



TAUNTON VALE
CATHOLICS

NEWSLETTER

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

WE REMEMBER ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY:

Lorna Kellett, Vic Smith, Bernadette Fiddaman, David Sweet, Father Bernard Carpenter.

WE REMEMBER ALL THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT

THIS TIME: Adrian Weaver, Molly Kinsella, Ken Calloway, Patricia Pielou, George Crossman, John Mason, Ivy Dorrington, Michael Glynn, Sylvia O'Sullivan, Larry Tall, Ella Morris, Robert Smith, Catherine Williams, Antonia Sloan, Margaret Hussey, Alice Matthews, Pat Grigg, Imelda Brown, Brenda Magee, Bridie Carter, Margaret Glynn, Esme Andrews, Jean McGhee, Terence Deacon, Josephine Palmer, Michael Festing, Kathleen Cornish, Alice Brady, Mary Roderick, Mary Edwards, Sr Bernadette Rossiter, Mark Weekes.

AND THOSE WHO ARE SICK & HOUSEBOUND:

Madeleine Page, Alma Hamilton, Chris Edley, Jill Tansley, Anna Hradil, Penny Watson, Michael O'Connell, Paul Thorpe, Maureen Hughes, Margaret Smith, Anna Bingham, Mary Hutchings, Margaritha Gibson, Anne King, Graham King, Hazel Grimoldby, Jan Rimmer, 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, Monica Macauley, Esther Page, Lochlan Quinlan, Jane Randall, Sr Raymond SSJA, Michael Sigsworth, Norman Surridge, Vera Terry, Mary Wallace.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Sat	7 th	5:30pm	St John Fisher	Second Sunday of Advent	Fr Ikeokwu Nduh MSP
Sun	8 th	8:00am	St George	Second Sunday of Advent	Maria Mateus RIP
Sun	8 th	9:15am	St George	Second Sunday of Advent	Deceased Members of the Walker and Baron Families
Sun	8 th	11:00am	St Teresa	Second Sunday of Advent	The Lowe and King Families
Mon	9 th	9:30am	St George	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception	Jan Carlo Bondad RIP
Tues	10 th	9:30am	St George	Weekday of Advent	In thanksgiving for the healing of Ian Connoley, through the intercession of St. Benedict
Wed	11 th	9:30am	St George	Weekday of Advent	Vic Smith RIP
Wed	11th	7:00pm	St George	Advent Penitential Service	
Thurs	12 th	9:30am	St John Fisher	Weekday of Advent	Deceased friends of the Knott & Helm Families
Thurs	12 th	12:30pm	St George	Weekday of Advent	Michael Festing RIP
Fri	13 th	10:00am	St Teresa	Memorial of St Lucy	Petronilo Magsino RIP
Sat	14 th	9:30am	St George	Memorial of St John of the Cross	John Morton RIP
Sat	14 th	5:30pm	St John Fisher	Third Sunday of Advent	People of the Parishes
Sun	15 th	8:00am	St George	Third Sunday of Advent	Lydia and Arthur Letchford RIP
Sun	15 th	9:15am	St George	Third Sunday of Advent	Deceased Members of the Conlon & Geraghty Families
Sun	15 th	11:00am	St Teresa	Third Sunday of Advent	Deceased Members of the Hill Family

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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-Fri5-6pm; Thurs 12 -12:25pm; Fri 5:00am -

midnight; Saturdays 10am-11am (Children's Holy hour);

St John Fisher: Wed 3pm-6pm; Thurs10-12pm

PRAYER GROUPS: Charismatic Prayer Group: 1st and 3rd

Wednesdays 7.00pm-8.30pm St. George's Church; 2nd and

4th Wed 10am-11.30am St. George's Centre

Mother's Prayer: Every other Thurs 8-10pm Parish Centre.

Prepare for Sunday praying the Mass readings together:

Thurs 1pm-2:15pm, 19th December St George's Centre

Pray the Rosary: Tues 6:15pm St George's Church; 1st

Tuesday of the month at 10:30am St John Fisher Church.

As we approach Christmas and prepare for the birth of Jesus, Advent is a powerful time of new beginnings, filled with hope and promise. It's a particularly propitious time for an encounter with God's mercy through the sacrament of reconciliation, preparing our hearts to welcome Jesus in an ever deeper way. Often, though, it can be challenging to approach the sacrament of confession, with all kinds of fears and reservations holding us back from this encounter. To make it as easy as possible, in addition to our normal times of confession, we are also having a penitential service this week, taking place on Wednesday evening at 7pm at St George's. There will be a number of priests from around the deanery available to hear confessions. This provides a powerful way to celebrate the impact of God's mercy not just on ourselves but on those around us, including our parish community. Just as sin hurts not just ourselves but others, receiving God's mercy and healing leads to an overflowing of grace into the hearts and lives of those around us.

