

THE MESSENGER

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Advent

The Readings for the Second Week of Advent offer both encouragement and challenge during this brief but important season of the Liturgical Year. Recall from last week that the purpose of

this season is reflection on and preparation for the two “comings” of Christ — His coming as a baby on the great Feast of Christmas, and the anticipation of His second coming at the end of time.

Our First Reading, from Baruch, is a wonderful reminder of that God has already triumphed over sin and death and that we, His faithful disciples, will live in the light of His glory one day. “Arise, Jerusalem! Stand upon the heights; look to the east and see your Sons gathered from the West and the East at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that they are remembered by God... For God has commanded that every lofty mountain be made low...that Israel may advance secure in the glory of God... for God is leading Israel in joy by the light of His glory, with His mercy and justice for company.”

Until He comes again, we must remain faithful to Him as true disciples and good stewards of all the gifts He has given us. While it can be tempting to give in to the materialism and calls for self-indulgence that surround us, (ironically more than ever at this time of year), this reading calls us back to the spiritual reality that this life is passing and that we are made for eternal life with God. We are called to prepare for *eternal* life by the way that we use our time, our talents and our treasure *now*.

He cares deeply about this journey of ours and He will give us all the grace and strength we need to stay faithful to Him and continue growing in love and imitation of Christ.

Taken from Catholic Stewardship

PARISH LITURGY

9th December	9.00 am	SB	People of the Parish
	11.00 am	SB	Maureen Burnand RIP
	6.30 pm	SB	John Reid RIP
Mon 10th	12 Noon	HG	Int. Priests of Portsmouth Diocese
Tues 11th	No Mass		
Wed 12th	9.30 am	HG	Mary & Harold Vickers RIP
Thurs 13th	9.30 am	SB	Marie Payne RIP
	12 noon	HG	Requiem Mick Hogan RIP
Fri 14th	9.30 am	HG	Joanna, Seamus, Cyril O'Hanlon RIP
	Adoration after 9.30 am Mass		
	7.30 pm	SB	Pastoral Area Reconciliation Service
Sat 15th	9.30 am	SB	Maureen Hanafee RIP
	Confessions after Mass till 10.30 am		

16th December

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Year C Psalter Week III

9.00 am	SB	Bridget Corr RIP
11.00 am	SB	Salvatore Agro RIP
6.30 pm	SB	People of the Parish



ADVENT HAS BEGUN

Advent has a twofold character: as a time to prepare for Christmas, when the Son of God's first coming to us is remembered; and a second, when that remembrance directs the minds and hearts to await Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. For these

two reasons, the Season of Advent is a period for devout and joyful expectations.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION

Pastoral Area Advent Reconciliation will be here at St. Bede's Church on Friday 14th December at 7.30 pm.

ADVENT BOOKLET

Day by Day books available for £1 each in the Cloister Area.

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA ADVENT MASS

Takes place in Sacred Heart Church, Hook on Thursday 13th December at 7.30 pm. followed by Christmas Carols. Refreshments will be served in the hall afterwards.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

CHRISTMAS EVE (Monday)

5.45 pm Carols
6 pm Vigil Mass
9 pm (Polish Mass at Holy Ghost Church)
9.30 pm Carols
10 pm Mass during the Night



CHRISTMAS DAY (Tuesday)

8 am Mass at Dawn (Quiet Mass)
10 am Mass during the Day
(Church will remain open until 4 pm)

ST. STEPHEN'S DAY (Wednesday)

10.30 am Mass for Altar Servers Intentions



BISHOP PHILIP

Bishop Philip will be Celebrating the 12 noon Mass at Holy Ghost Church on Monday 10th December. All are welcome to attend.

CONVENT

Friday 21st December at 6 pm—There will be Mass in the Convent at Burgess Rd. All are welcome.

CAFOD

We received a letter of 'Thanks' to The Parish for our donation last year of £1,615.17p. which was gratefully received. Through our support, many more villages will have access to clean drinking water. Clean water has power; it can save lives, grow crops and even resolve conflict.

So many thanks to Sheila Farrelly who by her knitting of baby clothes and raffle raised an amazing £263.90p. for Water Aid.



DIARY:

Sunday 9th Dec: Music: 9 am Choir: 11 am Popley: 6.30 pm Quiet

Refreshments after the 9 am Mass
Repository open after all Masses

Mon 10th: Word of God Convent 7.30 pm

Tues 11th: Toddler group meet SB 1.30—3.15 pm

Wed 12th: Choir practice SB 7.30 pm

Thurs 13th: Repository open 9.00—3.15 pm

Fri 14th: Confirmation Session SB 6.30 pm

Sunday 16th Dec There will be refreshments after the 11 am Mass with mince pies.... If you can bring some mince pies along that would be perfect. All proceeds are going towards the Night Shelter.

CRIB

Our beautiful Crib was installed last weekend. We encourage you to bring your children along to see the Crib, it is a good opportunity to chat about Christmas and the Birth of Jesus. We would ask however, that you do not allow your child to touch the Crib, we were saddened to arrive on Monday morning to see that the crib has been 'played' with. It is not designed to be played with, but is an 'aid' to prayer.



WINTER SHELTER

Thank you everyone who responded to the lifeline appeal for items to be donated to the night shelter. Once again this year, your generosity was truly overwhelming. All the items will be put to very good use by the rough sleepers, we are hosting in the shelter until the end of Feb 2019. Numbers of guests are gradually building up, and we are seeing at least 10 people, both men and women, come through the door every night at Key House for a warm meal, social company, a warm, dry bed and a breakfast. This week we had a volunteer podiatrist come into the shelter to tend to the feet of the guests, which was greatly appreciated. Thank you also to the fantastic response we got to the appeal for home cooks. There are now 30 people (women & men) on the rota, preparing and cooking lovely meals. Do continue to pray for the ongoing work of the of the winter shelter, as we strive to show God's love through the work of the volunteers hosting some of the most disadvantaged people in our town.

FUNERAL

Requiem for Mick Hogan RIP on Thursday 13th December in Holy Ghost Church at 12 noon.

Requiem for Martin Tomkins RIP on Tuesday 18th December in Holy Ghost Church at 12 noon. We remember their Families and Friends at this sad time.

COLLECTIONS

Parish Collection last week amounted to £2,523.31. Grateful thanks. blessings upon you.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:

There will be a second collection for Christmas Flowers next weekend (16th Dec).