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THIRD & FOURTH WEEKS OF ADVENT

Sunday Readings For Year C. Divine Office Week 3 & 4

PUBLIC MASS AND LITURGY TIMES 11TH - 26TH DECEMBER

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| Saturday | 11 th | Third Sunday of Advent | 6:00pm | Vigil Mass | Steve Ellis & Staff of St Petrocs |
| Sunday | 12 th | | 8:30am | Mass | Anne & Gerry Cassidy RIP |
| | | | 10:30am | Mass | The Parish |
| Wednesday | 15 th | | 6:00pm | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament | |
| | | | 6:45pm | Mass | Betty Dooley RIP |
| Thursday | 16 th | | 12:00noon | Mass | George Mayhew RIP |
| Friday | 17 th | O Sapientia | 10:30am | Mass | Christine Winifred Coughlan |
| Saturday | 18 th | Fourth Sunday In Advent | 6:00pm | Vigil Mass | Tom Alderman RIP |
| Sunday | 19 th | | 8:30am | Mass | The Parish |
| | | | 10:30am | Mass | Sally Wilson RIP |
| Wednesday | 22 nd | O Rex Gentium | 6:00pm | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament | |
| | | | 6:45pm | Mass | Mary McLaughlin RIP |
| Thursday | 23 rd | O Emmanuel | 12:00noon | Mass | Mgr. Noel Mullins RIP |
| Friday | 24 th | The Nativity of Our Lord | 4:30pm | Crib Service | |
| | | | 9:00pm | Mass in the Night | Joyce Healey RIP |
| Saturday | 25 th | | 8:30am | Mass of the Dawn | The Homeless |
| | | | 10:30am | Mass of the Day | The Parish |
| Sunday | 26 th | Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph | 10:30am | Mass | Booth & Walker Families RIP |

CONFESSIONS –SATURDAYS AT 5: 15PM OR BY APPOINTMENT.

An extended time of spiritual direction and confession in preparation for Christmas with Fr. John Guest and Fr. Michael at 5pm Saturday 18th December

FROM FATHER MICHAEL

“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say rejoice. Indeed the Lord is near.”

What is the Catholic Religion? The worship of God and the celebration of the Sacraments? A life of regular and devout prayer? Trying to live a virtuous and moral life? Evangelising, instructing and teaching?

Pope Francis has given us a new word, which in a sense sums up the essence of the Catholic religion:

Synodality, which can be translated as walking together. God walks with us in Jesus. We are to walk with one another in the Church and indeed with people everywhere.

St John the Baptist is telling us to get ready for this meeting and encounter. "The Lord is near". This is what the Eucharist is, a meeting with the Lord and a meeting with one another.

At the first meeting of our newly restored Parish Pastoral Council a couple of weeks ago we did begin to do some of this walking together in a very specific and intimate way, by listening to each other's faith stories.

Where this journeying is going to take us is in the hands of the Holy Spirit!

SUNDAY 19TH DECEMBER 9:45AM "SUNDAY SCHOOL" – for children and their families preparing for First Holy Communion in the Cuthbert Mayne Room. Our theme is the Blessed Virgin Mary.

MESSAGE FROM THE PARISH TREASURER

I would like to take this opportunity to remind us all to consider thanking Father Michael for his pastoral care during what has been yet another challenging year. A Christmas Offering is one way of doing this as any donation goes direct to our Parish Priest. Donations can be given in a number of ways:

1.) A bank transfer to PRC DTR St Augustine's RC Parish, Sort code 54-41 -12, Account no. 03422380, please ensure that Christmas Offering is the reference provided. 2.) Through the Christmas Offering Envelopes. 3.) A cash donation in the Mass donation box. 4.) Contactless payment using the contactless device in the narthex. 5.) To Gift Aid cash payments please use the one off Gift Aid envelopes in the narthex. I would like to wish everyone a merry Christmas and a safe, peaceful and Happy New Year. Rob Kendall. Parish Treasurer.

THE ADVENT GIVING TREE – this provides support for St Petrocs who care for the homeless and the Devon and Cornwall Refugee and Asylum Seekers Centre. Please take gift request or donation envelope and return it as appropriate.

ENTRANCE HYMN FOR ADVENT 3

Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice.

Rejoice, rejoice, and again I say rejoice.

RESPONSE TO PSALM

Sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

1.) Hills of the north, rejoice;
river and mountain spring,
hark to the advent voice;
valley and lowland, sing;
though absent long, your Lord is nigh;
he judgment brings and victory.

2.) Isles of the southern seas,
deep in your coral caves
pent be each warring breeze,
lulled be your restless waves:
he comes to reign with boundless sway,
and makes your wastes his great highway.

3.) Lands of the East, awake,
soon shall your sons be free;
the sleep of ages break,
and rise to liberty.
On your far hills, long cold and grey,
has dawned the everlasting day.

4.) Shores of the utmost West,
ye that have waited long,
unvisited, unblest,
break forth to swelling song;
high raise the note, that Jesus died,
yet lives and reigns, the Crucified.

5.) Shout, while ye journey home;
songs be in every mouth;
lo, from the North we come,
from East, and West, and South.
city of God, the bond are free,
we come to live and reign in thee!

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK and especially:- Emma, Katie Lomas, Tim Whitehead, Dolores Buscombe, Frances, Rene, David Nugent, Fintan, Helen Ledwidge, Yvonne Bradbury, Sally Tabb, Cynthia Rosevear, Angela Alderman, Jesus Mauri-Oria, Joseph Poole, Pauline Pallet, Val Cain, Pauline Abdey, Fred Abraham, Sylvia Austin, Brendan Bowe, Teiaia Bradbury, Paul Briscoe, James & Margaret Clapp, Sue Dugmore, Suzi Hill, Teresita Hill, Carmen Matthews, Sarah Mitchell, Mary O'Brien, June Parsons, Edwina Porter-Duncan, Sylvia Ryan, Amanda Stickney, Paddy Wellington, Pauline Whitford. Rev Howard Flint, Rev David White, Gerry & Daniel Good.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED: Michael Pearce.

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