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THE ARCHDIOCESE
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**SECOND SUNDAY OF
ADVENT**

**9TH December to
17TH 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

40:1-5,

9-11; Ps 84;

2 Peter 3:8-14;

Mark 1:1-8

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Dear Brother and Sisters

On this the Second Sunday of Advent, we are invited to reflect upon the role of John the Baptist. He prepared the way for Jesus and for salvation. Mark's description of John as an ascetic, living in the desert, clothed in camel hair, and eating locusts and wild honey, is reminiscent of the description of the prophet Elijah. The people of Judea and Jerusalem came to him listening to his message of repentance and forgiveness. They also come to him to be baptized. Mark's Gospel is clear that John the Baptist's role is only to prepare the way for Jesus, who is greater than John.

This season of Advent is a time of grace for us. It is to prepare our hearts so that we are ready to receive Christ at Christmas. We should not get lost in the mere celebration of Christmas and forget what Christmas is all about. Advent is a time of grace to remind us that Jesus is the reason for Christmas. Advent is not a call to recognize our sin alone, but it is an invitation to change our lives. During this Advent we prepare our hearts for Christ by turning away from sin and evil and giving ourselves completely to God so that when Christ comes, or when we are called from this life, we are ready and prepared. The better way of doing this is making a very good confession receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation. John the Baptist is presented to us as a model during Advent. We are also called upon to prepare a way for the Lord. Like John the Baptist, we are messengers in the service of one who is greater than we are. Our Baptism commissions us to call others to live as disciples of Jesus.

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**Safeguarding
Officers**Thomas and Usha
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 Teresa Radford** and all those who have died recently. We also remember Mary Smith, James Jennings, William Revell, John Leahy, Maragret Flaherty, Teresa Sanders, Ernest Cole, Anne Simkiss, Grenville Elmore, Susanna Sullivan, Helena Campion, Alexander Butler, Marie Finn, Maragret Morrison, Irene Chapman, Margaret Bates, Dr. Greaves, Anthony Leighton, Ernest Phillips, Mary Sheils, Paul Lemont, Umberto Infanti, Michael Donnelly, Sid Hobson, Clarence Coppock, Owen McCann, Harold Senior, Elizabeth Walker, Maureen Finn, and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

The Requiem Mass for Mary Teresa Radford on Monday 18th December 2023 here in Holy Name Church at 11:15am, followed by Cremation at Perry Barr Crematorium.

Reception into Church on Sunday 17th December at 6:30pm.

The Funeral Service for Diane Liddell is on Thursday 21st December 2023 at 10:30am here in Church followed by Cremation at Sandwell Valley Crematorium at 11:30am.

ST MARK'S SCHOOL CAROL CONCERT

St Mark's School invite the Parishioners to come and enjoy their Carol Concert on Wednesday 13th December at 6pm in Church. All are welcome.



<p align="center">This Week Saturday 9th December – Sunday 17th December (Psalter Week 2)</p>	<p align="center">Holy Mass Intentions</p>	<p align="center">Devotions & Other Events</p>
<p 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 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 RIP</p>	<p>Coffee & Tea in the Parish Centre after 10:30am Mass By Helena, Marie and Friends</p>
<p align="center">Monday 11th December Advent Feria</p>	<p>11:30am Susanna Sullivan RIP Ints of Chrisler and Zylon Fernandes</p>	<p>11:00am Divine Mercy</p>
<p align="center">Tuesday 12th December Advent Feria</p>	<p>9:15am Bernadette Sullivan RIP Denise Watson RIP</p>	<p>7:00m Advent Penitential Service</p>
<p align="center">Wednesday 13th December Memorial St. Lucy, Virgin, Martyr</p>	<p>11:30am Pat Galvin RIP Colum Conway RIP</p>	<p>11:00am Rosary 6:00pm St. Mark's Carol Service in Church</p>
<p align="center">Thursday 14th December Memorial of St John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor of the Church</p>	<p>9:00am Mass at St. Mark's School Graham Lingwood RIP Ints of Joan Lingwood</p>	
<p align="center">Friday 15th December Advent Feria</p>	<p>11:30am Ints of Anne Galvin Ints of Sandra Pearson</p>	<p>11:00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</p>
<p align="center">Saturday 16th December Advent Feria</p>	<p>12:30pm Georgette Tammam RIP Patrick Duffy RIP</p>	<p>12:00pm Confession</p>
<p align="center">Sunday 17th December THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT RETIRING COLLECTION FOR CHRISTMAS FLOWERS AND CHURCH DECORATION</p>	<p>8:30am Gene Brant RIP 10:30am Varkey Scaria 3:00pm Syro Malankara Holy Mass</p>	<p>Coffee & Tea in the Parish Centre after 10:30am Mass By Holy Name Choir 6:30pm Reception into Church for Mary Teresa Radford</p>

**Last Week's
Offertory
Collection:
£ 369.98**

**Gift Aid Envelopes:
£170.00**

**Building Fund
£640.68**

**Standing Order for
the month of
Sept:1,720.00**

**Mass Attendance
Last Sunday: 354**

**Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.**

THE SECOND SUNDAY
IN ADVENT:

PEACE



**Next Sunday's
Mass Readings:
Isaiah 61:1-2,
10-11; Lk1:46-54;
1 Thessalonians
5:16-24;
John 1:6-8,19-28**

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SENIOR CITIZENS PARTY

Many thanks to all the helpers at the party last Saturday. It was a great opportunity to get together and meet up with old friends.

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE

Our Advent Penitential Service will take place on **Tuesday 12th December at 7pm**. As we continue our preparation for Christmas, we follow the teaching of John the Baptist by seeking forgiveness for our sins and failings, through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We will reflect together on the message of Advent before making our personal confession and receiving absolution.

GIVING TREE

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.

MARIST WAY MEETING

This will take place on Tuesday 12th December at 2.30pm in the convent. All are welcome.

LIFE CHARITY

There is a special Mass on Tuesday 12th December 2023, which is the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, who is the Patron Saint of the Unborn Child. It is at St Chad's Cathedral and Archbishop Bernard Longley is the chief celebrant. All are welcome.

LEARNING HUB AND LIBRARIAN

Fulltime – term time - hours negotiable £23, 194

The Governing Body of St Paul's School for Girls is seeking to appoint a Sixth Form Learning Mentor and Librarian for January 2024. If you are interested you can contact us on 0121 454 0895 or you can download an application pack from our website, www.stpaulgl.bham.sch.uk

Application deadline: 18 December 2023 at noon
Interview: 19 December 2023

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.