

2nd Sunday before Advent

16th November 2025

Collect

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Old Testament Reading (Malachi 4.1-2a)

A reading from the Book of Malachi.
See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings. not do it.

Psalm (Psalm 98)



Sing a new song to the Lord!

Response: Sing a new song to the Lord!

Sing a new song to the Lord
for he has worked wonders.
His right and hand his holy arm
have brought salvation. **R/**

All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord, all the earth,
ring out your joy. **R/**

Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp
with the sound of music.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn
acclaim the King, the Lord. **R/**

New Testament Reading (2 Thessalonians 3.6-13)

A reading from Paul's Second Letter to the Thessalonians.
Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labour we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

The Gospel (Luke 21.5-18)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.
When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, 'As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.'
They asked him, 'Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?' And he said, 'Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and, "The time is near!" Do not go after them.
'When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.
'But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to

synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish.

Post Communion

Gracious Lord,
in this holy sacrament
you give substance to our hope:
bring us at the last
to that fullness of life for which we long;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen.

For your prayers

In our Prayers:

Tommy Lacken, Martin Fletcher, Terry Folan, Sheila Hoppenbrouwers, Eamon Irvine, Fr Michael Shier, Carol Martin, Philomena Sorrenti, Maggie Stevenson, Hope Oram, Sherry Lacken, Doug Williams, Neville Thomas, Lynn Williamson, Juan Carlos Mandich, Nancy Mandich, Eliane Ferreira Batista, Joanne Dack, Jaqueline Ives, Joan Rivellini, Tommy Naylor, Dr. Alfred Kwasi Kwarteng

Among the departed: Percival Flude

Anniversaries of Death:

Jim Pink (Pr), Christine Danna, Herbert James Fleming (Pr), Edward Preston Anderson (Pr), Niall Chancellor, Ron Bosher, Annie Dococq, Eveline Beach, Jackie Williams, Thomas Lidiard

In our parish:

We pray for Bastwick Street and Gee Street

In the wider world:

We pray for the Middle East and a peaceful resolution of the conflict in Gaza.
We pray for all those suffering in those conflicts.

Notices

This week in church...

No Open Church

Next Sunday St Clement's Day

10.30am Parish Confirmation

A celebration of the life of the Parish on the Feast of our Principal Patron Saint, with Confirmations.

King Square Coffee

Community Room, Blackwell House
(between President House and Rahere House)
Tuesday afternoons 1.30-3.30pm
Friday afternoons 12.30-2pm
A chance to chat with your neighbour
and catch up over coffee, tea,
soup and sweet treats.
Everyone welcome!

St Clement's Shopping Basket

The basket provides the chance week by week to donate to a collection of dried and tinned food and toiletries which can be passed directly to the Dunloe Centre at St Saviour's Priory which works with the homeless and the very poor in our part of London. Please give what you can.

THE DUNLOE CENTRE

always needs the following:

TINNED FOODS (ring pull for preference)

Corned beef and meats of all kinds.

Fish

Soups (all flavours),

baked beans, spaghetti in tomato sauce.

Fruit, rice pudding and custard.

Vegetables

(chick peas and pulses are the least useful)

DRIED GOODS

Cup-a-soups, potnoodles and instant noodles.

TOILETRIES (mostly for men)

Shower gel, shampoo, soap, deodorant, face flannels

Disposable razors, shaving cream,
pocket-size packs of tissues