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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Year C

4 to 5 December 2021

REFLECTION

Baruch 5: 1-9 Psalm 126: 1-6 Philipians 1:4-6, 8-11 Luke 3:1-6

Today's Psalm paints a dreamlike scene—a road filled with liberated captives heading home to Zion (Jerusalem), mouths filled with laughter, tongues rejoicing. Remembering that “the Lord has done great things” in the past, the psalmist is making an act of faith and hope—that God will come to Israel in its present need, that He'll do even greater things in the future. This is what the Advent readings are all about: We recall God's saving deeds—in the history of Israel and in the coming of Jesus. Our remembrance is meant to stir our faith, to fill us with confidence that, as today's Epistle puts it, “the one who began a good work in [us] will continue to complete it” until He comes again in glory. The lessons of salvation history should teach us that, as God again and again delivered Israel, in His mercy, He will free us from our attachments to sin if we turn to Him in repentance. That's the message of John, introduced in today's Gospel as the last of the great prophets. But John is greater than the prophets. He's preparing the way not only for a new redemption of Israel but for the salvation of “all flesh”.

Masses, Services & Intentions

Sat	04	Advent Feria	10.00am	Livestreamed	Eileen Richardson † (Pauline Kirton)
Sat	04	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	6.00pm	Not Livestreamed	Terry Evans † (Fr Naz)
Sun	05	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	10.00am	Livestreamed	People of the Parish
Sun	05	SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION	3.00pm		Our Lady & St Alphonsus, Blackmore Park
Mon	06	Advent Feria	12.00 noon	Livestreamed	Private Intention (Pauline Kirton)
Tue	07	Memorial of St Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor of the Church	9:15am	Not Livestreamed	Angela McQuaid † (Colette Phelps)
Wed	08	THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY		Private Mass	
Thu	09	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10:00am to 6:45pm	In Church	
Thu	09	Advent Feria	7.00pm	Livestreamed	Annie Pappachan † (Abhilash Pappachan)
Fri	10	Advent Feria	9.15am	Not Livestreamed	Eugenia Pereira Lobato † (Carlinia Goncalves)
Fri	10	SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION	7pm		St Joseph's
Sat	11	Advent Feria	10.00am	Livestreamed	Vasili Kalisperas – Healing (Pauline Kirton)
Sat	11	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT	6.00pm	Not Livestreamed	Terry Evans † (Craig Family)
Sun	12	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT	10.00am	Livestreamed	People of the Parish

HOLY MASSES AT ST JOSEPH'S is livestreamed via YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCq9QGYz7Cm mPDRxzmT ttow>

1127 6987 Passcode: 433646

The sanctuary and some front row seats are shown on camera but the rest of the church is not on camera.

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

ADVENT BIBLE STUDIES to explore each Advent Sunday Gospel ...before you go to Sunday Mass! 5 Weekly Sessions

Delivered by Mauro Iannicelli (Five Wednesday evenings)
24 Nov | 1 Dec | 8 Dec | 15 Dec | 22 Dec (7-8pm UK Time)

FREE LIVE

Mauro Iannicelli will walk you through the Advent Sunday Gospel. You will experience Sunday Mass during Advent in a new way. Register at: www.comeandsee.org

The new **Family Activity Pages for Advent** are now available on St Joseph's website: https://www.stjosephsmalvern.org/j/images/Documents/Advent_2021_Family_Activities.pdf. Please share widely.

SERVICES OF RECONCILIATION

There will be two **Services of Reconciliation**: one at **Blackmore Park on Sun 5th Dec at 3pm** and another at **St Joseph's on Fri 10th Dec at 7pm**. There will be two priests at each service.

Fr Naz hears **confession** in the Aldwin Room from 10:30am until 11am on Saturdays or by appointment.

GOSPEL SHARE on Fridays at 7.30pm.

To join the Zoom Meeting click on this link: <https://zoom.us/j/98111276987?pwd=SlZrYSs1ai9FVH YrbU5OcHYyYW9vQT09>

Meeting ID: 981 1127 6987 Passcode: 433646

Synodal Pathway Please complete a Synodal Pathway Questionnaire. Copies are available on the parish website or from the back of church. We would be grateful if all parishioners completed the questionnaire and returned it to the parish office by 1st Jan 2023.

Please collect a **FREE copy of the Sower** from the Narthex. There is an article on page xx about the Carlo Acutis Exhibition at St Joseph's this past summer.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Carol Service	Sat 19 th Dec at 4pm	No Booking Required
Family Mass Christmas Eve	Fri 24 th Dec at 4pm	Booking Required
Christmas Vigil	Fri 24 th Dec at 9pm (carols from 8:30pm)	Booking Required
Christmas Day	Sat 25 th Dec at 10am	Booking Required

Book your seat for Christmas Mass. In an effort to keep everyone safe and well this Christmas, we will be taking bookings for Christmas Masses. Please fill in a booking form (available at the back of church during Masses) and email, post or drop it off to the Parish Office by 19 Dec.

Please pray for our seminarians as they continue their training.

On the 5th of each month we pray for Jithin Titto.

On the 7th of each month we pray for Dave Bench.

PLEASE PRAY FOR the sick & housebound of St Joseph's parish: *Clare Gray, Michael Nealon, Arthur & Irma Bevan, Anne Wiseman, Martin Burger, Raymond Bree, Nicholas Ratcliff, Anne-Marie Elder, Margaret Coleman and Jessica. We include all those in hospitals, nursing homes & their own homes. Our Lady, health of the sick, pray for them. Amen*

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Diana Hill†, Eileen Richardson's†, Dee Armstrong† and Pam Taylor†.

100+ CLUB WINNERS IN NOVEMBER

1 st Prize	£90	Alf Teuma
2 nd Prize	£45	Raymond Bree
3 rd Prize	£45	Georgina Sturgeon
4 th Prize	£22.50	Mrs & Mrs D. Taylor
5 th Prize	£22.50	Michael Knivett

Please collect a FREE copy of the Sower from the Narthex. The "My Favourite Saint" feature on p. 22 is about Blessed Carlo Acutis and parishioners may recognise Anne Harris and Charlotte Carver from St Wulstan's.

LIFT NEEDED. A parishioner in WR14 1LG (Tanhouse Lane) would appreciate a lift to Mass for 10am Sunday or 6pm Saturday. If you can help, please contact the Parish Office on 01684 574 250.

Dom Bendan Thomas leads Belmont Abbey's online and in person retreats during Advent. Visit: <https://www.belmontabbey.org.uk/the-road-to-bethlehem>

This week there will be a second collection for the Poor Parishes of the Diocese.