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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Year A

30 - 1 December 2019

"I rejoiced when I heard them say: let us go to God's house"

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ADVENT REFLECTION

Advent looks back to the first coming of Christ in the stable at Bethlehem. We look back in order to look forward to the second coming on the clouds of glory. Thus Christmas is not sterile memorial of a thing past and gone, but effectual preparation for what is to come. The great symbol of Advent is the Advent wreath through which we witness the increase of light. Candles are lit in ever greater number in growing expectation of the End. Advent is an extended meditation on the mystery of time. We look back to the moment of the incarnation, in order to see the meaning of the flow of the events of human history towards their fulfilment. Assessing the importance of human events in this light gives hope even in the face of disaster and the failures of our politicking which are thereby set in their proper perspective.

PRAYER BEFORE THE ADVENT WREATH:

Father in heaven, Our hearts desire the warmth of your love
and our minds are searching for the light of your Word.

Increase our longing for Christ our Saviour and give us the strength to grow in love,
that the dawn of his coming may find us rejoicing in his presence
and welcoming the light of his truth; Our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you,
for ever and ever, **Amen**

Mass Times and Intentions for This Week

Saturday	30	Feast of St Andrew, Apostle	10.00 am	Holy Mass	Harper Family † (L. Harper)
Saturday	30	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	6.00 pm	Holy Mass	People of the Parish
Sunday	1	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	10.00 am	Holy Mass	Rev. Dom Nicholas Broadbridge, OSB †
Monday	2	Advent feria	12 noon	Holy Mass	Deceased members of Graney & Nolan Families
Tuesday	3	Memorial of St Francis Xavier, Priest	9.15 am	Holy Mass School Mass Y5	Maura Smith † (Lynne Harper)
Wednesday	4	St John Damascene, Priest Doctor of the Church	9.15 am	Holy Mass	Sacharias Periera (Philip Graney)
Thursday	5	Feast of St Birinus, Bishop	9am 6.45pm 7.00 pm	Exposition Benediction Holy Mass	Maise Wood †
Friday	6	St Nicholas, Bishop	9.15 am	Eucharistic Service	
Saturday	7	St Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor of the Church	10.00 am	Holy Mass	Private Intention (P. Kirton)
Saturday	7	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	6.00 pm	Holy Mass	People of the Parish
Sunday	8	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	10.00 am	Holy Mass	Eileen Higgins † (Pat Fenwick)

Parish Office Opening hours this week

Monday	Closed
Tuesday	09.30 – 13.30
Wednesday	08.30 – 10.30
Thursday	Closed
Friday	10.00 – 13.00

This Sunday 1 December

To celebrate the beginning of Advent, there will be a **Christmas crib making workshop** for families after 10.00 am Mass this Sunday. Each family can make some crib figures to display in their homes during Advent and Christmas.

Parish Magazine The Advent issue is now available at the back of church. Be sure to get your copy.

Missio would like to thank the parishioners of St Joseph's for a donation of £225.43 which we collected on the World Mission Sunday.

CAFOD wishes to thank our parishioners for the donations of £2,740.22, total amount of Harvest Fast donations.

Sharing Personal Experiences of Trip to Malawi

Fr. David Hartley, of St Joseph's Church in Thame, Oxford, was one of those who joined Fr Naz in the Malawi celebrations of the 40th anniversary of ordination. He will share his personal experience of his trip to Malawi on **Tuesday 3rd December at 7.30pm** in the McEnnis Room. This will be part of The Journey in Faith this week.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES

St Joseph's School (for children of the School)
Tuesday, 3rd December at 1.00pm

St Joseph's Church, Malvern: Sunday, 8th December
at 5pm

The Most Holy Trinity, Ledbury: Friday, 13th
December at 7.00pm

Our Blessed Lady & St Alphonsus, Blackmore Park:
Sunday, 15th December at 3.00pm

If you know of **anyone who is housebound** and wants to receive communion please contact the Parish Office.

We need more Eucharistic ministers who are willing to carry out the ministry of taking communion to those who are housebound. If you are able to help with this please contact the parish office or Fr Naz. Thank you.

SPECIAL PARISH ADVENT EVENT

The Amazon synod WHAT was it?

WHY is it important?

Initial answers can be found in the Parish Magazine.

But that's not the whole story!

To find out more, come to a joint CAFOD/One World Group meeting on **Wednesday 18th December at 7.00 pm in the McEnnis Room**

Ministers' Rota The new winter Ministers' rota is now out in the Narthex. If you have any corrections or other comments please email them to rota@hoodie.net

Further ahead diary dates...

Wed 4 December at 2.30pm Great Malvern Priory will have a short Dementia Friendly Carol Service lasting about 40 minutes followed by refreshments.

Wednesday 11 December 7pm in the McEnnis room The art of the Christmas card. Looking at how sacred art in Christmas Cards celebrates the truth of God becoming man for us at Christmas. A presentation followed by seasonal refreshments

Friday 13 December at 10am and 5pm The School would like to invite parishioners to their carol services

Saturday 14 December 7.30 pm St Leonard's Chapel, Newland, Colwall Community Choir Christmas Concert. See Anne Lewis or just turn up on the night.

Sunday 22 December at 4pm Candlelit parish carol service.

Sunday 8th December: General Election Hustings from 2.30-4.30pm at Lansdowne Crescent Methodist Church on behalf of Churches Together in Malvern. Questions for the four candidates in West Worcestershire should be submitted at the door or after the candidates' initial presentations.

Lansdowne Crescent Methodist Church. **Saturday 7 December – 3pm 'Auction of Promises'** in aid of Malvern Welcomes to assist in resettling refugees in the Malvern Area. All are welcome to attend and to bid. If you feel able to add to the promises already made, please contact Tony Vere (01684 578222; tony.ver@btinternet.com). The deadline for promises is 12 noon Wednesday 4th December.

Current shortages at Malvern Hills Food Bank are: Size 5 and size 6 nappies, washing up liquid, kitchen towels, washing powder all sizes, surface cleaners, baby wipes, toilet rolls, j cloths, men's and ladies toiletries, squash 1l size, sugar, UHT milk, jars of coffee, tins of potatoes, tins of corned beef, tins of mince and other meats, tins of fish. Thank you!

The ecumenical intention this week is for St Wulstan's Church, Little Malvern Fr. Edward Crouzet. The emergency services - police, fire brigade and ambulance staff. On World Aids Day, all those suffering from HIV/AIDS, those who treat them and those who fight against it.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: The sick and housebound of St Joseph's parish, including: Anne Wiseman, Martin Burger, Monika Hill, Barbara Innes, Raymond Bree, Nicholas Ratcliff, Ellen Verdul, Jonah Willis, Ann O'Donoghue, Anna Tyack, Anne-Marie Elder, Jessica. We include all those in hospitals, nursing homes and their own homes. Our Lady, Health of the sick, pray for them.