



NEWSLETTER

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

WE REMEMBER ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY:

WE REMEMBER ALL THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:

Jessi Popple, Violet Larkin, Lucy Whitfield, Simon Sloane, Stella Moir, Nora Carey, Jim Elson, Franciszka Dziekan, Adrian Weaver, Molly Kinsella, Ken Calloway, Patricia Pielou, George Crossman, John Mason, Ivy Dorrington, Michael Enright, Lilian Dredge, Michael Hewco, Annie Cann, Michael Glynn, Sylvia O'Sullivan Larry Tall, Ella Morris, Robert Smith, Catherine Williams, Antonia Sloan, Ken McCrombie, Margaret Hussey, Alice Matthews, Pat Grigg, Imelda Brown, Brenda Magee, Bridie Carter, Margaret Glynn, Esme Andrews, Jean McGhee.

AND THOSE WHO ARE SICK & HOUSEBOUND:

Elizabeth Smart, Brian Smart, Julia Tucker, Catherine Twomey, Sister Theresa Smythe, Sue Atkins, Madeleine Page, Alma Hamilton, Jill Tansley, Anna Hradil, Penny Watson, Michael O'Connell, Paul Thorpe, Maureen Hughes, Anna Bingham, Mary Hutchings, Margaritha Gibson, Anne King, Graham King, Hazel Grimoldby, Mavis Parsons, Marie Mackay, Richard Fairfax, Roger Dore, Florencia Duga, Sandra Jones, Christopher Browne, Eveleen O'Farrell, Jane Tolfree, Carmel Allan, Sean Carroll, Martin Connolly, Joseph Hughes, Imogen Jenkins, Paul Jones, Riza Carol Khan, Esther Page, Lochlan Quinlan, Sr Raymond SSJA, Michael Sigsworth, Vera Terry, Mary Wallace.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Sat	6 th	5:30pm	St John Fisher	Second Sunday of Advent	Jackie Santo RIP
Sun	7 th	8:00am	St George	Second Sunday of Advent	The Mann and Boalch Families RIP
Sun	7 th	9:15am	St George	Second Sunday of Advent	Maria Mateus RIP
Sun	7 th	11:00am	St Teresa	Second Sunday of Advent	Noreen Ring
Mon	8 th	9:30am	St George	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception	Peter Russell
Tues	9 th	9:30am	St George	Weekday of Advent	Jim Gray RIP
Tues	9 th	1:15pm	Musgrove Chapel	Weekday of Advent	People of the Parishes
Wed	10 th	9:30am	St George	Weekday of Advent	Julie and Norman Somerton RIP
Wed	10 th	6:15pm	St George	Weekday in Ordinary Time	People of the Parishes
Thurs	11 th	9:30am	St John Fisher	Weekday of Advent	People of the Parishes
Thurs	11 th	12:30pm	St George	Weekday of Advent	Fr Peter Marden
Fri	12 th	10:00am	St Teresa	Weekday of Advent	John MJ and Annamma John RIP
Sat	13 th	9:30am	St George	Memorial of St Lucy	Deceased Members of the Hill Family
Sat	13th	3:00pm	St George	Remembrance Mass	
Sat	13 th	5:30pm	St John Fisher	Third Sunday of Advent	Deceased Members of the Walker & McPhillips Families
Sun	14 th	8:00am	St George	Third Sunday of Advent	Hardy Menezes Thanksgiving
Sun	14 th	9:15am	St George	Third Sunday of Advent	Deceased Members of the Conlon & Geraghty Families
Sun	14 th	11:00am	St Teresa	Third Sunday of Advent	Second Month from Death Anniversary

CONTACT US

Parish Priest: Fr David Savoury VF david.savoury@clifftondiocese.com

Assistant Priest: Fr Noriel Salvador Noriel.salvador@clifftondiocese.com

Permanent Deacon: Rev Trevor Jones trevor.jones@clifftondiocese.com 01823 270935

PARISH WEBSITE: <https://tauntonvalecatholics.com>

Parish Administrator: Diz Horne taunton.stgeorge@clifftondiocese.com

Parish Office: 01823 272700 Mon 9-1, Tues-Thurs 9-2, Fri 9-4

SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE:

John Twomey psr.taunton.stgeorge@clifftondiocese.com

DIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING OFFICE: safeguarding@clifftondiocese.com 0117 954 0993

This Sunday's gospel presents us with the proclamation of the great John the Baptist. But who was John the Baptist? Well, we know from Matthew, that John made his appearance as a preacher in the desert of Judea. Deserts are places of simplicity and poverty, places where distractions and attachments are eliminated, and clarity of heart and mind is restored by creating space to listen to the voice of God. Each of us are governed by voices, it might be that of wealth, pleasure, power, honour, worry or similar avatars. But it is in these moments that we ought to ask ourselves: What is God saying? We start by going back to our desert, in a place of silence, to hear to the whispers of God. This is the way of the Baptist, and this advent maybe this is the way to take. Secondly, once the message has been heard we do not stay silent but rather proclaim it to all those we encounter. What is John the Baptist proclaiming? 'Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand' (MT: 3, 2). In Hebrew and Greek repent means a change of behaviour, a change of direction. The kingdom of heaven is the kingdom of love in which the blessed Trinity reigns with love. We are all made for Love, but at times we forget our identity as children of God. Let us have a change in direction and reclaim our identity by taking the example of John the Baptist, who sought God with all his heart, so that this Christmas we can for sure say, the kingdom of God is here.

