



OUR LADY OF ENGLAND

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First Sunday of Advent, Year B - 29th November, 2020

THIS SUNDAY 29, First Sunday of Advent, Year B

(Isaiah 63:16B-17, 19B; 64:2-7; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:33-37)

MONDAY 30, Mem: St Andrew, Apostle

(Romans 10:9-18; Matthew 4:18-22)

TUESDAY 1, Tuesday in the First Week of Advent

(Isaiah 11:1-10; Luke 10:21-24)

WEDNESDAY 2, Wednesday in the First Week of Advent

(Isaiah 25:6-10A; Matthew 15:29-37)

Church open 2pm – 4pm (Face covering required)

THURSDAY 3, Mem: St Francis Xavier, Priest

(Isaiah 26:1-6; Matthew 7:21, 24-27)

FRIDAY 4, Friday in the First Week of Advent

(Isaiah 29:17-24; Matthew 9:27-31)

SATURDAY 5, Saturday in the First Week of Advent

(Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26; Matthew 9:35–10:1, 5A, 6-8)

Church open 10am – 12 noon for Private Prayer (Face covering required)

6.00pm Mass, for the People of the Parish

(followed by a brief Advent Reconciliation Service)

NEXT SUNDAY 6, Second Sunday of Advent, Year B

(Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Peter 3:8-14; Mark 1:1-8)

8.00am & 10.00am Masses, for the People of the Parish

(both followed by a brief Advent Reconciliation Service)

OUR LOCAL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS ARE:

St Philip's Catholic Primary School

London Road, Arundel

Tel: 01903 882115 www.stphilipsarundel.org.uk

St Philip Howard Catholic School

Elm Grove South, Barnham

Tel: 01243 552055 www.sphcs.co.uk

WEEKEND PUBLIC MASSES will resume next weekend. The arrangements will be the same as we had in October: the usual schedule, Sat 6pm, and Sun 8am & 10am, with the same rules and requirements for masks, social distancing, stewarding and cleaning.

Sunday Mass will continue to be audio recorded on Saturday evenings and made available as a podcast via e mail and the parish website in time for Sunday morning.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION After all three Masses next weekend, for those who would like to stay on a little longer, there will be a short penitential service with an opportunity for communal and/or individual reconciliation. Examination of conscience and meditation on the Sunday readings is recommended in preparation beforehand (see front page for the bible references).

PLEASE PRAY for the repose of the soul of Anthony Walker RIP who died last weekend. His Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday 8th December *with family only*.

For the parish, the 10am Mass on Sunday 13th December will be celebrated for the repose of his soul, and shortly afterwards at about 11am Fr Charles will offer prayers at the graveside.

STATEMENT FROM THE BISHOPS' CONFERENCE OF ENGLAND & WALES on Safeguarding is available on the Parish website and www.cbcew.org.uk

CHILDREN'S LITURGY meet on Zoom at 4pm on Saturdays. If you've not joined before and would like to, e-mail storrington@abdiocese.org.uk Also, there will be a Mass for Families on 12th December. An e-mail with a link to a booking form will be sent to families in the next few days.

BISHOP RICHARD IS OFFERING A SERIES OF ADVENT TALKS from the Cathedral. The programme will run for four weeks, focusing on a number of different themes:

Friday 27th November: Advent – Waiting

Friday 4th December: John the Baptist - Witness

Friday 11th December: Gaudete - Rejoice

Friday 18th December: Mary – Openness

Each evening will begin at 7pm and be live streamed on the diocesan website

<https://abdiocese.org.uk/> (also available on the Cathedral website, where you can access a recording after the event) It may be possible to attend December's talks in person - further details will be shared when known.

CHRISTMAS MASSES – at the planning stage

Whichever COVID Tier we are in come Christmas we will be able to celebrate public Mass. The usual rules and restrictions on singing, masks, sanitiser and distancing will apply, so Christmas Mass will be simpler, quieter and shorter than normal. We will not be operating a booking or ticket system. Overflow seating will be available in the cloister with audio relay. The following draft schedule of five masses is proposed.

Christmas Eve

3pm Vigil Mass (outdoors if weather permits)

5pm Vigil Mass

9pm Night Mass

Christmas Day

8am Dawn Mass

10am Day Mass (outdoors if weather permits)

Note that 3pm Vigil Mass and 10am Day Mass will be outdoors at Our Lady's Statue, Matt's Wood if the weather permits, indoors if not.

