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SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

Sunday Readings For Year C. Divine Office Week 2

PUBLIC MASS AND LITURGY TIMES 4TH – 12TH DECEMBER

Saturday	4th		6:00pm	Vigil Mass	Maureen Franklin RIP
Sunday	5th	Second Sunday in Advent	8:30am	Mass	The Parish
			10:30am	Mass	Pat Carsey RIP
			11:45am	Burial of Ashes of Pat Carsey	
Wednesday	8th	Immaculate Conception	6:00pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
			6:45pm	Mass	Elana Clancy RIP
Thursday	9th		12:00noon	Mass	Eamon Megan RIP
Friday	10th		10:10am	Morning Prayer	
			10:30am	Mass	Julia & Robert Wescombe & Frances Pudifoot RIP
			9:30pm	Prayer Vigil for the Homeless	
Saturday	11th	Third Sunday of Advent	6:00pm	Vigil Mass	Steve Ellis & Staff of St Petrocs
Sunday	12th		8:30am	Mass	Anne & Gerry Cassidy RIP
			10:30am	Mass	The Parish

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

The Second Sunday of Advent is the Sunday of John the Baptist proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And as it says in Isaiah "A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight." But this repentance, this turning to God is not all doom and gloom. "Jerusalem take off your dress of sorrow and distress, put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever." Turning to God and confessing our sins is a wonderful and joyful thing.

The Immaculate Conception which we celebrate on Wednesday 8th December is one of the defining dogmas of the Catholic Church.

O God, who by the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin prepared a worthy dwelling for your Son, grant, we pray, that as you preserved her from every stain by virtue of the Death of your Son, which you foresaw, so, through her intercession, we, too may be cleansed and admitted to your presence. Through Christ our Lord.

On Friday 10th we have a prayer vigil for the homeless – all are welcome – do come along and demonstrate our prayerful solidarity and concern. We can also show our support through the Giving Tree. "My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more..."

CATECHISM CHRISTMAS PARTY – WEDNESDAY 8TH DECEMBER 4:30-6:00PM

We hope that as many children from the catechism groups will be able to come and join in the fun. There will be games, tea and a small disco for everyone to enjoy. If young siblings would like to come they are most welcome but under 6's must be accompanied by an adult. If parents could provide a small amount of food to share that would be much appreciated.

MEGAVISSEY MALE VOICE CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT 7:30pm Saturday 11th December

Entrance by ticket only (£6:00) available from George Phillips.

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.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES :

Friday 24th December Christmas Eve

4:30pm Crib Service

9:00pm Mass in the Night

Saturday 25th Christmas Day

8:30am Mass of the Dawn

10:30am Mass of the Day

Sunday 26th The Holy Family

10:30am Mass

ENTRANCE HYMN

1. Hark! A herald voice is calling:

'Christ is nigh' it seems to say;

'cast away the dreams of darkness,
waken children of the day!'

2. Startled at the solemn warning,

let the earth-bound soul arise;

Christ, her sun, all sloth dispelling,
shines upon the morning skies.

3. Lo! The Lamb, so long expected,

comes with pardon down from heaven;

let us meet him with repentance,

pray that we may be forgiven.

4. So when next he comes with glory,

wrapping all the earth in fear,

may he then as our Defender

on the clouds of heav'n appear.

5. Honour, glory, praise and blessing,

to the Father and the Son,

with the everlasting Spirit,

while unending ages run.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

1. The voice of God goes out to all the world;

His glory speaks across the universe.

The great King's herald cries from star to star:

With power, with justice, he will walk his way.

2. Give glory to the mystery revealed,

the voice of God, His image and His Word

His word of peace, the image of His grace:

With pow'r, with justice, he will walk His way.

3. The Lord has said: 'Receive my messenger,

my promise to the world, my pledge made flesh,

a lamp to every nation, light from light':

With pow'r, with justice, he will walk his way.

4. The broken reed he will not trample down,

nor set his heel upon the dying flame.

He binds the wounds, and health is in his hand:

With pow'r, with justice, he will walk his way.

5. Anointed with the Spirit and with power,

he comes to crown with comfort all the weak,

To show the face of justice to the poor:

With pow'r, with justice, he will walk his way.

6. His touch will bless the eyes that darkness held,

the lame shall run, the halting tongue shall sing,

and prisoners laugh in light and liberty:

With pow'r, with justice, he will walk his way.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK and especially:- 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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED: Michael Pearce and May Peel.