



# Parish of Saint Joseph

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## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

5 December – 6 December 2020

### REFLECTION ON THE SEASON OF ADVENT



**Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11**

**Psalms 85: 9-15**

**2 Peter 3:8-14**

**Mark 1: 1-8**

A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord....' John the Baptist quotes Isaiah's prophecy, to show that all of Israel's history looks forward to the revelation of Jesus. In Jesus, God has filled in the valley that divided sinful humanity from Himself. He has done all this not for humanity in the abstract but for each of us. The long history of salvation has led us to this Eucharist, in which our God again comes and our salvation is near. And each of us must hear in today's readings a personal call. Here is your God, Isaiah says. Like all Judea and all the people of Jerusalem in the Gospel, we have to go out to Him, repenting our sins, all the laziness and self-indulgence that make our lives a spiritual wasteland. We have to straighten out our lives so that everything we do leads us to Him. Today, let us hear the beginning of the Gospel and again commit ourselves to lives of holiness and devotion.

#### Masses and Intentions for This Week

Sat	05	Our Lady on Saturday	10.00 am	Holy Mass	People of the Parish
Sat	05	<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	<b>6.00 pm</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Stan Williams † (L Harper)
Sun	06	<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Jim Harper † (L Harper)
Mon	07	Memorial of St Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor of the Church	12 noon Funeral	Holy Mass	Funeral of Ellen Verdult †
Tue	08	<b>Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>	12 noon	Holy Mass	Manuel Ribeiro Moniz †
Wed	09	Advent Feria		Private Mass	
Thur	10	Exposition	9:30am- 6:45 pm	Aldwin Room	
Thur	10	Advent Feria	7.00 pm	Holy Mass	Deceased Members of the Manjarrez Family †
Fri	11	Advent Feria	9.15 am	Holy Mass	Deceased Members of the Walker Family †
Sat	12	Advent Feria	10.00 am	Holy Mass	Marian Longstaff † (Anniversary)
Sat	12	<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	<b>6.00 pm</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b>	People of the Parish
Sun	13	<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Thanksgiving (T & B Jennymon)
Sun	13	<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>		<b>Holy Mass</b>	Family Mass for First Communion Candidates

**HOLY MASS FROM ST JOSEPH'S is livestreamed via YouTube except for Wednesday and Saturday evening:**  
**<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCq9QGYz7CmmPDRxzmT ttow>**



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## 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**

**Ellen Vedult's Funeral will be on Monday, Dec 7 at 12 noon.** If you are planning to attend, please email Mary Verdult ([maryverdult@btinternet.com](mailto:maryverdult@btinternet.com)) to confirm that there is space and to let her know your details for contact tracing purposes. Thank you.



## First Holy Communion Programme

- Zoom Meeting on Saturday, 12 December, at 4pm on how to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
- Sunday, 13 December, First Reconciliation for First Holy Communion Candidates (Group A) at 3:30pm in Church.
- Family Mass for groups A & B at 4:15pm on Sunday, 13 December, in Church.

**We are planning a Carol Service Sunday, December 20** this year which will be a livestream event (other than for those with a role in it). If you would like to take part by reading, singing, or playing an instrument, contact Edd ([edd.hogan@marsh.com](mailto:edd.hogan@marsh.com)) or Carol Ann ([carolann2711@gmail.com](mailto:carolann2711@gmail.com)).

### Christmas Services

#### Christmas Masses are planned as follows:

Christmas Eve	4.30 pm	Outdoor Family Mass
Christmas Eve	8.30 pm	Christmas Vigil Mass
Christmas Day	8:00 am	Christmas Day Mass
Christmas Day	10.00 am	Christmas Day Mass

**Booking Christmas Mass** To make sure everything is safe, runs smoothly and no one is turned away, we ask that everyone who wishes to attend one of the Christmas Masses book a place.

**From Monday Dec 7** parishioners may book a Mass by contacting the Parish Office by either phone on 01684 574 250 or email ([stjoseph.malvern@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:stjoseph.malvern@rcaob.org.uk)). Please tell us:

the number of people in your party \_\_\_\_\_  
the number of children under 11 years of age \_\_\_\_\_  
the names of everyone in your party \_\_\_\_\_  
and a contact number \_\_\_\_\_

We will note the date and time of your email or phone booking and book in the order requests are received. We will then call or email to confirm.

**NB** Outdoor Children's Mass will accommodate up to 100 people in up to 50 family bubbles and indoor Masses will accommodate up to 35 people.

**Many thanks to all our event organisers & helpers.**

### MAKE AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

If you cannot attend Mass, you may make an Act of Spiritual Communion by saying:

*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.*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR the souls of the recently deceased:** Edmund Butcher, son of Michael Butcher, John Cole, father to Susan van Ling, and Ellen Verdult, mother to Mary and John. Eternal rest grant unto them, O, Lord. May they rest in peace. *Amen*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR the sick & housebound of St Joseph's parish:** Anne Wiseman, Martin Burger, Raymond Bree, Nicholas Ratcliff, Jonah Willis, Anne-Marie Elder, and Jessica. We include all those in hospitals, nursing homes & their own homes. Our Lady, Health of the sick, pray for them. *Amen*

### Prayer for the End of the Pandemic

Almighty and merciful Father, You show your love to all your creation.

We come before You asking for an end to the pandemic currently ravaging our world.

Hear graciously the prayers we make for those affected by the virus.

Grant healing to the sick, eternal life to the dead and consolation to bereaved families.

We thank You for the recent vaccine developments and pray that vaccines may be delivered safely, effectively and ethically to all who need them.

We pray for governments and health authorities to take appropriate steps for the good of all their people. Look upon us in your mercy and forgive us our failings.

*Amen.*

**Confession.** In the absence of an Advent Penitential Service, Fr Naz will hear confession in the Aldwin Room on Saturday during Advent from 10:30 to 11am. On arrival, please take a seat in church and a steward will direct you to the Aldwin Room in order of arrival.

**Anointing of the sick.** To arrange an anointing please phone Fr Naz on 01684 574 250.

**The St Joseph's Cleaning Team** is looking for new recruits to help keep the church looking its best for everyone. If you can give a couple of hours every few weeks, please contact Mary-Rose Hughes on [Maryrose.hughes@gmail.com](mailto:Maryrose.hughes@gmail.com).

**The Parish Christmas Appeal** for One World Group projects launches next weekend.

**This week there will be a Second Collection for the Poor Parishes of the Diocese.**