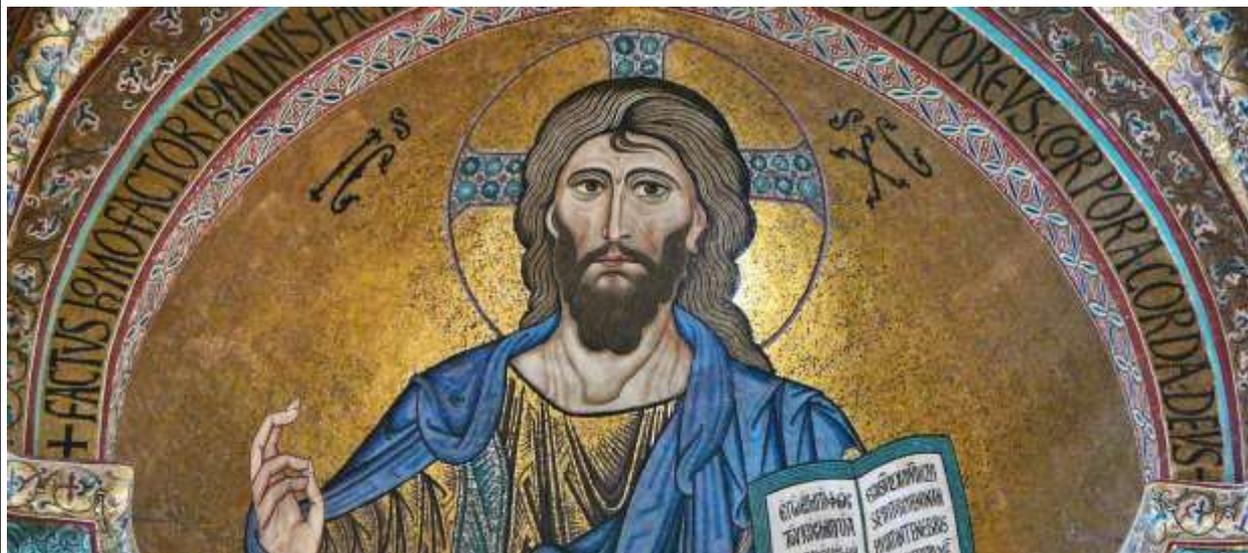


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First Sunday of Advent, 2 December 2018

“Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.”

Luke 21, 36

ADVENT COURSE During the season of Advent Fr Patrick will, once more, be hosting a course for adult Christians anxious to deepen their understanding of the Christmas mystery. Each session will begin at 19.30 and end at 20.30 after which tea & coffee will be served. The sessions will be in the Cenacle on: Mon 3 Dec; Mon 10 Dec; Mon 17 Dec. Come to all of them or just the ones you can make.

LEAVING MASS

At the end of Mass on Saturday 17.30 and Sunday, it would be desirable were members of the congregation to remain in their places until the hymn has ended and the celebrant reached the narthex. Please, just wait that extra 30 seconds, in the interests of safety and decorum.

SICK AND/OR HOUSEBOUND

If parishioners know an elderly or housebound parishioner who could benefit from a visit from the Parish Priest, please let Father Patrick know.

CONGRATULATIONS to Leon King-Zhang who is baptised this Sunday.

SAFEGUARDING

In order to comply with the Safeguarding Regulation laid down by the Diocese of Birmingham, we need a chaperone/s on duty in the Altar Servers' sacristy before and after the 17.30 and 10.00 Masses. Should you be willing for your name to be added to the rota for this mandatory duty, please let Lis Leddy know by e-mail and you will be notified in due course as to dates when required. Many thanks.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Gift Aid £196.50 Loose £510.52
Standing Orders £484.00

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<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/privacy-policy>
or by request from the parish office.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

In line with recent Safeguarding recommendations, there is now a need for children attending Children's Liturgy sessions to be registered and a record of those at the sessions to be kept. Forms for those who would like their child/ren to take part and are available from Children's Liturgy leaders or the parish office during Advent. These should be completed and returned to Children's Liturgy leaders or the parish office by 24th December. A register of children attending sessions, whether or not they are accompanied by a parent, will be kept from Sunday 6th January. This information will be held in the parish records until you leave the parish in accordance with the [Diocesan Privacy notice](#) which is also

FESTIVE TREATS

We will be serving Mulled wine, Tea, Coffee and a variety of festive bakes after the 5.30pm Mass on Saturday 8th December and the 10am Mass on Sunday 9th December, please come and join us everyone welcome. Any money raised will go to the St Mungo charity that helps the homeless in Reading.

