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17th December 2023

Third Sunday of Advent – Year B

Sunday 17th December <i>3rd Sunday of Advent</i> <i>Gaudete Sunday</i> Diocesan Prayer Link <i>St Benet, Kemerton, St Joseph, Tewkesbury</i> <i>St Nicholas, Winchcombe</i>	6.00pm (Sat) Mass Mick Wall RIP 9.00am Mass People of the Parish 10.30am Maas Thanksgiving Grace Valdez & Family <i>12.30pm Polish Mass</i> <i>3.00pm – 3.45pm Confessions</i> <i>4.00pm Advent Reflection</i> 5.30pm Mass Ints of Deacon Colm & Liz Robinson
Monday 18th December <i>Weekday of Advent (O Adonai)</i>	<i>9.10am Morning Prayer</i> 9.30am Mass Theresa Finneran 2 nd Anniversary
Tuesday 19th December <i>Weekday of Advent (O Radix)</i>	<i>5.00pm – 6.00pm Confessions</i> <i>6.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i> 7.00pm Mass CMBF
Wednesday 20th December <i>Weekday of Advent (O Clavis David)</i>	<i>11.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i> 12.00pm Mass Paul Montanaro RIP
Thursday 21st December <i>Weekday of Advent (O Oriens)</i>	<i>9.10am Morning Prayer</i> 9.30am Mass Thanksgiving- Jeffrey Antony <i>10.00am-10.45am Confessions</i>
Friday 22nd December <i>Weekday of Advent (O Rex Gentium)</i>	10.00am Funeral Mass for May Markey
Saturday 23rd December <i>Weekday of Advent (O Emmanuel)</i>	<i>9.30am Rosary</i> 10.00am Mass John Moore RIP <i>10.30am – 12.00pm Confessions</i> <i>4.30pm – 5.30pm Confessions</i> 6.00pm Mass Alan Hipwell Anniversary <i>7.30pm Polish Mass</i>
Sunday 24th December <i>4th Sunday of Advent (Year B)</i>	9.00am Mass Ints of Michael Hunt 10.30am Maas People of the Parish <i>12.30pm Polish Mass</i> 4.00pm Christmas Vigil Mass 6.00pm Christmas Vigil Mass <i>8.00pm Polish Mass</i> 10.30pm Mass on Christmas Night

Advent 2023: Today, Sunday December 17th 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. In addition to the normal weekend times for confession, the following times are also offered. Sunday December 17th 3.00pm – 3.45pm. Tuesday December 19th 5.00pm – 6.00pm. Thursday December 21st 10.00am – 10.45am. Saturday December 23rd 10.30am – 12noon, 4.30pm – 5.30pm. In addition, there is a Penitential Service in Our Lady's Churchdown at 7.00pm on Thursday December 21st. Please note that there are no confessions on Christmas Eve.

Christmas 2023 Mass Times:

Christmas Eve (December 24th): 4.00pm, 6.00pm, 10.30pm.

Christmas Day (December 25th): 9.00am and 10.45am.

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

It is essential we have a sufficient number of welcomers, stewards and readers at all Christmas Masses. If you can at all help, please let Fr Liam or Fr Stephen know.

This Week: Advent Week 3. Daily Prayer of the Church: Advent 2 and Week 3

Church Cleaning: After the morning mass on Monday, when the church will be cleaned in preparation for Christmas. Thank you to those who help each week.

Last Weekend: Attendance – 740 Offertory - £1313.51 (*including £191.00 online/contactless*) Donations - £344.07 (*including £131.50 online/contactless, £50.00 in memory of Pat O’Ryan, £150.00 El Shaddai*)

Diocese of Plymouth: Last Friday, His Holiness Pope Francis appointed Canon Christopher Whitehead as the Tenth Bishop of the Diocese of Plymouth. Canon Christopher a priest of Clifton Diocese is currently parish priest of St John's Bath. He is a former parishioner of this parish and was ordained priest in this church on July 1st 1994. Canon Christopher is a former pupil of St Peter's Infant, Junior and High Schools. As we congratulate Canon Christopher, we assure him of our prayer. See the diocesan website for more details.

Parish Hall: The opening has been delayed due to the failure of the heating pump. This will be repaired as soon as possible.

Repository: There is a large selection of Christmas cards, crib scenes, calendars and diaries available now.

Journey in Faith (RCIA): Next meeting is on Thursday 4th January, 6.30pm for a 6.45pm start.

Baptisms: We welcome into the family of the church Winnie Brown baptised last weekend.

RIP: Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently:

May Markey. Coffin reception on Thursday December 21st at 7.00pm. Funeral Mass on Friday December 22nd at 10.00am followed by burial in Coney Hill Cemetery.

Giovanna Diaco. Funeral Mass on Tuesday 2nd January at 11.00am.

200 Club: The draw was made by Monsignor Liam last Sunday. £200 - Mrs S Osman, £100 - Mr M English, £50 - Mrs P Baker and £50 - Mrs M Montanaro.

SVP: Meet on Tuesday 19th December at 7.30pm in the sacristy.

Presents: If you took a label from the SVP Giving Tree to buy a gift, please make sure the present is returned to the church by Tuesday 19th December. Thank you to everyone who participated.

Red Mission Boxes/Missio: Box holders, promoters and parishioners, thank you all so much for your generosity in helping the missions especially in these difficult times. Please collect your 2024 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”. Any queries please contact me on 07452773330 or email lucyglos@msn.com.

S.V.P. Prayer Giving Tree: Thank you to all who supported the SVP Giving Tree. From now until Christmas, the Tree becomes a prayer tree. We invite you to write on one of the labels provided at the back of the church, your prayer for yourself, your family and friends, the world of our times, and place in on the tree. Do not add your name. The tree will make up part of the crib scene in church for Christmas and will be a focus of our prayer for each other during the Holy Season.

We remember those who have asked for our prayers: Andrea Brushneen, Sue Hartnett, Cheryl Loy, Natalia Price, Sharon Scott, Christopher Browne, Kathy Smith, Joan O’Connell, Sandra Flanagan, Dan Roche, Oliver Cuffe, Michael Casey, Terri Tyreman, David Murphy, Rosemary de Castro Lima, Richard Johnson, Kitty Daly. 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.