'run with outstretched arms to support' the *cadenti*, those who are falling by reason of their sin (that's you and I). **Occurrentes** might make us think of the parable of the Prodigal Son: the Father runs towards his errant child, flinging aside everything else he's got to do. In this prayer, that's what we're supposed to do as we approach our Saviour, at his first coming as a child in Bethlehem, at his coming among us at Mass, and at his final coming to judge the living and the dead. It might also remind us of the Wise Virgins (or sensible bridesmaids, as one translation has it) (Matthew 25). 'At midnight there was a cry: "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him.' This, having prepared their lamps with sufficient oil, they did.

2) **eius dexterae/his right hand** Remember last week's Gospel? The sheep, the righteous are placed on the Shepherd-King's right hand, and go thence to eternal life, while the unrighteous are at his left, and go where there is wailing and gnashing of teeth.

**Reflection** We begin, as ever, by acknowledging that we need what God has to give us: *Da, quaesumus, Grant...we pray*. 'Give us this day our daily bread'. Our faith needs to be fruitful in good works, but we depend on God to give us what we need to carry out those works for his praise and glory, and not for our own comfort or aggrandisement. 'Come, thou long-expected Jesus', says the hymn: we want the Lord to save us and take us to himself, but this prayer reminds us that we have to turn towards the Lord ourselves: and more than turn to him: run to meet him, our lamps filled with the oil of our righteous deeds.

**Next Sunday's Readings: Second Sunday of Advent**  
Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11; Psalm 84; 2 Peter 3:8-14; Mark 1:1-8



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SUNDAY 3 December	<b>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR B) DIVINE OFFICE WEEK 1</b> <b>Saturday Vigil</b> Sung Mass 5pm Holy Rood <i>Divine Worship</i> Confessions 6.10pm Our Lady of the Rosary Mass 6.30pm Our Lady of the Rosary <i>Pro populo</i> Mass 7.30pm Holy Rood ( <i>in Portuguese</i> ) <b>Sunday</b> Sung Mass 9.15am Our Lady of the Rosary <i>Companions of the Order of Malta</i> Sung Mass 11.15am Holy Rood <i>Annie Hood Leppard RIP</i> <b>Nine Lessons and Carols for Advent 6.00pm Holy Rood</b>
Monday 4 December	<i>Feria (Monday of the First Week of Advent)</i> No Mass
Tuesday 5 December	St Birinus, Bishop Mass 9.30am Our Lady of the Rosary <i>John Doran</i> Adoration 8.00pm Our Lady of the Rosary
Wednesday 6 December	<i>St Nicholas, Bishop</i> Mass 9.00am Holy Rood <i>Children of the Parish</i> <i>Requiem Mass 3.00pm Our Lady of the Rosary Mai Robinson RIP</i> <b>Advent Prayer 7.30-8.30pm Our Lady of the Rosary</b>
Thursday 7 December	St Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor Mass 6.30pm Holy Rood ( <i>Divine Worship</i> ) <i>Stanley Parker RIP (Anniv)</i> <b>Holy Hour with Confessions 7.00-8.00pm</b>
Friday 8 December	<b>THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BVM</b> Mass 8.30am St Thomas More <i>Rose Lanzon-Miller's Ints</i> Mass 12.30pm Holy Rood ( <i>Latin, 1962</i> )
Saturday 9 December	<i>St Juan Diego Cuahatlatoatzin</i> Mass 9.00am Holy Rood <i>Grace of a Good Advent</i> <i>followed by Rosary; Confessions 9.30-10.00am</i>
SUNDAY 10 December	<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR B) DIVINE OFFICE WEEK 2</b> <b>Saturday Vigil</b> Sung Mass 5pm Holy Rood <i>Divine Worship</i> Confessions 6.10pm Our Lady of the Rosary Mass 6.30pm Our Lady of the Rosary <i>Pro populo</i> Mass 7.30pm Holy Rood ( <i>in Portuguese</i> ) <b>Sunday</b> Sung Mass 9.15am Our Lady of the Rosary <i>Pro populo</i> Sung Mass 11.15am Holy Rood <i>Pro populo</i>

**Our Lady of the Rosary**, Botley, OX2 9BD ✕ **Holy Rood**, Abingdon Road, OX1 4LD  
**St Thomas More**, Grace Dieu, Boars Hill, OX1 5DN

**TODAY SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS FOR ADVENT** ✕ **6.00pm** at Holy Rood, followed by refreshments. All welcome. Bring a friend. Music by Britten, Howells, Ord, Gibbons, Palestrina, Naylor &c., &c.

**FROM BISHOP PHILIP I** Do you support Catholic schools and the right of Catholics to send their children to them? Then we need you to make your voice heard. The Government is making a critical decision on whether to overturn the admissions cap which prevents Catholic schools from allowing all Catholic pupils to attend. They have acknowledged that this policy discriminates against Catholics and promised to abandon it, now we need you to tell them not to u-turn on their promise. Visit [catholicnews.org.uk](http://catholicnews.org.uk) to write to the Government and urge them to drop their policy which bans new Catholic schools.

