

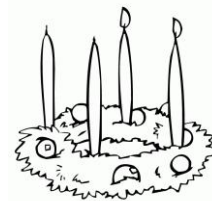
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6th December 2020 – Second Sunday of Advent (Year B)

This Week

Sunday 6th December 2020 <i>2nd Sunday of Advent</i> Diocesan Prayer Link <i>All Hospital & Prison</i> <i>Chaplaincies in the diocese</i>	6.00pm (Sat) Mass Douglas Hook <i>RIP</i> 9.00am Mass People of the Parish 10.30am Mass Teresa Zahra <i>Anniv</i> <i>12.30pm Polish Language Mass</i> 5.30pm Mass Peadar Feighan <i>RIP</i>
Monday 7th December <i>St Ambrose</i>	<i>9.10am Morning Prayer</i> 9.30am Mass CMBF
Tuesday 8th December <i>Solemnity of the</i> <i>Immaculate Conception of Our Lady</i>	<i>6.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i> 7.00pm Mass Private Intention
Wednesday 9th December <i>Weekday of Advent</i>	<i>11.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i> 12.00pm Mass Vera Watson <i>RIP</i>
Thursday 10th December <i>Weekday of Advent</i>	<i>9.10am Morning Prayer</i> 9.30am Mass Mary Wood <i>RIP</i> <i>The church will remain open until 11.00am</i>
Friday 11th December <i>Weekday of Advent</i>	<i>9.10am Morning Prayer</i> 9.30am Mass Mick Wall <i>RIP</i> <i>The church will remain open until 11.00am</i> <i>7.30pm Polish Language Mass</i>
Saturday 12th December <i>Weekday of Advent</i>	<i>9.30am Rosary</i> 10.00am Mass Deceased Caldwell & Ashcroft Families <i>10.45am – 11.30am Confessions</i> <i>5.00pm – 5.30pm Confessions</i> 6.00pm Mass People of the Parish <i>7.30pm Polish Language Mass</i>
Sunday 13th December <i>3rd Sunday of Advent</i>	9.00am Mass Mother Abbess, Poor Clares <i>RIP</i> 10.30am Mass Intentions of Doger Raypen <i>12.30pm Polish Language Mass</i> 5.30pm Mass Marianna Pospiech <i>RIP</i>

In accordance with the requirements of Tier 2, you must not attend mass in groups of more than 6 people. While in church you must not interact/socialise with people from outside of your household or support bubble

Weekly Church Cleaning: Will take place after mass on Monday morning. Just turn up if you can help.

Divine Office: Psalter Week 2 and Proper of Advent for the Prayer of the Church.

Christmas 2020

The times of Christmas Masses for this year are as follows:

Christmas Eve: 4.30pm, 6.00pm, 10.30pm. **Christmas Day:** 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am.

Stewards are needed for all Christmas Masses. Please let Fr Liam know if you can help.

A booking system is now in place for the Christmas Masses. Please click on [Eventbrite](#) to book a place at your preferred Christmas Mass. You may also book a place by phoning or emailing the parish office. Please indicate the number of places you wish to book remembering that you cannot book more than 6 and you can only book a place for those within your own household or support bubble. We are limited in the number we can accommodate so please do not turn up to a Christmas Mass if you have not booked. Once we have reached the safe capacity for each mass no one else will be admitted. We remind you that the current suspension of the obligation to attend Sunday Mass also applies to Christmas. The Bishops of England and Wales are encouraging us to recognise the significance of the Octave of Christmas (December 25th – 1st January) and to avail of the opportunity to attend mass on one of these days as a Christmas Mass. Midnight Mass on BBC1 on Christmas Eve will be broadcast from Clifton Cathedral with Bishop Declan as main celebrant.

Booking a place for Sunday Masses: From next weekend onwards, we have a booking system in place for weekend masses. To book a place via *Eventbrite* please click [HERE](#). A place may also be booked by contacting the parish office.

Advent 2020: The following publications for the Season of Advent are available: Advent Extra (£1), My Day by Day (75p). We also have free publications for children – Advent Celebrate and an Advent worksheet. All are available from the back of the church.

Diocesan Publications: Clifton Diocesan 2021 Liturgical Diary (£6.50) and Directory (£5) in the Repository.

We remember those who have asked for our prayers: Deacon David Hebbes, Fr Donal Daly, Andrea Brushneen, Cheryl Loy, Sharon Williams, Michael Hercules, Leonard Slatter, Sue Hartnett, Phil Gammond, Mandi Stokes, Theo Montague, Margaret Coleman, Patricia Walsh, Cecilia Edwards, Veronica Burke, Janet Diaco, Ben Wilkinson, Jackie Hutt, Steve Prosser, Kitty Daly, Peter Hagan, Frank Kelly, Marie O'Connor, Baby Monroe Cserna-Ochai, Jennifer Morrissey, Kathleen Neely, Joan O'Connell, Eileen Mary Parsons, Pat O'Ryan, Christopher Browne, Margaret Mayell, John Shields, David Burke, Shirley Badham, Margaret Withers.

Red Mission Box: Box holders and promoters, thank you all so much for your generosity in helping the missions. Please collect your calendars from the back of church. Please feel free to empty your own box if you can and put the money into one of the brown envelopes provided. Otherwise, please bring it to church to be emptied. If you would like to write a cheque, please make it payable to "APF". If you have signed a Gift Aid Declaration in the past, please let me know if there is a change to any of your details. Any queries please contact me on 07452773330 or email lucyglos@msn.com. Many thanks, Lucy Hayward.

Gospel Reflection from Clifton Diocese - Sunday 6th December 2020 – Second Sunday of Advent

There is no doubt about the difficult times we are living in and Christmas may well seem very different for us this year. With the potential loss of the usual parties and outings, people are beginning to think and speak about 'getting back to the real meaning of Christmas'. Perhaps, the pandemic is moving us to think about what really matters. There are times when we can get carried away with lights and parties and flashes of this and that but the real meaning of Christmas, is so much more. It is learning how to love, learning how to care, learning how to be brothers and sisters to each other. Advent is an invitation to change our lives, to perhaps refocus our direction, something we do not necessarily find easy. John the Baptist implores us to prepare a way for the Lord, to straighten ourselves out! How do we do this? By being honest with ourselves, truthful about who we are and honest about how we live in the world. With so many physical restrictions currently placed upon us – this Advent is a real opportunity to start anew, to make the changes needed so that the Lord can walk down those straight paths and into our hearts, where he longs to dwell.

Summary of the Holy Father's words at the General Audience last Wednesday, December 2nd

Dear Brothers and Sisters, in our continuing catechesis on Christian prayer, we now consider the importance of blessing as an essential dimension of prayer. To "bless" literally means to "speak something good". In creating and sustaining the world, God speaks a good word; he "blesses" his creation and sees that it is "good". God did not withhold his blessing even after we turned away in sin, but continues to desire our good. In the history of salvation, the greatest of God's blessings is Jesus Christ himself. Saint Paul exhorts us to bless God, who has blessed us in Christ, and made us his beloved sons and daughters (cf. Eph 1:3-6). In response to God's blessings, we in turn bless him, the source of all good, through our prayers of praise, adoration and thanksgiving. As the Catechism teaches: "The prayer of blessing is man's response to God's gifts" (No. 2626). May we always find joy in blessing the Father with gratitude for the infinite goodness he has shown us in giving us his Son. *Full text on the Vatican website www.vatican.va*