



NEWSLETTER

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

WE REMEMBER ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY:

Nicola Perry, Patrick Knight.

WE REMEMBER ALL THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:

Brenda Magee, Josephine Palmer, Terence Deacon, Joyce Lanaway, Eamonn Donnelly, Michael Enright, Lilian Dredge, Michael Hewco, Annie Cann, Michael Glynn, Sylvia O'Sullivan, Larry Tall, Ella Morris, Robert Smith, Catherine Williams, Antonia Sloan, Margaret Hussey, Alice Matthews, Pat Grigg, Imedla Brown, Bridie Carter, Margaret Glynn, Esme Andrews, Jean McGhee, Michael Festing, Kathleen Cornish, Alice Brady, Mary Roderick, Mary Edwards, Sr Bernadette Rossiter, Mark Weekes, Eric Walsh, David Bowey, Ingolf Bakke, Mrs Collins, Bernadette Goff.

AND THOSE WHO ARE SICK & HOUSEBOUND:

Michael O'Connell, Philomena O'Connor, Paul Thorpe, Maureen Hughes, Margaret Smith,

Anna Bingham, Mary Hutchings, Margaritha Gibson, Anne King, Graham King, Nora Corcoran, Hazel Grimoldby, Joy Bellekom, Sylvia Richardson, Jan Rimmer, Mavis Parsons, Marie Mackay, Trevor Nelson, Richard Fairfax, Roger Dore, Florencia Duga, Sandra Jones, Christopher Browne, Monica Spalding, Eveleen O'Farrell, Jane Tolfree, Angela Roberts, Ann Young, Carmel Allan, Sean Carroll, Martin Connolly, John Fleming, Bernadette Fiddaman, Joseph Hughes, Imogen Jenkins, Paul Jones, Riza Carol Khan, Monica Macauley, Esther Page, Lochlan Quinlan, Jane Randall, Sr Raymond SSJA, Michael Sigsworth, Vic Smith, Norman Surridge, Vera Terry, Mary Wallace.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Sat	9 th	5:30pm	St John Fisher	Second Sunday of Advent	Jan Carlo Bondad RIP
Sun	10 th	8:00am	St George's	Second Sunday of Advent	Michael Festing RIP
Sun	10 th	9:15am	St George's	Second Sunday of Advent	Maria Mateus RIP
Sun	10 th	11:00am	St Teresa's	Second Sunday of Advent	Russell Turley
Mon	11 th	9:30am	St George's	Weekday of Advent	Peter Lewis RIP
Tues	12 th	9:30am	St George's	Weekday of Advent	Deceased Members of the Walker & McPhillips Families
Wed	13 th	9:30am	St George's	Memorial of St Lucy	Eileen and Fred Foxtan RIP
Thurs	14 th	9:30am	St John Fisher	Memorial of St John of the Cross	Patricia Pielou RIP
Thurs	14 th	12:30pm	St George's	Memorial of St John of the Cross	Andrew Walker RIP
Fri	15 th	10:00am	St Teresa's	Weekday of Advent	Deceased Members of the Conlon & Geraghty Families
Sat	16th	6:00am	St George's	Weekday of Advent	Conor McCarrick
Sat	16 th	9:30am	St George's	Weekday of Advent	Lydia and Arthur Letchford RIP
Sat	16 th	5:30pm	St John Fisher	Third Sunday of Advent	Johan de Leuw RIP
Sun	17th	6:00am	St George's	Third Sunday of Advent	People of the Parishes
Sun	17 th	8:00am	St George's	Third Sunday of Advent	Sr Michele Spenceley SSJA RIP
Sun	17 th	9:15am	St George's	Third Sunday of Advent	John & Anna Morelli RIP
Sun	17 th	11:00am	St Teresa's	Third Sunday of Advent	Carmel Cooney-Birthday

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We have been looking recently at how we improve our process for people to raise complaints and concerns in the parish. There are multiple things that we get wrong each day. I'm very conscious of my own fallibility and can easily forget things, get things wrong or do them too slowly. We regularly have new faults and issues with our physical plant. Sometimes we won't be aware of them yet and really value being told. At other times we're waiting on contractors, or parts can be challenging for them to source which can give the appearance of inaction. It's really important that we have a good process in place so that people can raise issues and complaints and be kept informed of what action will be taken to resolve these. At the same time, it can be quite dispiriting for parish staff and volunteers to be faced with the volume of complaints that we get. We've therefore created a complaints form on our website and would invite you to consider using this in the first instance to raise any complaints or concerns or let us know when things have gone wrong. This will enable us to get back to you and take steps to address any issues, whilst hopefully reducing the amount of negative feedback that parish volunteers and staff have to deal with personally. As part of my Advent journey, I'm consciously trying to thank some of the amazingly generous people who do so much for our parish each day. Perhaps this is something you might consider doing – I think this can be such a source of encouragement to people.

