



St John's Cathedral 聖公會聖約翰座堂

Anglican Diocese of Hong Kong Island
Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui

*'St John's Cathedral is a place of God's grace, welcoming all,
following Christ and changing lives in the heart of Hong Kong.'*

1ST DECEMBER 2019 THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8.00am Said Eucharist

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Franklin Lee
Reader: Faye Yee

9.00am Sung Eucharist

Celebrant: The Revd Sharon Langbis
Preacher: The Revd Franklin Lee
Deacon: The Revd Wu Wai Ho
Communion Setting: St Anne's Mass (James MacMillan)
Psalm: 122 (Stainer)
Hymns: 11, 14, 16, 9 (omit v.3)
Anthem: Matin Responsory (arr. Richard Marlow)
Voluntary: Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland BWV661 (JS Bach)
Readers/Intercessor: Simon Fong, Gordon Jones/Tom Bispham

10.30am Sung Eucharist (in Mandarin)

Celebrant: The Revd Canon Peter Koon
Preacher: The Revd Franklin Lee

11.45am Responsorial Eucharist

Celebrant: The Revd Jenny Wong Nam
Preacher: The Revd Franklin Lee
Reader/Intercessor: John Breen/Simon Fong

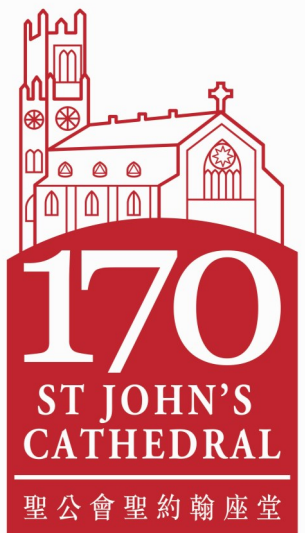
1.15pm Sung Eucharist (in Filipino)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre

5.00pm Advent Carol Service (See separate order of service)

Officiant: The Revd Mark Rogers
Readers: Katherine Senior, Ng Hong Wing,
Edward Coles-Gale, Lily Zhao,
Wallace Lai, Janice C Lacanaria,
The Revd Will Newman

Welcome to all who worship here today. Visiting communicants, of whatever Christian tradition, are invited to receive communion here. Gluten-free communion wafers are available on request at all Eucharists in this Cathedral. Please enquire of the Sidesmen or Servers for directions to the distribution. **No unauthorized photography, video filming or sound recording during the service.**



Faith in the City

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THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

SUN 1st December	12.00noon	Chinese Congregation Fellowship
MON 2nd	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	12.30pm	Meditation Group
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
TUE 3rd	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	7.00pm	Bible Reading Fellowship (English)
WED 4th	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	9.30am	CLARES
	1.15pm	Lunchtime Recital—The Joy of Christmas with The Ella Kiang Singers
	2.30pm	Bible Reading Prayer Fellowship (Chinese)
	6.00pm	Said Eucharist
THU 5th	8.30am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	2.30pm	Parents and Toddlers
FRI 6th	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	3.00pm	Friday Fellowship Group
SAT 7th	8.30am	Said Eucharist
	12.00noon	Said Eucharist (Filipino)
	6.00pm	Sung Eucharist (Cantonese) (Anticipated Sunday Service)
SUN 8th December	The Second Sunday of Advent	
Isaiah 11.1-10	8.00am	Said Eucharist
Psalms 72.1-7		Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Jenny Wong Nam
Romans 15.4-13	9.00am	Sung Eucharist
Matthew 3.1-12		Celebrant: The Dean
		Preacher: The Revd Jenny Wong Nam
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist (Mandarin)
		Celebrant: The Dean
		Preacher: The Revd Prof Philip Wickeri
	11.45am	Choral Mattins
		Officiant: The Revd Franklin Lee
		Preacher: The Revd Wu Wai Ho
	1.15pm	Sung Eucharist (Filipino)
		Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre
	5.00pm	Choral Evensong
		Officiant: The Revd Will Newman
		Preacher: The Revd Robert Martin



THEFT PREVENTION

As with any big city centre, please keep your valuables with you. If you feel unsafe at any time, please let a staff member or sidesman know.