LOCAL CHRISTMAS CARD

DELIVERY Scouts will deliver local Christmas cards for 30p. Put your money in the collection tin and your card in the big red box in the narthex. Details of delivery dates on the poster.

"A BED FOR THE NIGHT" is a winter months only night shelter run by local churches in Reading Berkshire, led by Faith Christian Group. Local church venues each provide a team of volunteers. A hot evening meal is served and toilet and washing facilities are provided. Guests must be booked in by the St Mungo's outreach team. All volunteers undergo TRAINING to ensure the safety of all involved. If you would like to get involved see the poster in the narthex for details.

First Sunday of Advent (Year C – Luke): Advent means coming, arrival. We await the arrival of the Saviour, the Redeemer. In this short but intense season of the Church's year our thoughts focus on "*when the king shall come again*", on the glorious return of the Lord. Aware that in a little under three weeks the Church will invite us to relive with the Jewish people of old the expectations they nurtured over the generations of the coming of a Messiah, we will listen to the hearkening voice of the OT prophets and then will re-live the immediate preparations made by Elizabeth and Zechariah, Mary and Joseph for the birth of the long-awaited one. But for now, together with all who have welcomed that Messiah, have listened to his teaching, have followed in his footsteps and become his disciples, the Church invites us to look forward to his second coming and to the close of the age. In these weeks the United Kingdom is nervous, expectant of a "brighter future" and yet deeply uncertain as to how the future will pan out. Perhaps this year, by casting our gazes further into the future and focusing on the return of the Lord, so frequently referred to in the latter days of his public ministry, we can gain security from that promise and live by the values of the kingdom of God which will come to fulfilment when God's reign envelops all the created universe.

First Reading (OT): Jeremiah 33, 14 – 16: Children have an instinctive sense of justice and fair play. With adults it is a bit more complicated, yet all of us see the ideal society as one which is just and fair, and at peace. And yet the world is full of injustice, hatred and war: one only has to think of the Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh, the Syrians on Lesbos, the mutilated children in Yemen, not to mention the Guatemalans knocking at Trump's door! Seven centuries before Christ the situation was not much different. The prophet Jeremiah was keenly aware that the wealthy Israelites lived off the backs of the exploited poor. There was a great thirst for justice and Jeremiah imagined a man who would not only be just himself but would inaugurate a regime characterised by justice.

Second Reading (NT): 1 Thessalonians 3, 12 – 4, 2: The letter Paul wrote to the early Christian community at Thessalonica is the oldest writing in the NT (c. AD 55). Paul lived in imminent expectation of the Lord's return and he recommended that we live in such a way that he would acknowledge us as his own were he to come back. This extract breathes the love which characterised so many of the early Christian communities, one where love of God infused all the members with reciprocal love of neighbour.

Gospel: Luke 21, 25 – 28. 34 – 36: The time of Jesus was characterised by much apocalyptic expectation among those who remained faithful to Judaism and among the early Christians. The end times were dawning. By the time Luke wrote this passage the Jerusalem temple had been destroyed and the Jewish nation dispersed. Moreover, Christians were running out of patience with the returning Lord. The signs were there, but he was not coming. The message from this passage is that we should be vigilant and get on with living according to the teaching Jesus left us.

The readings for today's Masses are to be found in Parish Mass Book : pp 82-84

Masses and Intentions

First Week of Advent

Saturday 1st December 10.00 Matej & Maria Grestiak RIP
Feast: Edmund Campion

First Sunday of Advent

Year C (Luke)

Saturday	1 st December	17.30	People of the parish
Sunday	2 nd December	10.00	William Henry Stubbs
		12.00	Baptism - Leon King-Zhang
		18.30	Th'giving: Our Lady & St Teresa
Monday	3 rd December	09.15	Friends who are sick
<i>Memorial: St Francis Xavier</i>			
Tuesday	4 th December	09.15	Ian Middleton RIP
<i>Advent Feria</i>			
Wednesday	5 th December	09.15	Bridget McArthur
<i>Feast: St Birinus</i>			
Thursday	6 th December	08.00	Gerard Lawrence RIP
<i>Advent Feria</i>			
Friday	7 th December	12.30	Clodagh Dunleavy RIP
<i>Memorial: St Ambrose</i>			
Saturday	8 th December	10.00	Our Lady & St Anne
<i>Solemnity: Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>			

Second Sunday of Advent

Year C (Luke)

Saturday	8 th December	17.30	Jozef Skrabek RIP
Sunday	9 th December	10.00	Leo Vincent Ring RIP
		18.30	Deceased of Carwana family

Confessions: Saturday 10.30 - 11.30
 16.45 - 17.15

Exposition
 & Benediction: Saturday 10.30 - 11.30

Evening prayer, Rosary: Saturday 16.45