



**CATHOLIC PARISH of ST
GEORGES & HOLY SPIRIT ,
DERBY**

**St. George's & Holy Spirit RC Parish, Derby
Newsletter- Sunday 29th November 2020.**

Psalm

Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved

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1st Sunday Advent Year A



FIRST SUNDAY ADVENT -.The Meaning of Advent

The word “**Advent**” comes from the Latin word *adventus*, which means “coming.” Advent in the 4th and 5th century was a time of preparation for the **baptism** of new Christians. Christians would spend 40 days in prayer and fasting to prepare for the celebration that accompanied the baptism of new believers over time, advent was connected to the coming of Christ. Originally Christians used this term to reference Christ’s

second coming, but by the Middle Ages, Advent was connected to Christ’s first coming that we celebrate at Christmas. Today, we celebrate Advent over the four weeks leading up to Christmas each year. This year we begin advent on November 29th and end this season of prayerful anticipation on December 24th.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath – Candle One Prayer Together: : Stand erect, hold your heads up high, because your liberation is near at hand. Lord, we wait the coming of our Saviour born to set us free, free from fear and sin



For I see no reason to be ashamed of the Gospel; it is God’s power for the salvation of everyone who has faith. (Romans 1:16)

Sunday Readings Reflection All three readings bear this same expectant spirit with

the same message for us – be ready, always. What’s more, all three remind us that, as we live our lives in joyful anticipation of the Lord’s coming, we are His creatures, and are charged to live accordingly. **First reading** from Isaiah, we find the pleas of a people who have just returned from exile to find that Jerusalem had not been restored as they had hoped. The writer begs the Lord, “O, that you would rend the heavens and come down.” they are eager for the Lord to intervene. Then, the writer concludes his lamenting plea with, “We are the clay and you are the potter; we are all the work of your hands, **Second Reading** Paul’s letter to the Corinthians, too, is eschatological in it’s message: He will keep you faithful to the end,” Paul tells us. And Paul encourages his readers to take heart, because as they live their lives in the here and now, they have been given everything they need. The Lord has provided. “You are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revelation of our lord Jesus Christ,” he tells them. The parable in **Mark’s gospel** echoes these same sentiments Jesus, the fulfilment of the Jews hopeful preparation, has come into the world. God has intervened, and yet, there is still this need to prepare for what is to come and to stay watchful and alert as we prepare. Clearly, the Lord is talking about the second coming. He tells His listeners about a man who, when traveling abroad, places His servants in charge, each with His own work to do “**Be watchful! Be alert! ... You do not know when the Lord of the House is coming.**” *Fr Alan*

Church open for Mass again on Wednesday 2nd December 9:30am at St. George's

Daily Mass Intentions to be said this week.

- ❖ Mon Nov. 30th The Deceased of the Geelan Family RIP
- ❖ Tues Dec. 1st. George & Margerat Bancroft & Sons RIP
- ❖ Wed Dec. 2nd All Holy Souls and F.O.S.S.
- ❖ Thur Dec. 3rd The Foss Family & Friends of James
- ❖ Fri Dec. 4th Michael & Margaret Riordan RIP
- ❖ Sat Dec. 5th 9:30am Thanksgiving for the Blessings received
- ❖ Sat Dec. 5th 5:30pm. Cissie Murrin RIP
- ❖ Sun. Dec 6th. 9:30am People of the Parish RIP
- ❖ Sun. Dec 6th. Holy Spirit 11:15am Michael Scanlan RIP
- ❖ Sun. Dec 6th. 6:00pm St. George's Christine Collin & Michael Donavan, for good health.

Prayers for the Sick & Dead: Please keep in your prayers the sick and housebound. Our Sanctuary Lamp this week is for our recently Dead, **Tony Thornton, Dawn Murphy, Mary Hunter** and **Renate Szymura**. We also remember **Baby Patrick Doherty** born asleep, Please remember their families in your prayers. May they all rest in peace.