Brother Nohil D' Souza

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE: we will be having our advent penitential service at St George's on Thursday 18th December at 7pm, with a number of priests hearing confessions.

SVP: The popular Parish Advent Soups have returned on Thursdays in the Catholic Centre following the 12.30pm Mass at St George. On Thursday, December 11, pupils from St George's will be joining us to serve mince pies and cream! The final soup session takes place on December 18. All welcome.

ST TERESA: thank you to all who bought soup and bread for Sunday what a great event with 100 cups of soup given out. Our Jessie tree is up-please take a tag, they're all different amounts. There is list on the tree of what the Foodbank need.

Sunday 21 December after Mass we will be putting up the crib and would love help from children. There will be mulled wine & mince pies with a list of who is bringing them at the back of church.

ST GEORGE JESSE TREE: St Georges Junior Choir have kindly put up the Jesse Tree. As is our tradition please can you support the homeless by taking a label and providing them with your chosen gift. Please can you put your presents under the Jesse Tree by 21st December so that we can deliver them to Open Door in time for Christmas. Thank you for your ongoing support.

REMEMBRANCE MASS: This year's Remembrance Mass for families who have lost a child (from conception to adulthood) will be held on Saturday 13 December 2025 at 3pm. Join together and light a candle as we pray for comfort, peace, and strength from the Holy Spirit. Special Remembrance books at the back of all churches if you would like to add your child's name. All are warmly invited to this Mass and for tea afterwards in the parish centre.

CHRISTMAS VIGIL FAMILY MASS: 24th December 4.30 pm at St Teresa's. Children are invited to come as shepherds or angels.

CHRISTMAS SERVICE OF CAROLS AND READINGS BY CANDLELIGHT: 3.30pm Sunday 21st December, in St George's Church. This service will be followed by mulled wine and mine pies in the Parish Centre.

SIMBANG GABI MASSES: will be celebrated at St George's Church from the 16th to the 24th December at 6am.

NOTICES

Diocesan Prayer Link: St Gregory the Great/ St Thomas More, Cheltenham.

Standing Orders: 30/11/2025
St George: £2153.42 St Teresa: £369.92
St John Fisher: £176.08

Offertory Collection: 30/11/2025
St George: £533.22 St Teresa: £375.35
St John Fisher: £167.50

SECOND COLLECTION: Poor Missions of the Diocese this weekend of the 7th December.

ST RICHARD OF CHICHESTER: will be having a Mass on Wednesday 17th December at 10am.

ST JOHN FISHER ADVENT LUNCHESES: Next lunches are 10th and 17th December. Meetings will be from 12 - 1.30. Bring a packed lunch-hot drinks provided.

CALLING ALL SINGERS: St Georges Choir practices 7.30pm-9pm Thursday, Junior Choir 7pm – 8.15pm.

ST TERESA'S MUSIC GROUP: Help! St Teresa's music group is looking for some more musicians to play on Sunday mornings and over the Christmas period i.e. 21st, 25th, 28th December. Please contact: eileen.binding@gmail.com.

CHRISTMAS GIFT SHOPS: St Teresa and St George bookshops are filled with gifts, cards and items for Advent and Christmas.

BOOK GROUP: meet in St George's Rectory, first Wednesday of the month at 2pm. Reading "The Lady in the Van" by Alan Bennett for the next meeting. Contact the office for more info.

FAIRTRADE: St George Sun. 14th Dec.
St John Fisher Sat. 20th Dec, St Teresa's Sun. 21st Dec,

SYRO-MALABAR MASS: every 2nd and 4th Sunday at St George at 2pm and 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays at St Teresa at 5pm.

ST GEORGE'S SCHOOL: need 2 foundation governors, a caretaker and a cleaner. Contact the school office for info on 01823 284130

CONFESSION TIMES: At St George's: Sat 10am-10:30am;
Thurs 12 noon -12:30pm
At St Teresa's: Fri 9:30am -10am at St John Fisher: Sat 5pm-5:25pm

ADORATION TIMES:
At St George Tues-Sun-6:30am-7:30am;
Wed 6:30am-9:30am; Tue-Fri 5-6pm; Thurs 12 -12:25pm; Fri 5:00am – 9:00pm
Saturdays 10am-11am (Children's Holy hour); St Teresa: Mon 10am; St John Fisher: Wed 5pm-6pm; Thurs 10-12pm

BENEDICTION: 7pm Fridays at St George's Catholic Church

PARISH COMMUNITIES & FELLOWSHIPS:
LEGION OF MARY: meet Thursday 6:30-pm in the Catholic Centre. All welcome
AFRICAN CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP: meet Sunday 7th December after 9:15am Mass in the Parish Centre.
PINOY CLUB: next meet Sunday 21st December after 9:15am Mass in the Centre

PRAYER GROUPS:
Charismatic Prayer Group: every Wednesday 10am-11.30am St. George's Centre
Led Holy Hour: St George's on the last Wednesday of the month 7:30-8:30pm
Mother's Prayer: Every other Thurs 8-10pm Parish Centre.
Prepare for Sunday praying the Mass readings together: St George's Centre, 2pm on December 18th
Pray the Rosary: Tues 6:15pm St George's Church; 1st Tuesday of the month at 10:30am St John Fisher Church.
HEALING PRAYER MINISTRIES:
1st weekend each month after all Masses except 8am & after Mass on 3rd Sat at St. George.
Also appointments are available by mail: healing@tauntonvalecatholics.com