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11th December 2022

Third Sunday of Advent (Year A)

Sunday 11th December 2022 <i>Third Sunday of Advent</i> Diocesan Prayer Link <i>Holy Family, Swindon</i> <i>St Joseph, Wroughton</i>	6.00pm (Sat) Mass	Michael & Bridie Bowles <i>RIP</i>
	9.00am Mass	People of the Parish
	10.30am Mass	Teresa Zahara <i>RIP</i>
	12.30pm Polish Language Mass	
	5.30pm Mass	Michael Oliver (Ollie) Walsh <i>RIP</i>
Monday 12th December <i>Weekday of Advent</i>	9.10am Morning Prayer	
	9.30am Mass	Eileen Dewsnip <i>RIP</i>
Tuesday 13th December <i>St Lucy</i>	6.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
	7.00pm Mass	Marie O'Connor <i>RIP</i>
Wednesday 14th December <i>St John of the Cross</i>	11.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
	12.00pm Mass	Michael Walsh <i>RIP</i>
Thursday 15th December <i>Weekday of Advent</i>	9.10am Morning Prayer	
	9.30am Mass	Larry Montague
	11.00pm Funeral Mass	for Denis O'Connor
Friday 16th December <i>Weekday of Advent</i>	9.10am Morning Prayer	
	9.30am Mass	CMBF
	7.00pm Polish Language Mass	
Saturday 17th December <i>O Sapientia</i>	6.00am Filipino Simbang Gabi Mass	
	10.00am Mass	Ints of Alana Torchakova
	10.45am – 11.30am Confessions	
	5.00pm – 5.30pm Confessions	
	6.00pm Mass	Mick Wall <i>RIP</i>
Sunday 18th December <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>	7.30pm Polish Language Mass	
	9.00am Mass	Karen Matthews <i>RIP</i>
	10.30am Mass	Paul Montanaro <i>RIP</i>
	12.30pm Polish Language Mass	
	5.30pm Mass	People of the Parish

This Week: Advent: Week 3. Daily Prayer of the Church: Psalter Week 3 and Proper of Advent

Last Weekend: Mass Attendance – 653. Offertory £1756.17 (incl £354 contactless/online). Poor Missions - £424.79

Church Cleaning: After morning Mass tomorrow, Monday.

Parish Advent Penitential Service: On Thursday December 22nd at 6.30pm when a number of priests from the deanery will be available for individual confession.

Christmas 2022 Mass Times:

Christmas Eve: 4.00pm, 6.00pm, 11.00pm. **Christmas Day:** 9.00am and 10.30am.

Volunteers are needed for stewards, which are essential to have at all Christmas Masses. Please let Fr Liam or Fr Stephen know if you can help.

Polish Mass: Christmas Eve 8.00pm. Christmas Day 12.30pm.

Advent Time to Reflect: Today there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Evening Prayer, an Advent reflection and a time for quiet prayer in St Peter's Church, beginning at 4.00pm. All welcome.

Parish Carol Service: Next Sunday, December 18th at 4.00pm. All welcome.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Saturday December 17th 10.30am to 5.00pm. We encourage parishioners to take this opportunity to spend some time in the presence of Jesus on the Blessed Sacrament as we draw near to the celebration of his birth. Sign up list at the back of the church.

Foundation Directors: 'The Bishop and Trustees of the Diocese of Clifton are looking to appoint 8 Foundation Directors to form the Trust board of the new emerging Little Way Catholic Educational Trust, consisting of the Catholic Schools in the County of Gloucestershire. It will be one of the new Multi-Academy Trusts within the Diocese and therefore will be an exciting opportunity for all concerned. Applications from existing Foundation Governors/Directors and from those without previous school governor experience, would be welcome.' Further information from Bill McEntee our Governance Officer at bill.mcentee@cliftondiocese.com or Paul Kehoe School Partnership Officer at paul.kehoe@cliftondiocese.com at the Diocese.

Synod - The Next Step: Please visit the Clifton Diocesan website for details of the Continental stage of the Synod entitled 'Enlarge the Space of your Tent' and the responses that can be made.

RIP: Denis O'Connor. Funeral Mass in St Peter's Church on Thursday December 15th at 11.00am.

Baptism: We welcome into the family of the church Jade de Gala, and Leonara Millak baptised last weekend.

Filipino Simbang Gabi Mass: On Saturday 17th December at 6.00am in St Peter's Church. All welcome!

The O Antiphons: From at least the eighth century the antiphon before and after the Magnificat at Vespers (Evening Prayer), for the seven days leading up to Christmas Eve, has greeted Christ with a title starting with "O". These became the basis of the popular carol "O come, O come, Emmanuel". The initials, when read backwards, form the Latin "Ero Cras" which means "Tomorrow I come." The O Antiphon for each day from December 17th can be used for prayer and reflection.

17 December - O Sapientia - O Wisdom

O wisdom, coming forth from the Most High, filling all creation and reigning to the ends of the earth; come and teach us the way of truth. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

18 December - O Adonai - O Lord of might

O Lord of Lords, and ruler of the House of Israel, you appeared to Moses in the fire of the burning bush, and gave him the law on Sinai: come with your outstretched arm and ransom us. Amen. Come Lord Jesus.

19 December - O Radix Jesse - O Root of Jesse

O root of Jesse, standing as a sign among the nations; kings will keep silence before you for whom the nations long; come and save us and delay no longer. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

20 December - O Clavis David - O Key of David

O key of David and sceptre of the House of Israel; you open and none can shut; you shut and none can open: come and free the captives from prison, and break down the walls of death. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

21 December - O Oriens - O Dawn

O morning star, splendour of the light eternal and bright sun of righteousness: come and bring light to those who dwell in darkness and walk in the shadow of death. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

22 December - O Rex Gentium

O king of the nations, you alone can fulfil their desires: cornerstone, binding all together: come and save the creature you fashioned from the dust of the earth. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

23 December - O Emmanuel

O Emmanuel, our King and Lawgiver, hope of the nations and their saviour: come and save us, O Lord our God. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

We remember those who have asked for our prayers: Fr Donal Daly, Andrea Brushneen, Sue Hartnett, Pat O'Ryan, David Burke, Cheryl Loy, Natalia Price, Sharon Scott, Christopher Browne, Kathy Smith, Joan O'Connell, Breedge Maguire, Sandra Flanagan, Jean Crickett, Dan Roche, Oliver Cuffe, Michael Casey, Terri Tyreman, Kitty McMahon, Beth Leeder, Tess Lane. In compliance with the requirements of GDPR permission must be sought from an individual (or next of kin) before their name can be added to a list of those who are sick. Do please advise of any changes to be made to this list.