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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Year A

7 – 8 December 2019

'In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails.'

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TAKING ON THE ROLE OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

John the Baptist is the central figure in our thoughts this week. He prepared the way for the people of his time to understand the good news of their salvation. That is the way God normally works; He sends the message of salvation to us through each other. As St Paul once put it, how can people know the truth about God if they have never heard it; and how can they hear if nobody is sent to them? How do we touch the lives of others and what influence do we have on them?

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	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)
Monday	9	SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION	12 noon	Holy Mass	Susan Mgunge †
Tuesday	10	Advent feria	9.15 am	Holy Mass	Marian Longstaff † (Liz & Chris Burger)
Wednesday	11	Memorial of St Damasus	9.15 am	Eucharistic Service	
Thursday	12	Our Lady of Guadalupe	9am 6.45pm 7.00 pm	Exposition Benediction Holy Mass	Dennis Murphy (Rita McGroarty)
Friday	13	St Lucy, Virgin and Martyr	9.15 am	Holy Mass	
Saturday	14	St John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor of the Church	10.00 am	Holy Mass	Mary Ferguson & Bill Grubb † (Bill Ferguson)
Saturday	14	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT	6.00 pm	Holy Mass	Paul Wright (Cecilia Wright)
Sunday	15	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT	10.00 am	Holy Mass	People of the Parish

Parish Office Opening hours this week

Monday	Closed
Tuesday	10.00 – 13.00
Wednesday	13.00 – 16.00
Thursday	08.30 – 11.30
Friday	10.00 – 13.00

Fr Naz will be on leave from Thursday 26th December until Wednesday 8th January.

CRIB RAFFLE FOR MPONDA CHURCH, FR. NAZ'S PARISH IN MALAWI Congratulations to Margaret Rank who won the crib in the raffle draw last Sunday. The raffle and the sale of the other two crib sets made over £280.

On Sunday 22 December at 4pm there will be Candlelit St Joseph's parish carol service.

The Thursday Group have their Christmas lunch on Wednesday December 11th at 12 midday for 12.30 pm at the Golf Club.

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

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES

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.

Church Cleaners Needed Are you available to be part of a cleaning team for the church once a month? We are short of cleaners and need help looking after our lovely church. Please contact the Parish Office if you can help.

Funeral Forms are available in the narthex. Please take a form if you wish to plan your funeral. You may just keep the forms at home or hand them in to the parish if you wish the parish to keep them for 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**

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.

2020 YEAR of the WORD: "The God who Speaks"

The year-long celebration will serve to commemorate two important anniversaries of Scripture's role in the life of the Church. First, 2020 marks the tenth anniversary of Pope Benedict XVI's Apostolic Exhortation, *Verbum Domini*. The year will also mark the 1600th anniversary of the death of St Jerome, whose Latin Vulgate translation of the Bible would serve the Western Church until the end of the last century.

Worcester Passion Play on Good Friday 10 April 2020.

If you would like to be involved in this Passion Play, please see the Information packs up in the Narthex. The organisers are hoping that groups from each parish would join the project. It is necessary to register interest soon and there are many ways you may take part. For further information please see joinin@onegoodfriday.com, facebook /Worcspassion, twitter @Worcspassion.

An update and current shortages at Malvern Hills Food Bank:

Lots of firms have collected goodies for the Food Bank and on Friday 94 Christmas Hampers have been prepared. People are so kind and generous. We just ask and we get! Someone in our parish of St Joseph's left lots of advent calendars – thank you! The calendars have made some children very happy. **Shortages at this time are:** jars of coffee, pasta sauce, tinned meat, tinned custard, tinned potatoes, tinned peas and carrots, size 5 and size six nappies, baby wipes, men's and ladies toiletries, men's shaving cream, men's razors.

The ecumenical intention this week is for: Medical and dental surgeries, doctors, dentists, nurses, surgery reception staff, district nurses, midwives, health visitors.

Today there is a second collection for the Poor Parishes in the Diocese.

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.