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First Sunday of Advent, Year A –

26th -27th November 2022

Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.

Ps 84: 8

NEW MASS TIMES

Fr Joe will be working in Birmingham for two days a week so the times of weekday Masses have been adjusted.

Monday no Mass, Fr Joe's day off.

Tuesday – 9.15am

Wednesday 7.30am

Thursday 7.30pm

Friday 9.15am

Sunday Masses:

Saturday 5.30pm [confession
4.30pm onwards]

Sunday 10.00am

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES AT OUR LADY & ST ANNE 2022

Saturday 24th Dec – Christmas Eve

Vigil Mass (children's nativity) 4.00pm

Carols for Christmas 8.30pm

Mass of Christmas Night 9.00pm

Sunday 25th Dec – Christmas Day

Mass of Christmas Dawn 9.00am

Mass of Christmas Day 11.00am

PARISH ADVENT CAROL SERVICE 2022

A time of spiritual preparation in the church on Thursday 22nd December at 7.30pm.

A selection of Advent readings and carols to support us as we watch and wait for the coming of the Kingdom of God.

Everybody welcome.

Followed by festive refreshments.

PARISH INCOME BANKED IN OCTOBER

Contactless - Sun. offering: £ 587.00

Contactless - candles: £ 34.00

Loose plate £ 48.88

Standing Orders: £2361.32

CHILDREN'S LITURGY CAFOD FUNDRAISER

Today (27th Nov) we are launching our annual Smarties fundraising appeal in aid of CAFOD. Children's Liturgy welcomes all children who have not yet made their First Holy Communion (pre-school children must be accompanied by an adult). Come along to our session during the 10am Mass to receive your child's free tube of Smarties! There is an online donation page if anyone would like to contribute that way

- www.justgiving.com/page/childrensliturgystannes2022

RIP

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Hazel O'Shea and Ferruccio Baroni who died recently and for their family and friends who mourn them.

Hazel's funeral service will be here in the church on Friday 2nd December at 11am. Details for Ferruccio's funeral to follow.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER FUND

Once again, the flower team would be very grateful for any donations towards a 'Christmas Flower Fund'. A box for donations will be at the back of the church after all weekend Masses up to Christmas. Many thanks.

TUESDAY TEA & COFFEE

Fancy a chat on a Tuesday morning? Come in to the Cenacle for tea/coffee about 10am.

Everybody welcome, bring a friend.



OUR LADY'S LAMP

This week's lamp is lit for:

Peace on earth

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today is the first Sunday of Advent, which is also the first Sunday of a new liturgical year for the Church. The Advent season includes the four Sundays that precede Christmas. It is a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord. In this season, we recall two central elements of our faith: the final coming of the Lord in glory and the incarnation of the Lord in the birth of Jesus. Key themes of the Advent season are watchful waiting, preparation, and justice.

In this new liturgical year, the Gospel of Matthew will be the primary Gospel proclaimed (Lectionary Cycle A). In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus speak about the need for wakefulness, for watchful waiting, for the coming of the Son of Man.

Matthew's Gospel is dated by most scholars after 70 A.D. Most believe that Matthew wrote for a primarily Jewish community, but one that was no longer centred on the Temple in Jerusalem. These were Jewish Christians trying to come to terms with their relationship to Judaism in a new situation: Judaism after the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem. There may have been Christians who believed that the events of the world around them gave evidence of the imminent return of the Lord in glory.

The passage from Matthew we read today is rather straightforward. No one knows the precise time of the coming of the Lord in glory, so watchful waiting and vigilance are required. The passage speaks to the uselessness of looking for signs; there will be none. As a thief sneaks in during the night, so will the Lord's coming in glory be.

The question for us as members of the Christian community, then, is how do we prepare for this? Today's passage speaks more about the manner of waiting, rather than the details of the preparation. Jesus compares the vigilance required of Christians to the vigilance of a homeowner who knows the plans of the thief. If one knows that the thief's action is imminent, one remains watchful. As Christians, we know that our Lord is coming even if we cannot know the precise timing. Jesus calls us to be watchful and vigilant, like the homeowner. If we become lax in our Christian living, we may be caught unprepared.

Mass Intentions for First Week of Advent

First Sunday of Advent

Saturday	26 th November	5.30pm	Year C Tony Lundy RIP
Sunday	27 th November	10.00am	People of the parish

Monday 28th November
Monday of the first week of Advent No Mass

Tuesday 29th November
Tuesday of the first week of Advent 9.15am Our Lady & St Anne

Wednesday 30th November
Feast of St Andrew, Apostle 7.30am Fernando NP Da Fonseca & Maria Pereira Martins

Thursday 1st December
Feast of St Edmund Champion, Priest, Martyr 7.30pm Bridie & Jimmy O'Sullivan

Friday 2nd December
Friday of the first week of Advent 9.15am Holy souls

Second Sunday of Advent

Saturday	3 rd December	5.30pm	Year A Eileen Leahy RIP
Sunday	4 th December	10.00am	Rosaleen Ryan RIP

Rosary before Saturday evening Mass.