



Sunday 8th December, 2024

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John's preaching of the coming of the Lord is a key theme of the Advent season. As John's message prepared the way for Jesus, we too are called to prepare ourselves for Jesus' coming. God speaks to us in all sorts of ways, through Scriptures and also through all the events, great and small, that happen to us. Since most of our lives are made up of very ordinary tasks which we must do each day, it is in these especially that the voice of the Lord is to be heard. We are looking forward to Christmas: the Christ we seek to welcome calls us to look forward in the way we live, this is repentance and preparing the way; and he calls us to look forward to his own coming in glory.



We will be celebrating our School Christmas End of Term Mass in Church on Monday 16th December at 9.15am, this will be followed by Carols from each year group throughout the school and refreshments in the Parish Hall. Please come and join us.

St. Joseph's Form Mass . . . St. Joseph's form groups from Our Lady and St. Bede RC School would love to invite you all to a very special Mass. The Mass will take place here in school at 2.20pm on Monday 9th December 2024. All of the pupils in St. Joseph's form groups have prepared this Mass. It will include introduction, readings, reflections and bidding prayers. Our school Praise and Worship group will be leading the music and Fr. Ollie will be celebrating the Mass. We would love to see as many of you as possible at this Mass and we thank you for always showing us your care and support.

Christmas Afternoon Tea . . . On Thursday 12th December we would love to invite you to join us for our Community Advent Afternoon Tea. This will take place in Our Lady and St. Bede School from 2.20pm - 3.20pm in Hall A. There will be lovely food, quiz and games. We would love you to join us for this special afternoon. Please ring school on 0642704970 to book your places with the office staff or email our school Chaplain at welshe@olsb.bhcet.org.uk we look forward to seeing you soon.

Advent Liturgy and Christmas Concert . . . You would be most welcome to join with pupils, staff and the wider community for Our Lady & St Bede's "Advent Liturgy & Christmas Concert" which takes place on Mon 16th and Tues 17th December (6pm start, tickets £1). Pupils will be reflecting on the theme of "We Are One" and all money from ticket sales will be donated to the Significance Charity, set up in 2017 by the late Fr. Dermott Donnelly. All tickets can be purchased online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/ourladyandstbede

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED . . . A number of conscientious volunteers need help to run parish affairs. The majority are ageing and it is time for others to offer their services. They need support!! If you are prepared to help in any way, please put your name on the sheet in the porch. Thank you.

Bernard and Paulene Major invite parishioners to join them in the Parish Centre to celebrate Bernard's 90th Birthday. Please join them for tea, coffee and cakes after the 9.15am Mass on Saturday, 14th December.

2 nd Sunday of Advent			
8	Sunday	9.00am	Jessica Ivy Eales
9	Monday	9.15am 5.30pm	Nicola Holmes Medjugorje Rosary for World Peace
10	Tuesday		
11	Wednesday		
12	Thursday	6.00pm	Rosary & Healing Exposition
13	Friday	9.15am	Mary Speight & Josie Murphy
14	Saturday	9.15am	Thanksgiving 90 years ~ Bernard Major
3 rd Sunday of Advent			
15	Sunday	9.00am	Cain & Joynes Family
Anniversaries:		Alan Riley, Mark Holmes, Sheila Walker, Peter McLouchlin, Helen Genery, Kathleen Ferguson, Thelma Brown, Ron Mazzey	
		Margaret Devlin, Pauline Morton, Mike Rutland, Margaret Kenning, Christopher Brown, Fr. Pat McKenna, Rosie Owens, Andrew Brydon, Betty Griffiths, Rose Marie Bruno, Brian Lee, Kathleen Hanley, Samuel Kiberu, Brian Wetherell, Joyce Thomas	
Reader for Sunday 15 th December – Louise Pope			
Feast Days: 8 th December – The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary; 13 th December ~ St. Lucy; 14 th December ~ St John of the Cross			
For Parish Centre bookings please ring Rebecca on 07514 335003			



Father, the image of the Virgin is found in the Church. Mary had a faith that your Spirit prepared and a love that never knew sin, for you kept her sinless from the moment of her conception. Trace in our actions the lines of her love, in our hearts her readiness of faith. Amen.

As we light the second candle of Advent fill us with a deep and abiding peace. Help us share that peace with everyone we encounter, especially those who need it most.

Today is Bible Sunday. Reading the Bible is an essential part of our Christian life. It is an important way through which, as individuals and as a community, we get to know God and the person of Jesus Christ. The study of His words and actions helps to deepen our relationship with our loving Saviour. Through reflecting on His words we can also learn much about how to reach out to others with God's mercy and love.

Living God, you walk alongside us and speak to us throughout the Scriptures. Your Son, Jesus Christ, listens to our hopes and fears and shows us how to live for one another. Send us the Holy Spirit to open our hearts and minds so that we may be your witnesses throughout the world. Amen



SPUC Club Draw . . . The next SPUC Club Draw will take place next Sunday, 15th December following the 9am Mass. Any outstanding monies can be given to Christine, Maurice or Eileen. Many thanks.



St Patrick's Men's Club invite you to their Christmas Dance featuring 'Striking Back' on Saturday 21st December, 8pm-11pm. Dance the night away or sit and enjoy the music. Please bring your own food and drink, contact Ken Marr to book (01642 602336). Tickets £6.