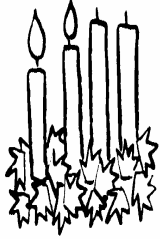


Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception and St Joseph

The First Sunday of Advent
6th December 2009



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ADVENT

Please note that we do not have flowers on the Altars or around the Church during Advent. It is a time of simplicity and waiting. The celebrations will come later!
During this time of the year, we are asked to pray for these intentions: Openness to the Word of God; Migrants and Refugees; Expectant Mothers.

CALLING ALL APF RED BOX HOLDERS!

As we move into Advent it is time to have a collection for the APF red box holders in the parish. At the back of the church is a box containing envelopes with the names and addresses of all the APF box holders in the parish. Please take home the APF envelope with your name and address on, fill it with the contents of your APF box, and return it to the Parish Office next Sunday.

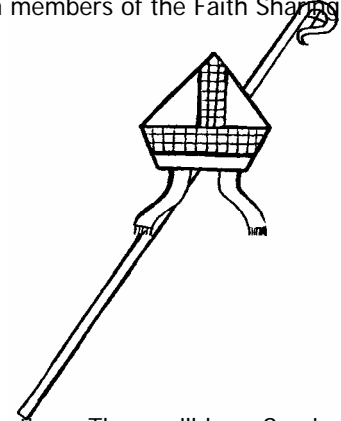
The APF is the charity that helps Catholic missionaries to continue to work in countries across the world. We thank you for all the money you give to this important work. If you have any questions please contact Terry O'Sullivan on Tel No: 01992 444 642.

BISHOP STACK'S PARISH VISITATION

Bishop George Stack is making a Visitation to the parish this weekend.

He has already met with members of the Finance and Fundraising Committees and with members of the Faith Sharing Groups on Saturday afternoon. The timetable for today, (Sunday 6th) is:

8.30am	Mass
11.00am	Mass
12.30am	Mass
3.00pm	Meeting with the Parish Catechists
4.00pm	Meeting with the Parish Safeguarding Representative
4.30 pm	Available for individual Parishioners
6.30pm	Mass



HELP REQUIRED!

CHRISTMAS WORKSHOP: Help is needed with the preparation of our Christmas celebrations. There will be a Session on **Monday 21st December at 11.00am**. Children and adults are needed in St. Joseph's Hall to decorate wreaths ready for our Christmas celebrations.

CHRISTMAS EVE: Help is needed to clean, prepare and decorate the Church from 10.30am also at 4.00pm to light candles (ladder-climbers needed please Gents!). Please contact the Parish Office if you are able to help with either or both of the above. As always, your help is greatly appreciated.

100+ CLUB NOVEMBER WINNERS

£35.00:	No.114	Mary Thomas
£25.00:	No. 37	John Ball
£15:	No.102	Jocelyn Blackman

The Christmas jackpot will be drawn on Sunday 20th December.

Application forms for 2010 are available at the Church entrances. The subscription is unchanged at £12 per number for the year. The first draw will be on Sunday 31 January 2010.

Although Christmas is still a way off yet, today's liturgy whets our appetite by hinting at a let-up in the daily grind of life, at a promise of glory and at an eternal reward for those who trust in the Messiah who is about to come.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,
it seemed like a dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs.

The heathens themselves said: "What marvels the Lord
worked for them!"

What marvels the Lord worked for us !
Indeed we were glad.

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.
Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap.

They go out, they go out, full of tears
carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back, full of song,
carrying their sheaves.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight,
and all mankind shall see the salvation of God.
Alleluia !

TODAY'S READINGS: NEXT WEEKS' READINGS:

Baruch 5:1-9	Zephaniah 3:14-18
Psalms 125	Psalms 12
Philippians 1:4-6.8-11	Philippians 4:4-7
Luke 3:1-6	Luke 3:10-18

Mass Times

SUNDAY	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	8.30am 11.00am 12.30pm & 6.30pm
Monday	Ambrose	10.00am
Tuesday	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN	10.00am
Wednesday	John Diego	10.00am
Thursday		10.00am
Friday	Damasus	10.00am 8.00pm
Saturday	Our Lady of Guadalupe	6.30pm
SUNDAY	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT	8.30am 11.00am 12.30pm & 6.30pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation –

Saturday 10.30 – 11.00am & 5.45 – 6.15pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

There is Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Church each Friday morning from 9.15 to 9.45.

Offertory Last Week: £1,529.49 plus the regular Standing Orders. Thank You!

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

would like to invite the elderly of the Parish to attend this year's Christmas presentation by the Nursery and Infant children on Monday 7th December at 2.00pm, followed by tea and mince pies.

CHRISTMAS CARDS AND CALENDARS

A wide selection is on sale now in the Church shop.

ADVENT PREPARATION

A Booklet for advent and Christmastide, entitled "Walk with Me" is a journey of prayer and reflection for this Season. Cost £1 and available from the Parish Office.

FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION

The children who are being prepared for First Communion this year are celebrating their First Confession this weekend and next. Please remember the children, and their families in your prayers at this time.

LINE DANCING

Why not come along and join our Line Dancing Classes on Tuesdays from 7.30 – 8.30pm in Eleanor Hall. All are welcome, especially Abs (absolute beginners!!)
This is your chance to have fun, keep fit, and help support the New Parish Centre Building Fund (£397 raised in six weeks!)

CONFIRMATION 2010

Please hand in your completed Application Form if you have not already done so.

CHURCH MASS DIARY

The Diary for Mass Intentions to be celebrated here in the Parish is full until the end of the year. Mass Intentions will now be sent to be celebrated by the sick and retired priests of the diocese. The 2010 Mass Diary will be started at a later date.

FUNERAL THIS WEEK

The Funeral Mass for the late Santina Baretta will be celebrated on Thursday 10th December at 11.45am.

SVP

The SVP Group meets on Monday evenings at 8.00pm in the Sacristy.

RCIA

The RCIA Group will meet on Monday evening at 8.00pm in the Presbytery.

LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary meets in the Sacristy at 10.45 on Tuesday mornings.

PADRE PIO GROUP

The group will meet in the Church on Friday 11th December at 8pm.

WESTMINSTER YEAR BOOK

The Westminster Year Book 2010 is now available from the shop priced at £4.

PURIFICATORS

A rota of ladies for the laundering of purificators for use during Mass is available from the Sacristy.