

The Church is open for quiet thought or prayer

from 8am – 5.30pm,

Monday –Friday,

11am – 4pm on Saturday.

Monday – Friday there is a daily Mass at 12.15pm – 12.40pm.

Monday 1.05pm – 1.30pm Mediation group.

On Sunday there is a Sung Eucharist at 11am.

Notices

Fr Doug Ousley of The Church of The Incarnation, New York, is having a retirement party. It will be at the Parish House / Assembly Hall Sunday Jan 12th from 5 - 7 PM, 209 Madison Ave, New York. If you happen to be planning to be in New York at that time you are welcome to attend.

Diary

2 Dec 1pm Advent Carol service at St Stephen, Walbrook

A Reading from a poem by Rowan Williams Advent Calendar

He will come like last leaf's fall.
One night when the November wind
has flayed the trees to the bone,
and earth wakes choking on the mould,
the soft shroud's folding.

He will come like frost.
One morning when the shrinking
earth opens on mist,
to find itself arrested in the net of alien,
sword-set beauty.

He will come like dark.
One evening when the bursting
red December sun draws up the sheet
and penny-masks its eye to yield
the star-snowed fields of sky.

He will come, will come,
will come like crying in the night,
like blood, like breaking,
as the earth writhes to toss him free.
He will come like child.

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1 December, First Sunday of Advent

Celebrant: Fr Paul Kennedy

Setting: Missa de Feria - Mul

Hymn: 3 Come thou long expected Jesus

Collect

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Isaiah 2.1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

Psalm: 122

R: I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to God's house'.

I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.' Now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem. **R**

Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity with itself. To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the Lord. For there are the thrones of judgement, the thrones of the house of David. **R**

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: 'May they prosper who love you. Peace be within your walls and quietness within your towers. **R**

For my family and companions' sake, I pray for your prosperity. Because of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek to do you good.' **R**

Romans 13.11-14

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light,

let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Matthew 24.36-44

Jesus said to his disciples: 'About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

For your prayers:

Those who are ill: Margaret Guilfoyle, Lois Paine, Hannah Rae, Alison Hird, Richard Shepherd, Jean Kennedy, Tracey Llewellyn,

Those who have died recently: Jimmy Whelan

Offertory hymn: 11 O come, O come, Emmanuel

Anthem: Prepare thyself Zion - Bach

Thanksgiving hymn: 388 Jesus shall reign