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT
WREATH**

Voice one—On this first week of Advent we light a candle to represent our anticipation.

Voice two—We wait for God's promise to be revealed.

Voice one—This candle is a symbol of our longing for God to be with us.

Voice two—We wait in hope for God to break into our lives.

**All O God, come journey with us through Advent.
Give us courage to spread hope in the world. Amen.**

COLLECT

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Isaiah 2.1-5

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither

shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

PSALM 122

1 I was glad when they said unto me :
We will go into the house of the Lord.

2 Our feet shall stand in thy gates :
O Jerusalem.

3 Jerusalem is built as a city : that is at
unity in itself.

4 For thither the tribes go up, even the
tribes of the Lord : to testify unto Israel,
to give thanks unto the Name of the
Lord.

5 For there is the seat of judgement :
even the seat of the house of David.

6 O pray for the peace of Jerusalem :
they shall prosper that love thee.

7 Peace be within thy walls : and plen-
teousness within thy palaces.

8 For my brethren and companions'
sakes : I will wish thee prosperity.

9 Yea, because of the house of the Lord
our God : I will seek to do thee good.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :
and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and
ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

SECOND READING

Romans 13.11-end

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Brothers and sisters, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 24.36-44

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus spoke to his disciples: 'About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

In the worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for mission agencies and their work throughout the Anglican Communion.

We pray for the Province of Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui (Anglican Province of Hong Kong & Macau); for the Most Revd Dr Paul Kwong, our

archbishop and primate; and for all bishops, priests and deacons within our diocese and province.

We pray for St Andrew's Church, giving thanks for their full minister and staff team so that they will continue to grow with one heart and one mind; Praise God for a growing church where their members are increasing and new ministries are starting. Pray for new people to be quickly incorporated into the church family. Pray for more leaders for their small groups to help members grow in their love for Christ and his world.

Within the Cathedral Parish we pray for the Cathedral church and its various congregations, for the Dean and the chaplains; for our daughter churches; St Stephen's Chapel, Stanley, Discovery Bay Church and Emmanuel Church, Pokfulam; and their Priests in Charge. We also remember our Council members, Cathedral Staff, Cathedral Servers, Cathedral Sidesmen, Poverty Alleviation Group, our Prison Ministry, Music Ministry, and Lunchtime Recitals.

We also pray for our link Diocese of Tounghoo, Myanmar; for the Rt Revd Dr Saw Shee Sho, his priests, people and ministry.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for those who are sick:

Lene Bille Hoegh, Justin Ching, Luke Inkin, Annie Kwan, Kong Siu-Ming, Benjamin Ng, Anthony Chan, Chow Pak Kwan, Elaine Cogan, Geoff Walsh, Nie Shi Fa, Shirley Nie, Toungh Ming, Mike Chan, May Cheng, Margaret Pini, Chen Kuk Tye, Marianne Felch, Eunice Chan, Catherine Chan, John McIntosh, Irene Lo Oi Lin, Jennifer D. Ambatcan, Tai Yu Hei, Christina Chan, Andrew Wong, Roger Bebbington, Daisy Tai, Ron Fast, John David, Timothy Moreno, Chong Yuk Lau, Jeshu Yau, Phyllis Schmitz, Donna Gail Willis, Caroline Yu, Monica Cornelius, Leslie Henderson, Raymond Yuen, Meena Tsui, Kathryn McCallen,

Kathryn Lewis, Richard Jones and Susan Westlake.

Please pray for the recently departed:

Jane Ngan
Malcolm Coldman
Lucila Martinez

Prayers will be offered for those named above during the weekday Eucharist. To include someone in this prayer list, please contact Elisa, **Tel.: 2523 4157**.

REMARKS: Unless Elisa is contacted (deanssec@stjohnscathedral.org.hk) with advice to the contrary, names will be removed from the Prayer Request list after one month.