FATHER TOM DUBOIS

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

EXODUS 90: Calling all Catholic adult men who are seeking to develop their relationship with God through 3 core pillars: prayer, asceticism and fraternity. Exodus 90 is a spiritual challenge that lasts 90 days, starts on the 20th Jan & concludes on Easter Sunday. We will meet as a small group once a week for an hour to support and guide each other on the journey. Visit <https://exodus90.com/how-it-works/to> to understand all that's involved and the commitment required. Jacob will be giving a talk after masses on the weekend 11/12th January. Contact Jacob.m.keogh@gmail.com or Fr Tom.

READINGS AND CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT: 4pm Sunday 22nd December in St Georges Church. Followed by mince pies and mulled wine in the Parish Centre.

PARISH ADVENT SOUPS: take place for charity on December 12 and 19 in the centre following the 12.30pm Mass at St George's.

LEGION OF MARY: A number of people expressed interest in the Legion of Mary following my recent newsletter piece, so we are moving forward with establishing the Legion in our parishes. John Jordan will be speaking about the Legion at Masses **this** Sunday 8 December. We then invite anyone interested to a meeting in St George's Rectory 6:15pm **this** Thursday 12th December

SIMBANG GABI MASSES: We will be celebrating a Novena of Masses at St George's daily from 16th-24th Dec at 6am

MAMRE: next meet Sunday 15th December after 9:15 mass in the Catholic Centre. Signup at the back of the church.

BEYOND THE THRESHOLD: creating safe spaces for people to find out who we are, what we believe and what we're like! Starting Saturday 18 January at St Brendan's College, Brislington, from 10am (9.30am refreshments) Register using the link: <https://beyondthethreshold.eventbrite.co.uk>

FRENCH GATHERING: some parishioners have asked for a monthly gathering for French speakers. Initially the format will be a half hour spiritual conference/exchange followed by a half hour social time while eating puddings supplied by these parishioners. We'll then review the format. First meeting is Thursday 12 December at 8pm in St George's Rectory. The theme will be 'Entrer dans l'année sainte: comment nourrir la vertu de l'espérance'.

MISSIO: The Calendars for 2025 are now available and will be delivered to you or collected from the back of the churches. If you have any money in your Red Boxes we would really like to collect it as soon as possible or drop it off at church.

SINGERS/INSTRUMENTALISTS: We're practicing the music for Advent and Christmas at St George Church. Practices are 7.30pm – 9.00pm on Thursday evenings in St Georges Church. All are welcome.

CHRISTMAS PARTY: The African Family Community will organise a Christmas Family Party on the 15th of December 2024 from 12:00pm to 5:00 pm in the Main Hall. During the event there be a variety of activities showcasing the rich African culture, including performances by children, interactive discussions, games, and more! Non-African Parishioners are also warmly invited to join the celebration. For more details, contact 07494796825/07930816276/ngalimken@yahoo.com

THE BOOK GROUP: will meet on Wednesday 8th January at 2.00 pm. at Cotford St Luke. New members are welcome.

NOTICES

Diocesan Prayer Link: Immaculate Conception, Devizes, with Lavington.

Standing Orders: 01/12/24

St George: £1827.96 St Teresa: £359.07

Offertory Collection: 01/12/24

St George: £St Teresa: £360.25

St John Fisher £178

RIP: A couple of well-loved parishioners have died recently. Vic Smith's funeral will take place at St George's on 20 December at 12:30. Lorna Kellett's funeral will take place at St Richard's on 3 January at midday. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

THANK YOU: to all who contributed and attended St Teresa's Sausage in a bun event. Next up is mulled wine/apple juice, mince pies and festive gingerbread on the 22nd December.

ST TERESA STABLE CRIB: will be in place on Sunday but it will be empty! In the Narthex there will be post-it notes for you to put your intentions/prayers for Advent. Place them into the basket which will be brought up at the offertory during each mass and placed in the Crib.

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE: St George's **this** Wednesday 11 December 7pm, with a number of priests from around the deanery coming to hear confessions.

ST GEORGE JESSE TREE: now in St Georges Church. Donations to 'Open Door Charity' for the homeless in Taunton. Please take a tag and return your present by 22nd December. **ST TERESA JESSE TREE:** is also out now. All donations to Taunton Food Bank.

IMPACT: our group for teenagers will meet 8th December from 5.30-7pm in St George's Rectory.

PARISH LUNCH: We're having a lunch at The Catholic Centre on the 18th January for Pensioners or people living on their own. Time to be confirmed and more details to follow. Spaces are limited, if you are interested, please contact the Church office.

FAIRTRADE: on offer at St George's on Dec. 8th, St John Fisher's on Dec. 14th. St Teresa's on Dec. 15th.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES:

24th Dec 4:30pm St Teresa Christmas Vigil Mass

24th Dec 6:30pm St George Christmas Vigil Mass

24th Dec 10pm St John Fisher Christmas Vigil Mass

24th Dec 11:30pm St George Carols and Readings

24th Dec 10:00pm St John Fisher Christmas Vigil Mass

24th Dec 11:30pm St George Carols and readings

25th Dec Midnight St George Midnight Mass

25th Dec 8am St George Christmas day Mass

25th Dec 9:15am St George Christmas day Mass

25th Dec 11am St Teresa Christmas day Mass