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Mass Readings

1st Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

Psalm: 71

Second Reading: Romans 15:4-9

Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

Prepare a way for the Lord! We prepare ourselves for the coming of Christ through repentance. We need to change the pattern of our lives in order to be ready when indeed he does come. In the next few weeks we must straighten out our lives so that the Lord will have no obstacle in his path.

BIBLE SUNDAY

Every advent, our cycle of prayer invites us to reflect on 'openness to the word of God.' Bible Sunday, which falls on the second Sunday of advent, is a helpful opportunity for us to reflect about how we can engage more

2nd Sunday of Advent

8th December 2013

BIBLE SUNDAY

Psalter: Week II - Cycle: A

deeply with the message of the Scripture.

In preparation to this celebration, we have been reading/listening to the New Testament and yesterday it came to a conclusion.

Some of the responses after listening to the Bible at the Well:

"I feel that the Bible is speaking about me....my eyes run down with tears as I listen to some of the passages..."

"Unlike other books, Bible gets more relevant as time goes on. One of the most interesting things about the Bible is that the issues it addressed over two thousand years ago are exactly the problems that we face today, of course, in new forms."

"...it seems that Bible sometimes is like a person speaking to me, seeking my attention..."

Parish Priest: Fr Anil Akkara SDV, Fr Roy Kottakupuram SDV (Assistant)

Permanent Deacon: Rev Peter Hunt

Deacon: Rev Luigi Morrone SDV

Attendance
Sunday Mass: 155
Well : 23

Collection: The Offertory Collection on last Sunday (1st December 2013) was: £446.02 (cash: £172.42+ Gift-Aid Envelopes: £273.60).

Today there will be a Second Collection for Primary School & next week Second Collection will be for Church Flowers for Christmas. Thank you very much for your generosity. The value of your contribution is increased when it is gift-aided.

CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING: a big THANK YOU to all who helped to make it a big success! We have raised £818.67. A special thank you to Mother Aurora and the Bridgettine Sisters.

PRIESTLY ORDINATION of Deacon Roberto will be on Wednesday 30th April 2014 at Pianura, Italy and the First Mass will be on Saturday 3rd May 2014 at Puglia, his home parish. Please keep these dates in your diary. We are still waiting for more details (including the details about Deacon Luigi's Ordination).

BISHOP'S PASTORAL VISITATION on 1st & 2nd February 2014. On 31st January 2014, Bishop Peter will be visiting St Winefride's Primary School.

CHARITY SHOP: The Vocationist Co-Operators would like to express their gratitude to all who made it a huge success! A special thank you to all who volunteered to help in the shop.

YEAR BOOK & DIRECTORY 2014: the new Year Book for 2014 has arrived. Please take one from the porch. Price: £2:60.

WALK WITH ME BOOKLET for Advent has arrived. Please pick one from the porch. A donation of £1:00 would be appreciated.

EVANGELII GAUDIUM: "The Joy of the Gospel" The new Apostolic Exhortation from Pope Francis will be made available next Sunday.

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY on Monday 9th December. Mass at 9:30am, followed by the Novena.

"A SAVIOUR HAS BEEN BORN TO US" Advent prayer service (Adoration, Advent reflection, Evening prayer and Benediction) every Sunday from 3:45 till 4:30pm.

Advent - Christmas - New Year Celebrations

December 24th: Christmas Eve

05:15pm: Children's Carol Service

06:00pm: Vigil Mass with Children

11:00pm: Carol Service

11:30pm: Vigil Mass

December 25th: Christmas Day

09:30am: Solemn Mass

December 31st: New Year Eve

05:30pm: Adoration & Vespers

06:00pm: Mass



PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Divine Jesus, Son of the eternal Father and Mary Immaculate, grant many of the faithful true generosity in following your call, and bestow on them the grace of your Holy Spirit to persevere in overcoming all obstacles to their vocations. Give the church in this Diocese and throughout the world many holy priests and fervent religious. Through the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, all the Angels, St. Winefride and all Saints, we humbly ask you to hear our prayers and multiply the ministries by which we may serve one another in faith and love.

Hail Mary...

