

THIS WEEKEND	1st Sunday of Advent		Year C
Sat 1st December	10.00am	St T	<i>Confessions</i>
	5.00pm	St O	Kathleen Bilsborough
	6.30pm	St T	Billy Singleton
Sun 2nd December	8:30am	St MM	<i>Latin Extraordinary Form Mass</i>
	8:30am	St O	Bob Kirby (A), Norah Spencer
	9.30am	St T	George Winrow, Gerard Singleton
	11.00am	St MM	Anthony Pope
Divine Office Week 1			
Mon 3rd December	9.15am	St T	Deceased Priests + Religious
	9.30am	St O	Catherine Gahagan
Tues 4th December	9.30am	St O	Funeral Mass: Ann Brenda Gardner
Wed 5th December	9.30am	St MM	Parish Priest + People of the Parish
Thu 6th December	9.30am	St O	Theresa Hosker
	7.00pm	St T	Evie Newton-Jackson
Fri 7th December	9.30am	St O	People of the Parish
	10.30am	St T	Funeral Mass: Dorothy Cavanagh
	1.00pm	St MM	Funeral Mass: Yvonne Roberts
NEXT WEEKEND	2nd Sunday of Advent		Year C
Sat 8th December	10.00am	St O	<i>Confessions</i>
	5.00pm	St O	James + Philomena Mercer
	6.30pm	St T	SVP
Sun 9th December	8:30am	St MM	<i>Latin Extraordinary Form Mass</i>
	8:30am	St O	Norah Spencer, Anthony O'Donnell
	9.30am	St T	Deceased members of Jones + Kearney families
	11.00am	St MM	Eileen Leahy


Confessions: 1st (St T) and 2nd (St O) Sat at 10.00am.

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1st Sunday of Advent 2nd December 2018

**As I wait, to you, O Lord, I lift up
my soul.**

On this First Sunday of Advent, we are reminded that we are waiting for the Lord's coming not only at Christmas and at the End of Time, but also in our hearts. Many centuries before the birth of Christ, the prophet Jeremiah reassures the people that God will fulfil his promises. Honesty and integrity will arise from the line of David. The Messiah will come. (*First Reading*) St Paul, in his letter to the Thessalonians, urges them to grow in holiness and in love for one another as they await the Lord's return. (*Second Reading*) Luke describes in striking language the day of the Lord's second coming. He exhorts us all to be ready for his arrival. This way, we can hold our heads high and survive all that will happen. We can then meet the Lord with confidence. Our liberation is near at hand. (*Gospel*) While we wait, as the psalmist suggests, we can pray to the Lord that he will teach us his ways, his faithfulness and his love. (*Psalms*) As I begin my waiting for the Lord this week, I may like to decide to spend a little time each day in his presence, telling him how much I long to welcome him anew in my heart.

The Romero Room this week:

Sundays: At 9.30am Mass: Children's Liturgy. **After Mass** tea and coffee.

Mondays: Knit a Bit: 10.00am until 12 noon.

6.30pm SVP Meeting. New members welcome.

Tuesdays: 7.30pm All Hallows Community Choir

Fridays: 1.30pm to 3pm Exercise Class will be led by an expert, Julian Vescovi, followed by tea, biscuits and chat. All ages and abilities most welcome. Cost £2

SYNDOD 2020: The 'Parish Synod 2020 support group' met last week Following this, the group will continue to proactively help and support those involved in Synod 2020. Patricia Wilson is the Synod 2020 member for our Parish. The next support group meeting will be in the new year.

Sacramental Programme Reconciliation Day:

St Mary Magdalen: Thursday 6th December

Parents are welcome to join their child for the Sacrament of Reconciliation which will start at 2.30pm in each church.

St Mary Magdalen: Christmas Coffee Morning 12.00 Noon—2.30pm Sunday 2nd December. There will be a Grand Christmas Raffle and all monies raised will go to Church funds.

St Teresa: On MONDAY 3rd DECEMBER there will be a get together for the Friday exercise class tea makers at 12.35 in the Romero Room. This is for those currently on the rota and anyone who would like to volunteer. Please phone Alison Wright on 751472 for more information.

St Teresa + St Mary Magdalen: There will be an SVP collection next weekend.

St. Oswald's Advent Reconciliation Service; Reconciliation Service with confession. Saturday 8th December 10am

St Oswald's Annual 'Age Concern Christmas Service', Tuesday 4th December in Church at 1.30 pm followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre with Year 6. St. Oswald's Primary School Choir will be leading the service in church.

St. Oswald's Caritas Group: the Christmas Lunch is on THURSDAY 20th December (note the change of day). The School Choir will sing Carols and every effort will be made to make this a special occasion. Last year over 40 people attended and we would like to see at least that number again this year with the same happy spirit.

St Oswald's: After the successful Tea and Coffee get together before the Service of Remembrance on 11 November at St. Oswald's, we are hoping to have serve tea and coffee and mince pies after the 8.30 mass on the third Sunday of Advent (December 16th). We are planning a festive theme and if anyone has any ideas to enhance this please contact Helen 07790342187"

St Oswald's: RED BOX collection; Please bring in your RED BOXES to the side chapel for collection during December.

Lourdes Pilgrimage: 20th Oct.2019. 5days..New lower price for early Booking, £575 full board, £120 extra for single. Please ring Dorothy 01772 742927 for a Booking form. Deposit £200

Piety Shops -Don't forget your Advent candles and calendars are now in stock.

Cardinal Newman College Advent Vigil 4th December at 6.30pm in the College Chapel, Lark Hill followed by Festive refreshments.

St Teresa: Thank you to all who supported St Teresa's Christmas Fayre, it was a wonderful success, a lovely atmosphere and good fun.

Our Synod 2020 Prayer

Father, we thank you for the love you have shown us in the gift of Jesus, your Son.

We thank you for the gift of the Church, through which you show us that you are always with us and are always at work in our lives.

As we journey together to Synod 2020 help us to become the Church that you are calling us to be.

May your Holy Spirit be powerfully at work among us.

Strengthen each of us and guide Francis, our Pope and Malcolm, our Archbishop.

Help us to respond to the challenges of our times in new ways

to bring your love to all our sisters and brothers.

We make this prayer through Jesus Christ Our Lord. AMEN.