ECUMENICAL PRAYERS Tuesday 1st December CANCELLED due to lockdown. Next prayer meeting expected Tue 5th January, 10am.

SACRAMENTS FOR 2021 First Holy Communion (school year 3 or above), Confirmation (school year 10 or above), Adult Confirmation or Reception into the Church: Please notify Fr Charles of any possible candidates for these Sacraments.

CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES. Regrettably, we are unable to do these this year.

CHEMIN NEUF

'Advent Retreat in Daily Life'

Starting all together

Sunday 6th December on Zoom* at 7 pm.

Each day we invite you to commit to 30 minutes of personal prayer at home and 30 minutes of Spiritual Accompaniment on Zoom in your own home*.

Ending all together

Friday 11th December on Zoom* at 7 pm

Suggested donation: £30 - £90 but we never want the cost to be a hindrance, please contribute what is appropriate for you. To register/more details email: retreatsuk@chemin-neuf.org

*For those of you who live in or near Storrington or are unable to use Zoom, it will be possible for you to come to the Priory for the initial and final meetings all together and for Spiritual Accompaniment IF the Government guidelines permit. When registering for the retreat, please state if this is your preference.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL
First Sunday of Advent, Year B,
29th November 2020

Let us pray that God will shine His light on us as we wait with longing and with joyful hope at the beginning of this Advent season.

We pray for all who lead and advise.

May they be guided by God.

May we all go forward with courage as we prepare for the coming of the Christ Child.

We pray for all those who are weary during these uncertain times, particularly for those who are isolated and live alone.

May God bring His strength into their lives and protect them from all that is harmful.

We pray for all who have come to the end of their earthly lives and for those whose lives will now feel lonely and empty.

May they be given comfort and everlasting peace.

We pray that we may all be blest with mutual love and caring consideration for each other.

As we prepare for the time when Christ comes again in glory, may we see what needs transforming in lives as individuals, and as members of the Church of God.

We ask Our Lady of England to join us as we pray:

Hail Mary...

TURNING TIDES (WORTHING HOMELESS) Normally we support this charity with our Harvest Goods and an Advent collection. This year, please send your money donation direct. See the poster sent out with this newsletter. Online at www.turning-tides.org.uk, by phone 01903 680748, or by cheque payable to: Turning Tides, sent to: Turning Tides, Town Hall, Chapel Road, Worthing, West Sussex BN11 1HA

ST PHILIP HOWARD CATHOLIC SCHOOL is currently recruiting for a Learning Support Assistant. An extremely fulfilling role: supporting the development of our learners and helping make a difference to their education and life chances. Please visit our website www.sphcs.co.uk for more details about this role, closing date and method of application.

PLASTIC BOTTLE TOP COLLECTION remains suspended. Please do not bring bottle tops to the church. It's because handling and transferring 'stuff' increases the COVID risk.

SUNDAY OFFERTORY COLLECTION For those not on a standing order, a monthly cheque payable to "Our Lady of England Church" is preferable to cash as it presents less risk to our money counters. Cheques can be sent in by post.

WINTERSHALL - THE NATIVITY WINTER WALK! Will take place 18 – 21 December. There will be no Nativity Play this year. Instead, a safe, interactive event so you and your family can experience the 'real' Christmas story, while walking through the undulating fields and woodland of Wintershall meeting the Nativity characters and animals along the way. This is a socially distanced walk with pre-booked timeslots, following government guidelines on Covid-19. Book at <https://www.wintershall.org.uk/nativity-winter-walk>

PRAYER FOR HEALTH STAFF

Wondrous God, author of life,
you fashioned us in your likeness
and breathed into us the life which is your own.

Be with those whose special care
is the health of mind and body.

Fill their hearts with awe

for the life which is your gift

and sustain them daily in your service,

that their hands may bring to others

the comfort of your healing touch.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PRAYER FOR THOSE AFFECTED

Merciful God, come to the help of your people.

Be our shelter in this time of peril

and strengthen the bonds of our community.

Bring healing to all who suffer

the ravages of disease

and assist those whose skill and art

can put an end to this affliction.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

PRAYER OF ST ALPHONSUS

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar.

I love you above all things

and I passionately desire to receive you into my

soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,

come spiritually into my soul

so that I may unite myself wholly to you

now and forever.

Amen.