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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SATURDAY	29TH	18:00	First Sunday of Advent	Solemnity	Seamus Burke RIP
SUNDAY	30TH	08:30	First Sunday of Advent	Solemnity	Timothy Long RIP
SUNDAY	30TH	10:00	First Sunday of Advent	Solemnity	Jan Bryndza RIP
SUNDAY	30TH	12:00	First Sunday of Advent	Solemnity	Elvire Amon RIP
SUNDAY	30TH	18:00	First Sunday of Advent	Solemnity	A Juekova & F Oriňak RIP
MONDAY	1ST	10:00		Feria	Š Čeck & M Čechová RIP
TUESDAY	2ND	10:00		Feria	Manuel Dos Santos RIP
WEDNESDAY	3RD	10:00	St Francis Xavier	Memorial	M & Š Čechovi RIP
THURSDAY	4TH	10:00	St John Damascene	Memorial	E Thomas & J Hendry RIP
FRIDAY	5TH	10:00		Feria	J & H Węgrzyn & W. Bakeries
SATURDAY	6TH	10:00	St Nicholas	Memorial	Jane Bunbury RIP



TEA AND COFFEE: SUNDAY AFTER 10AM MASS

CONFESSIONS: SATURDAY EVENINGS: 5PM - 5:40PM

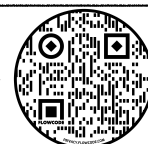
We pray for Seamus Burke & Timothy Long who died recently and all whose anniversaries occur at this time: Kathleen Moore, Michael Haughton-James, Joseph Rider, John Barrett, William O'Brien, Patricia Ivory, Teresa Mary Ryder & Robert Joseph Fleming. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed - through God's mercy - rest in peace.

I celebrated a wedding today (Saturday). It was a small affair but truly joyous and a privilege to experience the joy of husband and wife as it radiated upon their family and friends and myself. The Gospel chosen for the wedding was a passage from Luke when Jesus speaks about salt and light - two basic elements which we need in order to live. His words remind us that these things on their own do not provide for anyone but they need to be preserved and located in the right way in order for them to nourish and guide; to heal and help others. It is a joy to be in the presence of two people who love one another and seek God's help to love more deeply. This could describe the mission of our parish except it isn't two people helping each other to be good but all of us encouraging one another as we pray, give, care and contribute in whichever way we can. If we are to succeed - if we are to be holy - we need the salt and light of our loving to be preserved and located in the right way. As the light begins to shine on our wreath, this Sunday's readings draw our attention to this need for our loving to not become tasteless and darkened but attended to and directed. I am, therefore, grateful to our Justice and Peace Group for their Advent Kindness Calendar which is available in the porch. It is a small gesture (and a small thing) but it gives some practical suggestions about caring for our neighbour throughout the coming weeks. It may well be the case we can't manage everything but it's good for us to stop at moments and think "who am I loving today?" It may well be that God puts other suggestions - or people - in your path but the principle of being attentive to how and receptive to who might need our time, treasure or talent is a good one. May we pray for one another that during these weeks we might let God cultivate our hearts so that what they produce may nourish and enlighten those who need God's sustenance at this time.

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PARISH NEWS

NEW SECRETARY - OFFICE REMAINS CLOSED: I am very pleased to announce that we have appointed a new Parish Secretary - Geraldine Daly. There is a lot to catch up on and so our office will remain closed this coming week as she begins the handover with Bernie. Please be patient concerning school forms, applications for Baptism etc. There is a lot to get through but we will get back to you.

PLEASE HELP SPONSOR A CHILD: I'm looking for a few sponsors of children / young adults who wish to attend the [Faith Winter Session](#) in Lancashire in the New Year (I'll be going). Some can't afford the fee and transportation (£230 in total). Please email me if you can help (brixtonhill@rcaos.org.uk).

THIS WEEK: GUIDED PRAYER BEFORE CHRISTMAS: I am grateful to our sisters - from the Franciscan and Cenacle communities - for arranging and facilitating Advent Prayer and reflection on Thursdays 4th, 11th and 18th December from 7:30pm until 9pm in our Church Hall. All are welcome!

PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY: On Saturday 13th December from 7pm. All are welcome! Please bring a plate of food (with a list of ingredients) to share (if it's more than a plate, that's great)! If you are able to assist on the evening itself please let us know at the Parish Office. Many hands make light work and it would be good to have a small team to ensure volunteers can get home at a reasonable hour.

CALLED TO BEAR FRUIT REPORT PUBLISHED: rcaos.org.uk/calledtobearfruit or click [here](#).

FOOD HUB COLLECTIONS: Please see the posters and the box for depositing items in our porch. Thank you to the Justice and Peace Group for promoting this way in which we can help others.

SENIORS' CHRISTMAS LUNCH: will take place on Monday 15th December at 12:15pm. Anyone wishing to attend should put their name on the list on the porch noticeboard. There are limited places.

MESSAGE FROM THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY OF OUR PARISH [SVP]: The SVP would like to thank everyone for generous financial contributions made following our recent annual appeal. We would also like to thank people for invaluable help and support throughout the year.

SYCAMORE 2026: This programme is for newcomers to faith and those wishing to deepen their own and will begin on Thursday 15th January 2026 (7:30-9pm) in the Hall. It will be an opportunity to explore faith, reflect on the deeper questions and grow in understanding, prayer, and discipleship. Each of the 20 sessions features a short, high quality film followed by guided discussion in a friendly and supportive environment. This initiative responds directly to the desire expressed by many within our parish for opportunities to deepen their relationship with Christ, to engage more confidently with the teachings of the Church, and to strengthen the sense of community within parish life. We warmly invite all to join us on this journey. To help see Yemisi or James or email brixtonhillppc@rcaos.org.uk.

UPDATE: NURSERY & PRIMARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS [FOR SEP 2026]: Please put [Certificates of Catholic Practice](#) through The Priests' House letterbox. If received by 15/12/25 they will be completed before Xmas. If by 9th January, completed by 15/01/26. You must fill out our form [here](#).