



Sunday 28th November

10am Parish Eucharist with mid service groups

First Sunday in Advent

A very warm welcome, especially if you are here for the first time. Please sign up to our communications form at the bottom of our homepage: www.stmarys.parishofputney.com

Advent Carol (Advent Candles)

Advent candles tell their story
as we watch and pray,
longing for the Day of Glory,
'Come, Lord, soon,' we say.
Pain and sorrow, tears and sadness
changed for gladness
on that Day.

Prophet voices loudly crying,
making pathways clear;
glimpsing glory, self-denying,
calling all to hear.

Through their message - challenged, shaken – hearts awaken:
God is near!

Opening Hymn

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here,
until the Son of God appear:

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel*

O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight:

O come, O come, thou Lord of Might,
who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height,
in ancient times didst give the law
in cloud and majesty and awe:

Collect

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Gradual Hymn

Hark! a herald voice is calling:
"Christ is nigh!" it seems to say;
"Cast away the dreams of darkness,
O ye children of the day!"

Startled at the solemn warning,
let the earth-bound soul arise;
Christ, her Sun, all sloth dispelling,
shines upon the morning skies.

Lo, the Lamb, so long expected,
comes with pardon down from heav'n;
let us haste, with tears of sorrow,
one all to be forgiv'n.

Honour, glory, virtue, merit,
to the Father and the Son,
with the co-eternal Spirit,
while unending ages run.

The Gospel Reading (Matthew 25.1-13)

The Lord be with you.
and also with you

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew:
Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said: "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Offertory Hymn

Hills of the north, rejoice,
echoing songs arise,
hail with united voice
him who made earth and skies:
he comes in righteousness and love,
he brings salvation from above.

Isles of the southern seas
Sing to the list'ning earth,
carry on ev'ry breeze
hope of a world's new birth:
in Christ shall all be made anew,
his word is sure, his promise true.

Lands of the east, arise,
he is your brightest morn,
greet him with joyous eyes,
praise shall his path adorn:
the God whom you have longed to know
in Christ draws near, and calls you now.

Shores of the utmost west,
lands of the setting sun,
Welcome the heav'nly guest
in whom the dawn has come:
he brings a never-ending light
who triumphed o'er our darkest night.

Shout, as you journey on,
songs be in ev'ry mouth;
lo, from the north they come,
from east and west and south:
in Jesus all shall find their rest,
in him the longing earth be blest!

Closing Hymn

Lo, he comes with clouds descending,
once for mortal sinners slain;
thousand thousand saints attending
swell the triumph of his train.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ appears on earth to reign.

Ev'ry eye shall now behold him,
robed in dreadful majesty;
we who set at naught and sold him,
pierced and nailed him to the tree,
deeply grieving, deeply grieving, deeply grieving,
shall the true Messiah see.

Those dear tokens of his passion
still his dazzling body bears,
cause of endless exultation
to his ransomed worshipers:
with what rapture, with what rapture, with what rapture
gaze we on those glorious scars!

Yea, amen! let all adore thee,
high on thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the pow'r and glory;
claim the kingdom for thine own:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.

Advent and Christmas services

Our regular services are held on Sundays at 10am and 6pm as well as Wednesday lunchtimes Eucharist at 12.30pm. Special Advent and Christmas services as follows:

28th November, All Saints', Parish Advent Carols *with Churches Together in Putney and Roehampton, 4pm*

(Please note that there will not be a 6pm Caritas service).

5th December, All Age Christingle, 10.00am

18th December, Journey to Bethlehem, 12 – 6pm

19th December, Christmas Carols, 6pm

24th December, Crib service, 4pm

24th December, Covid Secure Christmas Eve Mass, 8pm

24th December, Midnight Mass, 11.30pm

25th December, St Mary's, Christmas Day Eucharist for All Ages, 10am

26th December, St Mary's, Parish Eucharist, 10am *(please note there won't be a Caritas at 6pm)*