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eucharistic Heart of Jesus, unite us perfectly to your adoration, thanksgiving, reparation and intercession; make of us with you, a host of sacrifice to the Divinity and sacrament to the souls. O my God and my all, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, may your will be done, your love reign, your glory shine always more in me and in everyone as in yourself, O my God and my all.

(Blessed Justin)

CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT in our church on 15th December at 7:00pm, with Trelawnyd Male Voice Choir and Philharmonics Choir with guest appearance by John Pierce, one of Wales' top tenors. All tickets sold out!

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of Christ. There are opportunities to go for confessions during this period. On Sundays, during advent reflection (from 3:45 till 4:30pm), a priest is available for confession. On Saturdays and Sundays from 10:30am-11:30am and from 4:30pm-5:30pm, priest will be available.

ST RICHARD GWYN CHRISTMAS MASS on Wednesday 11th December at 5:00pm. Anyone interested to go, please put your name in the list. For details, contact any member of the SVP.

DIOCESAN MASS FOR THE DEAF will be celebrated in Bishop's private chapel at Bishop's House at 3:00pm pm Sunday 5th January. Please bring this to the attention of any parishioners who are deaf.

ANNIVERSARIES

Lucia Davies, Joe O'Donoghue, Alice Roberts, John Smith, Eleanor Rowlands, Veronica Parry, Brenda Davies, Elijah Tune, Reginald Johnson, Teresa Morgan, Keith Williams, James Auld

May they rest in Peace!

Pray for those who are SICK

Fr Tony Jones, Pauline Campbell, Anna Asbury, Maeve O'Malley, Imelda Davies, Val Davies, Peter Hunt, Rex Brain, Olive Yates

May you receive God's Blessing



December 2013	Time	Place	Mass Intention
Saturday 7th Vigil Mass	05:40pm 06:00pm	Rosary Mass	Tom & Mary Tattum (WB)
Sunday 8th 2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT	09:30am 03:45pm 05:00pm	Mass Advent Reflection Well	Edward & Mary Norton (FM) Parishioners & Pilgrims
Monday 9th Immaculate Conception	07:30am 09:10am 09:30am	Bridgettine's Convent Rosary Mass, Novena	Mary Holdon (RIP)
Tuesday 10th	07:30am 11:40am 12:00noon	Bridgettine's Convent Rosary Mass	Tom & Mary Tattum (WB)
Wednesday 11th	07:30am 09:10am 09:30am	Bridgettine's Convent Rosary Mass	
Thursday 12th Our Lady of Guadalupe	07:30am 11:40am 12:00noon	Bridgettine's Convent Rosary Mass	All Members of UCM Holywell (from Pauline Campbell)
Friday 13th St. Lucy	07:30am 09:10am 09:30am	Bridgettine's Convent Rosary Mass	
Saturday 14th Vigil Mass	07:30am 05:40pm 06:00pm	Bridgettine's Convent Rosary Mass	Susan Urmson (RIP)
Sunday 15th 3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT	09:30am 03:45pm 05:00pm	Mass Advent Reflection Well	Mary Parry (RIP) Parishioners & Pilgrims

MINISTRY	THIS WEEK (DECEMBER 7 & 8)	NEXT WEEK (DECEMBER 14-15)
READERS	SAT: Andrea & Greg Cummins SUN: <i>Folk Mass</i>	SAT: Philip Ainslie & Glyn Casson SUN: Maureen & Steve Blakesley
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	SAT: Lynn Phillips & Lynn Parry SUN: Ann O'Boyle & Mother Aurora	SAT: Mike Parry & Pam Hunt SUN: Mary Hanson & Elizabeth Murphy
WELCOMERS	SAT: Brendan Cummins & Volunteer Linda Dykins & Margaret Gallagher SUN: Tom Kavanagh & Volunteer Betty Lloyd & Rita Curtis	SAT: John Griffiths & Volunteer Maureen Condon & Christine Gallagher SUN: Mike Curtis & Volunteer Val Feliciello & Eve Dawson
CLEANERS	Mary Simkiss & Lyn Simkiss	Val Feliciello & Louise Hall
CHILDREN'S LITURGY	<i>Folk Mass</i>	Natalie Calvert & Bethan Nixon