A PRAYER FOR HONG KONG

O Saviour Christ, in whose love lies the secret of all life and the hope of all people, we pray for quiet courage to match this hour. We did not choose to be born or live in such an age; but let its problems challenge us, its discoveries exhilarate us, its injustices anger us, its possibilities inspire us and its vigour renew us, for your Kingdom's sake. Amen.



Congratulations to the Dean!

The Dean was elected Bishop Co-adjutor (Bishop with succession right) for the Diocese of Hong Kong Island at the Extraordinary Meeting of the Eleventh Diocesan Synod on Thursday 21st November. We offer our congratulations and support to the Dean. We thank God for the Dean's ministry and we continue to pray for his service to God's Church and the wider community.

Heavenly Father, you sent Jesus to shepherd your people and the Holy Spirit to make your people one; send your blessing upon our brother Matthias who has been elected Bishop Co-adjutor, that he may be a leader of vision and a teacher of your truth. Give him a true shepherd's heart like that of Jesus, that he may give strength to the weak, heal the broken-hearted, console the lonely, bring back the wandering and be a power against the evil of our day; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to all your prayers and encouragement. I need God's help and your support as I take up a new role in serving God's mission. Please continue to keep me in your prayers. Thank You!

Matthias Der

RADIO MINISTRY

- **RTHK4 FM97**

The Dean will be speaking on 'Reflections' at **10.56pm** every night from Monday to Friday, 2nd—6th December.

Today at 11.05am

'Communities make the difference'

• **World AIDS Sunday 2019**
• **Studio Broadcast**

- **RTHK3 AM567**

The Revd Franklin Lee will be speaking on 'Thought for the Week' at 8.25am on Sunday 8th December.



St John's Cathedral
Life Enrichment Centre
聖約翰座堂生命啟進中心

**Kick off Ceremony
-Mentorship for Youth
Programme**

Date: 1st December 2019 (TODAY)
Venue: Cathedral Garden
Activities: Booth games, Ceremony
(right after 9.00am Church Service)
and Refreshments
All are welcome

**Chill Corner
- Chill with Zentangle**

Date: 14th December 2019 (Saturday)
Venue: Conference Room,
St John's Cathedral
Time: 2.30pm – 4.30 pm
Fee: \$100

CLARES

CLARES our Cathedral women's group invites you to join them in helping at **Castaways charity shop**. 9.30am in the Li Hall every Wednesday. Refreshments at 10.30am - news and conversation. Committed helpers welcome.

MFMW Charity Walk 2019

The Charity Walk for the MFMW has been postponed to 8th December 2019. For further details please call 2522 8264 or access the MFMW Facebook page.

Poverty Alleviation Programmes

St Barnabas Society
Saturday 7th December
4.00 - 6.00pm

Volunteers are needed to entertain seniors and homeless at St Barnabas' Centre in Western District and to serve dinner.

*To register and/or more information
please contact Fr Mark*
rogers@stjohnscathedral.org.hk

'FAITH BEGINS'

**The Christian Faith explored,
discussed and enjoyed!**

'Faith Begins' is the course for adult baptism and confirmation at St John's Cathedral. The next 'Faith Begins' will start in February 2020.

If you wish to join the course, you should have been a regular attender at services at St John's Cathedral for at least 3 months before the course begins, so from early November 2019 - February 2020.

2019 ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

1st December (Sun)

The First Sunday of Advent
(Sunday Services as normal)

5.00pm 'The Forerunner'
A Service for the beginning
of Advent (RTHK Recording)

15th December (Sun)

The Third Sunday of Advent
(Sunday Services as normal)

5.00pm 'Blue Christmas' Eucharist
A service for those mourning
a loss this Christmas season

21st December (Sat)

3.00pm Crib Service (30 mins)
4.30 pm Christingle Service
6.00pm Chinese Carol Service
with Eucharist

22nd December (Sun)

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

8.00am Said Eucharist
9.00am Worship for All with
Sunday School Nativity
10.30am Sung Eucharist (Mandarin)
11.45am Responsorial Eucharist
1.15pm Sung Eucharist (Filipino)
5.00pm Festival of Nine Lessons
and Carols

