



Saint Joseph's Passionist Church

8 December 2024

2nd Sunday of Advent

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Saturday: Mass 11am; Vigil: 6.30 p.m.

Sun Mass: 9.30, 11 & 12.30; 6.30 pm

Mon-Friday Mass 8:30am

Every Saturday before Mass: Eucharistic Adoration: 10:30am.

Confession: Saturday: 11.30 – 12.30 & 5 – 6 p.m. or by appointment.

ADVENT RETREAT: Saturday 7th Dec 10am to 2pm (includes 11am mass).

CCD REQUIREMENT FHC Parents: Still some Baptism certs missing; **Confirmations:** a few missing (Diocese requirement), please urgently scan to stjosephparis@orange.fr : Please note Those children will NOT be able to get Sacraments without Baptism cert.

CCD payments missing: please check with Chris/teacher on Sunday

CCD Children Christmas Pageant, 3 to 4pm on Sunday 15 December.

There will be 2 rehearsals : **Sundays 8 & 15 Dec, from 2 - 3pm**, you may also contact yagparis@yahoo.com

Sat 7 Dec 2:30pm, Syrian Orthodox Mass
Sun 8 Dec 3pm Swahili Mass

Feed the Homeless on Sat 7 dec 11am

Magnificat for December available at the bookstall. Also New Testaments Bibles.

Baptism Prep 7 Dec at 11am
Bible study Wed. 11 Dec : 10:30am
RCIA: Thursday 12th Dec at 8pm
Last Marriage preparation: Sun 15 Dec
Pastoral Council: 18 dec at 7:30pm

Our Carol Service and Christmas Concert:
Friday 13 dec at 8pm: A beautiful programme with traditional carols and some pieces from the classical repertoire.

Tom Heneghan is presenting his book "*Faith, Hope and Paris, English Speaking Catholics in Turbulent France*"
St Joseph's Hall Thursday 12 Dec at 6 pm

Giving TREE: Many thanks to the St. Joseph community for the generous donations already offered last Sunday. Gift Donation suggestions to local and international charities are detailed on each paper ornament, which can then be attached to the wrapped or unwrapped gift, to be placed under the tree for distribution. Looking for volunteers to help with wrapping, sorting and delivery. Please contact Gretchen at 0670010928

EVERYONE NEEDS A PRAYER!
St. Joseph's Online Prayer Warrior will have an Online Prayer every Friday evening at 8.30pm starting November 22, 2024. Intentions can be sent to **Venci @ stjoparis50avhoche@gmail.com** Call him at St. Joseph's for more details.

Collection 1 Dec: 3632.79; cc 448
Coffee: 88.13; ADP: 650; Donation: 100;
Bookstall: 90; Shrines: 175.20 THANKS a lot.
NB: All "St Joseph ADP" (cheque or screen donations are 66% tax refundable, receipt sent directly by the diocese of Paris. MANY THANKS for your generosity
DOLLAR cheques to "St Joseph's church": Tax receipts are available, ask stjosephparis@orange.fr.

SEASON OF HOPE



Advent is the springtime of the Church's year. It's a season of new beginnings and new hope. What are you hoping for this Advent? As we look forward to Christmas, I'm sure many of you are hoping for a happy and peaceful Christmas together with your family. Children of every age love this time of the year when the streets and the shops are decorated with lights and Christmas trees. Many of us are thinking of the gifts we want to give and receive. And underneath it all, we remember that Advent and Christmas are a celebration of God who gave us the gift of Jesus his Son.

My biggest hope this Advent is for peace, especially in Ukraine and the Middle East. We have seen so much death and destruction that our hope and prayer for peace this Advent is stronger than ever. I pray that Jesus, the Prince of Peace, will move the hearts of people everywhere to unite in a great movement of peace, forgiveness, reconciliation and harmony. The suffering people of the world are waiting and longing to be saved from further death and destruction.

See your people Lord, and hear our prayer. Send us the Messiah to save us and to give us your peace.

