

THE MESSENGER

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Sat 6 pm / Sun 10.30 am

Thought for the week

We have arrived at the powerful season of Advent, a season to prepare with awe and wonder for the Feast of the Incarnation of Jesus — born to us as Saviour and Brother. It is a season to prepare for His return at the end of time.

It is also a moment to remind ourselves that that our individual judgment day is coming, too, when we will be called to give an account for all that God has given to us during our lifetimes. In other words, Advent is a steward's season!

Our readings for the first week of Advent waste no time in calling our urgent attention to these themes of reflection and preparation. They seem to shout, "Wake up! Get ready!" and offer us some practical advice as we enter into this season.

The Gospel, from Luke, warns, "Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life." How easy it is to lose focus on our Lord either by too much indulgence in our lives or by too much worry about our lives. Both extremes are easy to fall prey to. To avoid these traps this we are told to "be vigilant" and "pray for strength to sustain us."

During Advent, we Christian stewards must ask ourselves some hard questions. Am I staying faithful to my prayer life? Am I using my energy and skills to serve others? Am I overly concerned about material gain? Am I relying my "stuff" or my investments as my source of comfort or security? Am I living for the moment or for the coming of the Lord? Get ready Christian stewards! He's coming! Let us prepare with awe and wonder.

Taken from the Catholic Steward.com

Weekday Masses are celebrated in Maryfield Convent Chapel

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - 2 December

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Your liberation is near at hand.

Sat 1	6:00 pm	People of the Parish
Sun 2	10:00 am	Roberto Maranan RIP
Mon 3	10:00 am	St Francis Xavier Cyprian Ekechukwu RIP
Tues 4	10:00 am	of the 1st Week of Advent Joan McCourt RIP
Wed 5	10:00 am	of the 1st Week of Advent Mass
Thur 6	10:00 am	of the 1st Week of Advent Paul Guest RIP
Fri 7	10:00 am	of the 1st Week of Advent Mass
Sat 8	10:00 am	THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Mass

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - 9 December

Sat 8	6:00 pm	People of the Parish
Sun 9	10:00 am	Daniel Egan RIP

CHILDRENS ADVENT WORKSHOP

Sunday 9th December 2018 in the Parish Hall from 11:15 - 13:30

All children aged 4+ are welcome to this workshop where we will hear the Nativity Gospel, get busy with some Christmas activities, and prepare for our Children's Mass on the 24th

Children under 4 years are very welcome with parental help and older children are especially welcome to help!

Refreshments will be available.

Please let Maggie or Gill know if you are able to attend – there is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THE SICK IN OUR PARISH

Lord, have all those who are unable to be with us at Mass in Your safekeeping as we remember:

Mary O'Driscoll, Sean Dillow, Helena Allen, Tony Hopgood,
Jean Williams, Yvonne Beaumont, Debbie Cavedon,
June Walsh, Margaret Sauce & Charles Paice

ADVENT REFLECTION - JOURNEY IN FAITH

Sunday 9th December, 2 pm—4 pm in the Hall.

The next session of the Journey in Faith group will be an Advent Reflection led by Bridie Stringer, a good friend of this Parish. All Parishioners are also invited 'to take some time out' with Bridie and the Journey in Faith group, we look forward to seeing you there.

FLOWER COLLECTION

There will be a second collection for church flowers on the weekend of 8th and 9th December. A collection is taken up each year at Christmas and then again at Easter. The money collected is used all year round to keep the altar and the church looking beautiful.

CAKE SALE

Andrea Waldram will be holding a Cake Sale on Sunday morning after Mass. Andrea is running the London Marathon next year for the wonderful charity - Children with Cancer Uk. This charity raises and invests money for vital specialist research to save the lives of every child with Cancer and keep families together. Their vision is a world where every Child diagnosed with Cancer gets to ring their end of Cancer treatment bell. Please support Andrea by donating any amount. Every penny counts no matter how small.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Andrea-Waldram>

CHRISTMAS TABLEAU

Saturday 22nd December at 3:30 pm

This year again all the children and young people of the parish have been warmly invited by the dear Sisters in the Convent to present a Christmas tableau and sing carols.

This is a very happy occasion and gives us an opportunity to do something good for the residents and Sisters. Father Christmas has promised to come with his sled. Please come, costumes will be provided. We would be grateful if you could come at 3:00 pm to put on your costumes.

Singers will also be very welcome.

For more information contact Mary Bone 221793



ADVENT

The Sacred Season of Advent begins this weekend, ushering in a new Church Year. Advent has two themes – preparation for Judgement when Jesus comes at the end of time and preparation for His first coming as a child at Christmas.

It is a time of joy, but also semi-penitential, calling us to turn away from sin and to be ready to meet Christ in joy at Christmas (The Mass of Christ) and then the Last Judgement.

ADVENT WREATH HYMN

During the lighting of the advent candle this weekend, we will be singing the first verse of the Advent Wreath Hymn.

Light the Advent Candle one

Now the waiting has begun

We have started on our way

Time to think of Christmas Day

Candle, candle burning bright

Shinning in the cold winter night

Candle, candle burning bright

Fill our hearts with Christmas light

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Mr & Mrs Philip & Emma Liddell who were married at The Sacred Heart Church on Saturday 1st December.

DAY BY DAY BOOKLETS

These are available in the porch. There will be a charge of £1.00 per booklet, please place the money in the wall box just inside the church.

HELP NEEDED

On Thursday 20th December at 10 am we will be cleaning the Church for Christmas. If you are able to spare a couple of hours on Thursday, your help would greatly appreciated. Please let Jan in the office know. Thank you

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Confessions

Saturdays 5.15 pm to 5.45 pm & by appointment

Reconciliation Service for our Pastoral Area

At St Bede's Church, Popley Way Friday 14 Dec 7.30 pm

Christmas Eve (Monday)

6 pm Children's Christmas Mass

9.30 pm Carols

10:00 pm Mass During the Night

Christmas Day (Tuesday)

10:00 am Mass During the Day

