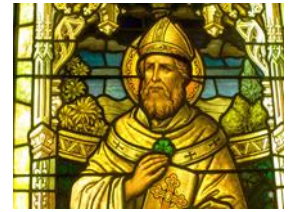




Parish Newsletter

Second Week of Advent (C)



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Dear Parishioners,

Welcome to another Advent Newsletter. As we know very well, this is a time of 'great expectations' as we prepare for and look forward to the blessings of Christmas. Parish-wise, we wait patiently also for new developments and news of 'things to come'. Please pray for the Lord's help in all of this.

Please Pray for our Sick

Eliza Brizzi, Oonagh Foster, Pat Sandham,
Mary Toumaine, Kim Pemberton,
Patrick Nagle, Gertie Jones,
Phillip McGarvey, Toni Whalley,
Maurice Wright and Joe Fleming.

Anniversaries

Winefride Pickup. Sr. Florence, Barbara Butcher,
Catherine Cahill, Arthur Sullivan, Jim Taylor,
Alice Neal, Lucia Davies, Ellen Griffiths,
Sr. Eileen, John Adamson, Joan Tolkein,
And Helen Ravenscroft.

May they Rest in Peace

Mass Intentions

Saturday 4 pm	Downes Ints.
Sunday 10 am	People of the Parish
Monday	Friars and Benefactors
Tuesday	Pantasaph Mass Assoc.
Wednesday	Darlene Letey (Blessings)
Thursday	Jean Love's Ints.
Friday	Capuchin Missionary Assoc.
Saturday am.	Denbigh Foundation

Advent has a two-fold character: it is a time of preparation for the Solemnities of Christmas, in which the First Coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered; and likewise when, by remembrance of this, minds and hearts are led to look forward to Christ's Second Coming at the end of time.

For these two reasons, Advent is a period for devout and expectant delight. (Check out **Catholic Bishop's Conference:** <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/>)

THIS SUNDAY – 2nd Sunday of Advent: Bible Sunday

Old Opening Prayer: God of power and mercy, open our hearts in welcome. Remove the things that hinder us from receiving Christ with joy, so that we may share his wisdom and become one with him when he comes in glory.

Today's Readings : offer the gift of joy, and the invitation to hear and respond to God who is reaching out to draw us ever closer. (Prego)

'Honouring Sunday' (from our own Bishops) – Copies available at back of church)

Bible Sunday (<https://www.godwhospeaks.uk/>)

You can read about the Bible at this website. By following the various links you can access a good variety of associated topics: e.g. Art & Culture-Bible Basics, Education and much more.

Laudato Si' Walking

The main character of this Sunday and the next one is John the Baptist, a living icon of the whole Old Testament, the man who prepares the way for the coming of God. His main characteristic is that he is an "eccentric" person, for his diet – he used to eat grasshoppers – and his clothing, almost like so many strange people we meet in life.

(<https://laudatosimovement.org/2021/11/29/laudato-si-walking-gospel-of-the-2nd-sunday-of-advent/>)

'Be Still and know that I am God' (Psalm 46.10) (Embrace the Quiet)

We are surrounded by so much noise on a daily basis. Some of it is unavoidable, some of it is self-imposed. At times, it's almost as if we're afraid of the quiet, afraid of sitting alone with ourselves without some sort of distraction.

Lord, help us rediscover the beauty of stillness and quiet. Remind us that sometimes when we shut out the noise and sit with ourselves and our thoughts, we can discover great beauty. Inspire us to go inward and remember that silence and all that we can find in it is a gift and a blessing. (<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/pausepray/embrace-the-quiet>)

CAFOD (Please note: World Gifts card are to be found at the back of church)

"Like many women around the world, Garmah in Liberia had no legal rights to her home when her husband died. CAFOD worked with local experts to help her and now Garmah and her children live rightfully and happily together in their family home. "I feel safe, my children have a place to rest their head and I can make a garden to feed them and myself. God sent redeemers to fight for my land rights. I am overfilled with joy." **Thank you for your support** which enables hundreds of women like Garmah remain in their homes during times of struggle. Other examples of our work can be found in our World Gift catalogues or website worldgifts.cafod.org.uk

Nun Tok - *And now for something completely different* (<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/world-59513177>)

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