24th December (Tue)

Christmas Eve

4.30 pm Christingle Service
11.00 pm Midnight Mass of the
Nativity and Blessing
of the Crib

25th December (Wed)

Christmas Day

8.00 am Said Eucharist
9.00 am Sung Eucharist
10.30 am Sung Eucharist (Mandarin)
11.45 am Responsorial Eucharist
with Carols
1.15 pm Sung Eucharist (Filipino)
(No evening service)

**Due to the current situation in Hong Kong,
the service schedule is subject to change.*

TICKETS FOR CHRISTMAS EVE MIDNIGHT MASS

24th December (Tue) at 11.00pm

Each Christmas Eve we welcome over 1300 people to our Midnight Mass of the Nativity and the numbers are growing. We will be issuing tickets again this year to ensure that there is a fair distribution to members of the Cathedral congregations and the wider community.

- 1) **Reservation of tickets** can be made by calling the Cathedral Office at 2523 4157, commencing 2nd December (Mon) during office hours. (*Advance booking not accepted.*)
 - the first 200 tickets are reserved for those who have a Stewardship number or members on Electoral Roll.
 - the second batch of 140 tickets are available on a first-come-first-served basis
 - Max. 2 tickets per person or 4 tickets per family.
- 2) Those who have reserved and confirmed their tickets by phone should collect their tickets **within 8 days after confirmation**. These can be picked up during office hours on weekdays; or from 9.00am to 1.30pm on Sundays.

The remaining 100 tickets will be distributed at the main door at 9.00pm on the 24th December.
- 3) On the night (24th December), ticket holders will be admitted from 10.00pm, using the two Transept doors of the Church.
- 4) All ticket holders are requested to be seated by 10.30pm when the Devotion before Midnight Mass begins.
- 5) Any unoccupied seats will be released to non-ticket holders under the supervision of the sidesmen at 10.45pm.
- 6) Overflow provision will be prepared for worshippers in both the Li Hall and the North lawn.

ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL MINISTRY TEAM

Dean: The Very Revd Matthias Der

Clergy Ministry Co-ordinators:

Community Building — The Revd Franklin Lee

Christian Education — The Revd Will Newman
(*Priest-In-Charge of St Stephen's Chapel, Stanley*)

Outreach Ministry — The Revd Mark Rogers
(*Priest-In-Charge of Discovery Bay Church*)

Liturgy and Spirituality — The Revd Robert Martin
(*Priest-In-Charge of Emmanuel Church, Pokfulam*)

Filipino Ministry —
The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre
The Revd Sharon Langbis

Chinese Ministry —
The Revd Canon Peter Koon
The Revd Wu Wai Ho

Honorary Chaplain:

The Revd Jenny Wong Nam

Executive Administrator:

Mrs Viola Ip

Serving the wider community:

SJC Counselling Service
HELP for Domestic Workers
Mission for Migrant Workers
SJC Life Enrichment Centre
Cathedral Bookstore
CLARES/Castaways
Prison Ministry



Information about St John's Cathedral and its ministries can be found on the notice boards and on the website: www.stjohnscathedral.org.hk.

Clergy are here to listen and help. Please feel free to speak to one of them after the services, or make contact during the week: St John's Cathedral, 4-8 Garden Road, Central Tel: 2523 4157

Welcome to St John's Cathedral!

Please complete this form and hand it to one of the Clergy, a Sidesman or the Welcome Table.

Surname: _____

First Name: _____

Name of spouse (if applicable) _____

Names and ages of children (if applicable) _____

E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

Please circle as appropriate:

I attend the 8.00am/9.00am/10.30am/11.45am/2.00pm/6.00pm service.

I am interested in finding out about: Sunday School / Cathedral Choir / CLARES / Baptism & Confirmation / Flower Guild / Sidesman / Servers Guild / Fellowship Group / Stewardship Scheme / Uniformed Group.

Other questions / information: _____

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