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THE ARCHDIOCESE
of BIRMINGHAM

FIRST SUNDAY OF
ADVENT
2nd December to
10th December
2023

Welcome to this House
of God:
Talk to God before Mass
Listen to God during Mass
Talk to others after Mass

Today's Mass
Readings
Isaiah 63:16-17,
64:1,3-8;
Ps 79;
1 Corinthians
1:3-9;
Mark
13:33-37
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Dear Brother and Sisters

What keeps us interested in this Sunday's Gospel is that there is a sense of expectation. Advent is a season of expectation. It is the beginning of the Church's year and the name Advent means "Coming". It is the four-week period right before Christmas in which we prepare to celebrate the coming of Jesus Christ into the world. As we look forward to celebrating His birth, there is much joy and gladness in our hearts. But there is also regret and sorrow. If it were not for our sin, the Son of God would not have had to humble Himself and bear our shame. During these weeks of waiting to celebrate Christ's birth, we are like the Old Testament people who long anticipated the Saviour's birth.

We live in a world that is full of selfishness which leads to conflicts and wars, hatred and fights, greed and exploitation of the weak. We live in a world where a large majority of people are not allowed to live in human dignity. We live in a world where truth and justice have very little relevance. We live in a world of globalization where monetary profit is the only value and where human lives seem to be worthless. The world seems to alienate itself from God, the creator and redeemer. Today the world needs Christ more than ever before. However, we know that Christ is still at work in the world through the Church and through the people who work for justice and peace and for the good of humanity. Since we have been made responsible for God's world to heal the harm of sin and evil, let us stay awake, working with love and preparing for Christ's second coming.

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Braich**PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS**

Mary Arulandhu, Annette Keates, Arthur Lynch, Anis Kazmie, Brendan Grogan, Bernie Mortlock, Catherine Freeman, Claire Harbutt, Carmen Mulholland, Christine Enid and John King, Joyce Finch, Debbie Ferris, Margaret and David Curtis, David Quigley, Christine McGivern, Teresa Goddard, Bridget Green, Haydee Stanton, Linda Lowe, Jackie Tammam, Janet Chamberlain, Rudolf and Irene Sampays, Grace Sharron, Bridget Whitfield and Patricia Lacey.

RECENTLY DEAD AND ANNIVERSARIES

Please remember **Diane Liddell, Mary Theresa Radford** and all those who have died recently. We also remember Peter Murphy, John Kennedy, Brendan Weir, Henry Irvine, Garrett Hayes, Michael Byrne, Denise Watson, William Huzarsky, Daniel Meehan, Bridget Howells, Kathleen Richards, James Farren, May Kinsella, William Morrison, Francis Roberts, James Farren, Mary Smith, James Jennings, William Revell, John Leahy, Margaret Flaherty, Patty Grennan, and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

SINCERE THANKS

The flowers in Church this weekend are from the Sillwood and Brennan Family. Thank you.

SUNDAY COFFEE MORNINGS

We urgently need more volunteers to host the Coffee Mornings otherwise we will not be able to continue with them. You don't need to belong to an existing group, but if 2 or 3 people would like to volunteer together they can form a team for the rota. Please speak to Payal if you are able to help. Many thanks for your continuing support.

Holy Name Choir

We sing at the 10.30 Mass on Sundays and we are looking for new members of all ages to come and join us. It is said that "to sing is to pray twice" so a choir is a great help in encouraging and helping everyone to become more fully involved with the worship at Mass. If you are interested, please come up to the choir loft before 10.30 Mass on Sunday and meet us. You will be very welcome.

<p style="text-align: center;">This Week Saturday 2nd December – Sunday 10th December (Psalter Week 1)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Holy Mass Intentions</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Devotions & Other Events</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Saturday 2nd December Feria in ordinary Time</p>	<p>12:30pm Andy O’Gara</p>	<p>12:00pm Confession 1:30pm Senior Citizen Party</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday 3rd December FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT RETIRING COLLECTION FOR BUILDING FUND</p>	<p>8:30am Denise Watson RIP 10:30am Ints of Sillwood and Brennan Family 3:00pm Syro Community Holy Mass</p>	<p>NO COFFEE MORNING HN School Commitment Sacrament Preparation Mass</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Monday 4th December Advent Feria</p>	<p>11:30am Joe and Agnus O’Sullivan Firmina Martins RIP</p>	<p>11:00am Divine Mercy</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday 5th December Feast of St Birinus, Bishop</p>	<p>9:15am Ints of George and Julie Ints of Mary O’Sullivan</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday 6th December Advent Feria</p>	<p>11:30am HN School Mass in Church Colum Conway RIP Peter Hayward RIP</p>	<p>11:00am Rosary</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday 7th December Memorial of St Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor of the Church</p>	<p>9:00am Mass at St. Mark’s School Zico and Cifonia Fernandes Gretta McDonnoll RIP</p>	<p>4:30pm Parish Finance Meeting</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Friday 8th December SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRIGIN MARY</p>	<p>11:30am St. Mark’s School Mass In Church Teresa Vurlan RIP Ints of Brendan Grogan</p>	<p>11:00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Saturday 9th December Advent Feria</p>	<p>12:30pm Teague and Doris Roarty RIP Patty Grennan RIP</p>	<p>12:00pm Confession</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday 10th December SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT RETIRING COLLECTION FOR POOR PARISH FUND</p>	<p>8:30am Ernest Cole RIP James Martin RIP 10:30am Michael A Cahill</p>	<p>Coffee & Tea in the Parish Centre after 10:30am Mass By Helena, Marie and Friends</p>

Last Week's
Offertory
Collection:
£ 378.02

Gift Aid Envelopes:
£173.85

Standing Order for
the month of
Sept:1,720.00

Mass Attendance
Last Sunday: 255

Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.

THE FIRST SUNDAY
IN ADVENT:

HOPE



Next Sunday's
Mass Readings:

Isaiah
40:1-5,
9-11; Ps 84;
2 Peter 3:8-14;
Mark 1:1-8
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CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

We know that you will be making plans for Christmas so we have prepared a Parish Christmas card for you which contains details of all the Masses over Christmas. Please take one with you this weekend.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

The Christmas Fayre was a great success and we raised **£1806.97** for Parish funds.

We are grateful and a big thanks to everyone involved – It was a great team effort and everyone enjoyed the chance to get together as a Parish Community.

GIVING TREE

The Giving Tree is now in church. This year we will again be supporting St Chad's Sanctuary in Birmingham, which helps refugees and asylum seekers. The SVP will also be looking for gifts for families who need our help. St Chad's suggests that suitable gifts are warm clothes, hats, scarves and gloves, toiletries or stationery. The deadline for the gifts is Sunday 17th December to allow time to distribute them before Christmas. Many thanks for your continuing generosity to those in need.

ADVENT JOURNEY

The "Walk with Me" booklets for the Advent Journey are available in the Church Porch. This booklet is to help focus on our relationship with God and to prepare ourselves to welcome Child Jesus during this Advent Season. **This year, there are also special booklets for children, both Infant and Junior, which have child friendly text and activities. Please take a copy and use it to prepare for Christmas.**

A small donation is appreciated to defray the cost. Many thanks.

JOINING THE S.V.P

To welcome prospective new members, the SVP are having a "meet and greet" before their next meeting. Come for a "Cuppa" and see if the SVP is for you without any pressure or obligation. Parish Centre 6:30pm Monday 11th December.