FUNERALS MAXIMUM OF 30 PERSONS - FAMILY INVITEES ONLY

- ❖ Mary Hunter Wed Dec. 2nd. 10:30am Bretby Crematorium
- ❖ Renate Szymura Wed Dec. 2nd. 11:20am Markeaton Crematorium
- ❖ Tony Thornton Tues Dec. 8th 10:00am St Georges

We remember in our prayers all their family and friends at this sad time. ***Eternal rest grant to them of Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them May they rest in peace. Amen***

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

GOING INTO HOSPITAL? Please let your us know. The Sacrament of the Sick and/or any pastoral support you need is still available but should be arranged through the Ward or Chaplaincy Team Please contact the **Royal Derby Hospital Chaplaincy(01332) 789500**, Palliative/Cancer Care Nightingale Macmillan Unit Chaplain Tel: **(01332) 783351, London Road Community Hospital Chaplaincy Tel: (01332) 78950** You can contact us by email too: chaplaincy@derbyhospitals.nhs.uk stgeorges.holyspiritderby@gmail.com Office 01332 767038. Parish Mobile for Emergencies only : 07968059768

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OFSTED Report St Georges Catholic VA , Derby "the proportion of children who achieve a good level of development at the end of the Reception Year has risen each year. It now is consistently exceeding above the national average."

If you would like your child to join our Parish School and is due to start reception in September 2021 you will need to apply for a school place. Applications for Primary Schools Admissions for Reception Class for September 2021 open on 16th November and close on 11th January 2021, Offer Day being 16th April 2021

We are Supporting THE TRUSSELL TRUST MARCUS RACHFORD CHRISTMAS APPEAL. 2020



The project expects to deliver around 1000 food parcels this Christmas to families with children living below or on the poverty line. What do they need? In addition to the usual dried and tinned food, we like to include Christmas items such as tinned salmon, mince pies, Christmas cakes and tinned ham etc. Food they are often short of includes Party food such as crisps, biscuits, Hotdogs chocolates, biscuits , Fruit juice, squash & fizzy pop Sugar, Dessert, Tinned fruits . **Just one extra item in your shopping trolley will make an enormous difference to family .**

Please place in collection boxes . **Last collection date is 23rd December.** Thank you Fr Alan



Fr Alan's Message

"On the 1st day of Christmas, my true love gave to me" Everyone is familiar with the carol "The Twelve Days of Christmas" and although some may throw the Christmas tree to the curb and taken down the decorations long before the twelfth day, this secular carol serves as a reminder that

"Christmas is not just one day." The obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy days of obligation remains suspended during the pandemic. There is still a lot of uncertainty as to what Christmas will look like this year, however what is certain is that the restrictions and guidelines that we have to follow will be very much still in place. But the recent guidelines mean I can reassure parishioners that you will have a chance to celebrate Christmas in the presence of the Lord. As Catholics we appreciate that Christmas is not only on 25th December. Indeed, the liturgy emphasises the eight days or octave of Christmas. The Church recognises that the days of the Christmas Octave are repeating the solemnness of Christmas for eight days; Each day is referred to as if it were still Christmas Day concluding with another solemnity that echoes the solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord. From Christmas Day until January 1st, the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, is the Octave Day of Christmas.

*During the first week of the Christmas season there will be several Masses available for you to attend, **all Masses over the Christmas period will need to be booked.** Times will be announced on next weeks Newsletter . Sadly, this will be a very difficult Christmas for many with the current restrictions and very different to what we are used to. There may be disappointment should you not be able to attend your preferred Mass but we will do our best Let us all pray that in 2021 this pandemic will cease to have such a hold over our lives, normality can be resumed and the doors to our Churches once again be fully open. All look out over the next few weeks as we launch our new Parish Website. . Take care. **Stay safe. God Bless. Father Alan.***

Coming Soon



Our New Parish Website will be launched next month so keep a look out for the link