**PARISH COLLECTION TOTALS**  
**Week ending 26 November 2017**

Main collection plate: £ 431.75  
Standing orders: £600

**Parish giving info:** Cheques should be made payable to: **PRCDTR North Hinksey Our Lady** Bank transfers to account number **00883337**, sort code **309304**. If you would like to Gift aid your donation please complete the gift aid declaration found at the back of the church and return it to the office in the envelopes provided.

**ROTAS THIS WEEK**  
**Counting Monday 4 December**  
Janet and Gerald

**NEWSLETTER** | Please send all notices for next week's Newsletter to the **Parish Office** by **Thursday 10 am** email [hinksey@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:hinksey@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**CHILDREN'S DIARY**

*Children's activities take place during the 9.15am Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary.*  
The next children's Mass will be on the Second Sunday of Advent  
For more information, contact Blanka [mccarthybb22@hotmail.com](mailto:mccarthybb22@hotmail.com)

**ADVENT GOSPEL REFLECTIONS** ✕  
Daily gospel meditations from Bishop Robert Barron directly to your inbox. To sign up go [adventreflections.com](http://adventreflections.com)

**PRAYER & FAST** ✕ On Thursday the 7<sup>th</sup> December, the vigil of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia in this Country. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed, and it really does save lives. **Please also pray that buffer zones around abortion centres won't be introduced.** For information see poster in church.

**CAFOD World Gifts** IA fun and meaningful way to give gifts to the people you love, and make a difference to some of the poorest communities around the world. Each gift comes with a Christmas gift card and you can choose to send a goat, build a business or help a refugee child. You can order gifts online at [cafod.org.uk/world\\_gifts](http://cafod.org.uk/world_gifts)

**PREPARATION FOR ADVENT** ✕ Come to Our Lady on **Wednesday 6 December** for an evening of prayer from 7.30-8.30pm. If anyone would like a lift please call Helen on 07814673084

**THE BIG GIVE I** The Passage, a Christian Charity, is raising funds through the Big Give from 12pm (midday) Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November to **12pm Tuesday (5<sup>th</sup> December)** to support its work with homeless people this winter. **Double your Donation, Double your impact.** This is a matched giving scheme for online donations. For more information please ring Andrew Hollingsworth 020 7592 1855 or email [andrew.h@passage.org.uk](mailto:andrew.h@passage.org.uk)

**IN OUR PRAYERS**

**THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED** |  
*Andres Barranco, Anderson Barranco, Sean Hodgkins, Vanessa Clark, John Finch, Maurice McAvoy, Peggy Duhig, Anne Lansberry, Ted Renshaw, Catherine Harker, Brian Hodgkins, Mary Hodgkins, Moira Fryer*

**THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED** |  
*May Robinson, Anthony Boreham, Our departed families, friends, benefactors.*

**NB** The list of the Sick and Those in Need will be renewed on Sunday 3 December (Advent Sunday). Please speak to Fr Daniel or the Office if you would like to add names, or for those presently on the list to continue to be included. Names may always be added by request in this way.

**HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS** | **The Elderly** : That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

**DAY BY DAY** Advent copies are available at the back of the church (£1)

**OUR LADY'S ORGAN APPEAL** | Thanks to your generosity the total raised for the organ is £7,324.75 (this doesn't include the gift aid we'll be able to add on). The organ is now installed (before Christmas, as promised!), and needs only a new pedal-board for those low basso notes (this needs to be worked on, and is coming in the new year). As you know, our fundraising target was initially £6000, and it's clear we're well over that. But it doesn't end here: these extra funds, and all further donations to the organ fund will not only allow for continued maintenance, purchase of music books, and so forth, but will be able to contribute to further supporting and developing our music, in our worship and in our work in the community. God bless you for your generosity! *Fr Daniel*

**ORDINARIATE** | Mass, Saturdays at 5pm (for the Sunday obligation); Said Mass, 6.30pm on Thursdays, both at Holy Rood. Masses using the Ordinate Missal, which anyone is welcome to attend, are indicated by *Divine Worship* in the newsletter. Music Saturday 9 December *Gregorian Chant*

**ADVENT CONFESSIONS** | You ought to go to Confession during Advent. In this parish, you can on Saturday mornings between 9.30 and 10.00am, on Thursday evenings between 7.00 and 8.00pm, before or after any Mass, or at another time as arranged. There are also other churches available, and Penitential services with the opportunity for individual confessions later this month in different parts of the Pastoral Area. We will have time for children and adults later in Advent. You know what you have to do...

**NEW TO THE PARISH?** Please fill out a Contact Details form, available at the back of church, and return to Fr Daniel or the Parish Office, so that we can make sure you're in the database in order to let you have information about our forthcoming events.

**YOUTH GROUP** | see Youth Diary opposite:

**WOMEN'S READING GROUP I** A group of women from the Parish meets once a month on a Monday evening, 8.30-9.30pm to read and discuss together *AMORIS LAETITIA*. If you would like to join, please contact [maria.rosa.antognazza@kcl.ac.uk](mailto:maria.rosa.antognazza@kcl.ac.uk).  
**MEN'S GROUP** | As advertised.

**CONFIRMATION CLASSES** | Parents with children registered to attend these classes will hear from Fr Daniel this week. Please look out for an email on this subject!