

# PARISH OF ST GEORGE

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## Second Sunday of Advent

**08 December 2024**

Gospel Luke 3:1-6



John the Baptist, in today's Gospel, challenges the Jews to prepare their lives for receiving their long-awaited Messiah. They are to prepare a highway in their hearts for their Messiah by levelling the mountains of pride and the valleys of impurity, injustice, and neglect and straightening their crooked ways. They are to get ready by repenting of their sins, changing their lives, and expressing this by receiving the baptism of repentance in River Jordan and living out the reforms they have promised.

### Life Messages

1: We need to prepare our hearts and lives for Jesus our Saviour to be reborn in us during this Christmas time. We have to fill in the "valleys" of our souls, formed from our shallow prayer life and a minimalist living out of our Faith. We have to straighten whatever crooked paths we've been walking, like involvement in some secret or habitual sins or in a sinful relationship. If we have been involved in some dishonest practices at work or at home, we are called to straighten them out and make restitution. If we have been harbouring grudges or hatred, or failing to be reconciled with others, now is the time to clear away all the debris.

2: We need to repent and seek forgiveness from God and those we have injured: John's message calls us to confront and confess our sins. We need to turn away from them in sincere repentance and receive God's forgiveness. Next, we need to forgive others who have offended us. Jesus explicitly declares (Mt 6:14-15): "For if you forgive men their transgressions, your Heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men, then your Father will not forgive your transgressions."

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### 2nd Week of Advent

Prayer for Peace: Prince of Peace, in a world filled with turmoil, grant us the tranquillity that only your peace can bring. Help us to be instruments of reconciliation and harmony in our relationships and communities. Amen.

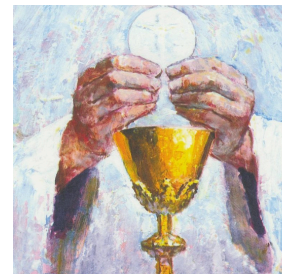
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**Remember Advent  
penitential Service--  
Thursday, 12th December,  
6pm**

### Anima Christi:

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.  
Body of Christ, save me.  
Blood of Christ, embolden me.  
Water from the side of Christ, Wash me.  
Passion of Christ, Strengthen me.  
O Good Jesus, hear me.  
Within your wounds hide me.

Permit me not to be separated from you.  
From the wicked foe, defend me.  
At the hour of my death, call me and bid  
me come to you.  
That with your saints I may praise you  
For ever and ever.  
Amen



### Mass Times

Saturday 07 December	6;30pm	Souls in Purgatory
Sunday 08 December	9:30am 11:00am	Bishop John Ward Owen & Hannah Ward.
Monday 09 December THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	10:00am	Stephen White, Molly White, Pearl White
Tuesday 10 December Our Lady of Loreto	10:00am	Kathleen Skelton
<b>Wednesday 11 December St. Damasus I</b>	Sacristy	Private Intentions
Thursday 12 December Our Lady of Guadalupe	10;00am	Sanctification of Priests
<b>Friday 13 December St. Lucy V.M</b>	6;00pm	<b>Fiona</b>
Saturday 14 December St. John of the Cross PD	6;30pm	Souls in Purgatory
<b>Sunday 15 December</b>	<b>9:30am 11:00am</b>	Parishioners

## Say your daily Rosary for Peace of the World



**REMEMBER CHRISTMAS GET-  
TOGETHER AND CAROLS AT ETZIO  
ITALIAN RESTURANT, 20TH DEC. 5:30PM  
-7:45PM.**

Sat. 6:30PM	<b>Sun. 9:30am</b>	<b>Sun. 11:00am</b>
Roland Young	Gerard Dolan	Roma Ajit

Mass Offering -08 November -£394.89

Standing orders-----£118.25

**Confession is Saturdays 5-6pm,  
30mins before and after mass and  
on request.**

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