FR TOM DUBOIS

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHAFTS OF LIGHT, SHAFTS OF HOPE IN ADVENT: A 1 hour mini retreat to give some focus to this busy time of present buying, food shopping, and wrapping of gifts. For more info and to sign up visit www.cliffondiocese.com under "Latest News"

SVP SOUP AND A ROLL: offered every Thursday in St George's Parish centre after midday Mass.

CONFESSIONS: we will be offering extra confessions during the Advent season at St George's, from 7.35am to 7.55am, beginning on 3 December. We have our normal confession times of Thursdays 12-12.25pm at St George's, Fridays from 9.30 to 9.55am at St Teresa's, Saturdays from 10 to 10.30am at St George's & 5-5.25pm at St John Fisher. We'll have a penitential service with a number of priests from around the deanery on Wednesday 13 December at 7pm at St George's.

JESSE TREE: St George's: Please can you take a label of the present that you would like to donate, wrap your present and attach the label. Please can you place under the Jesse Tree by Wednesday 20th December, as we would like to deliver the presents to Open Door for the homeless, in time for Christmas. **St Teresa** have their own Jesse tree in aid of Taunton Foodbank. A list of what is needed is available.

CALLING ALL SINGERS AND INSTRUMENTALISTS: The practice for the Service of Christmas Readings and Carols will be 2.30pm – 3.30pm Sunday 17th December. Contact the parish office or Anne-Marie Twort 01823 253293

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE: Our Christmas Carol Service at St George's will take place on Sunday 17 December at 4pm. Please do join us for this wonderful celebration and refreshments afterwards.

SIMBANG GABI: we will be having a novena of Masses every day from 16 to 24 December at 6am at St George's.

BOXING DAY LUNCH: last call up for anyone who is on their own for Boxing Day and wishes to attend our lunch in St George's Centre. Please contact the Parish Office.

NOTICES

Diocesan Prayer Link: St Augustine of Canterbury, Matson; English Martyrs, Tuffley, Gloucester.

Standing Orders: 3/12/23

St George's: £1104.94 St Teresa's: £185.57

Offertory Collection: 3/12/23

St George's: £1885.71 St Teresa's: £258.80

SERVICE OF CHRISTMAS READINGS AND CAROLS:

4.00pm 17th December in St Georges Church. This will be followed by mulled wine and mince pies in the Parish Centre. Everyone is welcome.

AFRICAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY: are holding an end of year party on Sunday 10 December from midday in the Taunton Catholic Centre. Non-African parishioners are also warmly invited.

ST TERESA: on Sunday 17th December will be having mince pies, gingerbread men, mulled wine and mulled apple juice after mass. If you would like to contribute mince pies or gingerbread men there will be a list at the back of the church in the narthex.

MISSIO RED BOX HOLDERS: we are currently delivering the Mission Today Calenders for 2024. As end 2023 we would like to ensure that everyone's box has been emptied at least once. Please let us know or bring it along to church if you can. Thank you.

MARRIAGE LIFELINE: If you feel lost and alone in your marriage the Retrouvaille programme may be just what you need. Next programme is a virtual weekend 8-11 February 2024. For info contact 07887 296983 Confidentiality assured.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES: now on our website

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's: Daily 6:30am-7:30am; Tue-Fri 5-6pm; Wed 6:30am-9:30am; Thurs 12 -12:25pm; Fri 5:00am - midnight; Saturdays 10am-11am (Children's Holy hour); St John Fisher: Wed 3pm-7pm; Thurs 10-12pm

PRAYER GROUPS

Charismatic Prayer Group: Wed 7:15pm-8:30pm in St George's Centre

Mother's Prayer Group: Every other Thurs 8-10pm St George's Centre

Ignatian Prayer group: Thurs 1-2:15pm-Next meeting 21st December