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27th November 2022 First Sunday of Advent (Year A)

Sunday 27th November 2022 <i>First Sunday of Advent</i> Diocesan Prayer Link <i>St Joseph's, Stonehouse</i> <i>The Annunciation, Woodchester</i>	6.00pm (Sat) Mass Marie O'Connor RIP 9.00am Mass People of the Parish 10.30am Mass Esterina & Bronyslaw Bril RIP <i>12.30pm Polish Language Mass</i> 5.30pm Mass Karen Matthews RIP
Monday 28th November <i>Weekday of Advent</i>	<i>9.10am Morning Prayer</i> 9.30am Mass Holy Souls
Tuesday 29th November <i>Weekday of Advent</i>	<i>6.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i> 7.00pm Memorial Mass Matthew Crowley RIP
Wednesday 30th November <i>St Andrew</i>	<i>11.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i> 12.00pm Mass Ints of Kay Slade
Thursday 1st December <i>St Alexander Briant</i>	<i>9.10am Morning Prayer</i> 9.30am Mass Ints of Fr Peter
Friday 2nd December <i>Weekday of Advent</i>	<i>9.10am Morning Prayer</i> 9.30am Mass Carol Anne Brennan 1 st Anniversary 11.00am Funeral Mass for Maggie McMahon <i>7.00pm Polish Language Mass & Advent Reflection</i>
Saturday 3rd December <i>St Francis Xavier</i>	10.00am Mass Mike Wlash RIP <i>10.45am – 11.30am Confessions</i> <i>3.00pm Filipino Monthly Mass</i> <i>5.00pm – 5.30pm Confessions</i> 6.00pm Mass Sydney & Sybil Smith RIP <i>7.30pm Polish Language Mass</i>
Sunday 4th December <i>Second Sunday of Advent (Year A)</i>	9.00am Mass People of the Parish 10.30am Mass Mignon & Olga Raypen RIP <i>12.30pm Polish Language Mass</i> 5.30pm Mass Deceased Corrigan Family

This Week: Advent: Week 1. Daily Prayer of the Church: Psalter Week 1 and Proper of Advent

Last Weekend: Mass Attendance – 749 Offertory £1974.58 (£276.00 including contactless/online)

Church Cleaning: After Mass on Monday morning, thank you to all those who help each week.

Baptism: We welcome into the family of the church Samuel Conka, Ellyza Valdez, Adaeze and Adaugo Anekwe baptised last weekend.

Advent 2022

Today is the First Sunday of Advent. The following publications are available at the back of the church: Advent Extra £1.50, Advent Celebrate for children £1, Bible Alive £3, Sacred Heart Messenger £1.85, My Day by Day 75p, My Day by Day Junior and Infant for primary school aged children are free. On Sunday December 4th and December 11th 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.

The Season of Advent marks the beginning of a new Liturgical Year, Year A, the Year of St Matthew's Gospel. As the Roman Missal reminds us: *'Advent has a twofold character: as a season to prepare for Christmas when Christ's first coming to us is remembered; as a season when that remembrance directs the mind and heart to await Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. Advent is thus a period for devout and joyful expectation'*. During the season of Advent we remember the long years of waiting by the people of Israel for the Messiah, the message of hope in the prophets, and how Mary and Joseph were faithful to God's plan. The Catechism of the Catholic Church stresses this two-fold meaning of this "coming": *"When the Church celebrates the liturgy of Advent each year, she makes present this ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in the long preparation for the Saviour's first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for His Second Coming"* (No. 524). Christmas Mass times will be published next weekend as will details of additional opportunities for Confession during Advent.

Gloucester Foodbank: As we begin Advent we think especially of those struggling with the cost-of-living crisis. If you are able to donate any of the following items, please bring them along to the church and they will be donated to Gloucester Foodbank. Long Life Fruit Juice (Not Chilled), Tinned Spaghetti, Tinned Meat Pies Tinned Meat (E.G. Corned Beef, Ham) Tinned Rice Pudding/Custard Packet Instant Mash Packets of Biscuits Long Life Milk (Not Chilled) Small Jars Coffee Shower Gel Deodorant Toothpaste & Single Toothbrushes.

Next Weekend: Retiring collection for the Poor Missions of the Diocese.

RIP: We pray for those who have died recently:

Maggie McMahon. Coffin reception on Thursday 1st December at 4.00pm. Funeral mass on Friday 2nd December at 11.00am followed by burial at Coney Hill Cemetery.

Wilfred Bennison. Funeral Mass in St Peter's Church on Monday 5th December at 11.00am.

John Maguire. Funeral Mass in St Peter's Church on Tuesday 6th December at 12.00noon.

Bartolomeo Tarantino. Funeral mass in St Peter's Church on Thursday 8th December at 12.00pm.

Denis O'Connor, former headteacher at St Peter's Junior School, who died this week. Funeral details later.

Samaritans Christmas Carol Concert: On Monday 12th December at 7.30pm join the Samaritans for their annual Christmas service and raffle at St Peter's Church followed by mince pies and coffee. All welcome.

Journey in Faith (RCIA): The next meeting is on Monday 28th November 6.30pm -8.00pm in the church.

St Peter's RC High School Choir: Warmly invites you to their annual *Carols by Candlelight* at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Stroud on Tuesday 13 December at 7pm. This will be an uplifting yet reflective sequence of Christmas music and readings, suitable for all the family. Tickets are available from the main school Reception on 01452 520594. Alternatively, please email: boxoffice@sphs.uk.com Adults: £3 Concessions: £1

Time to Start School? If you have a child born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019, then now is the time to apply for a place at a St Peter's Catholic Primary School. You must complete an application form (either online or on paper) that is available from the school admissions team of the Gloucestershire County Council, for admission during the 2023-24 school year. If your child has been baptised, you must also provide a copy of the baptism certificate to the school. Please ensure you apply by the closing date of 15 January 2023.

The Newman Association: An Afternoon Talk with Tony Comer OBE, reflecting on a Career in Intelligence in Sacred Hearts Parish Hall Charlton Kings, GL53 9AU on Tuesday 6th December at 2.30 pm. All are welcome (Admission to include refreshments: Visitors £3) For enquiries, contact: S Jamison; Telephone 01242 539810

Votive Candles: Donations for lighting votive candles can now be made via the contactless terminal at the back of the church. Please exercise caution when lighting votive candles.

The Pope's Prayer Intention for December: That volunteer non-profit organisations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

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.