



# CORPUS CHRISTI, TRING

Second Sunday of Advent – Page 85 in The Parish Mass Book – Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> & Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December



## Second Sunday in Advent

My dear friends, we have begun the Holy Season of Advent. For many people living in Tring, Christmas has already started, the trees are up and the decorations are hanging. But we must ask ourselves what are people celebrating? For those of us who believe that the Son of God became Incarnate of The Virgin Mary and was born on Christmas Day, Christmas is truly a great day of Joy, Thanksgiving and Happiness.

After Easter, Christmas is the most important celebration in our Liturgical Calendar. The world was in darkness and longed for a light to guide them and that light came in the person of Christ. Who could believe that God loved us so much that he would become one of us, in order to lead us to heaven. The feast is so important the Church gives us the season of Advent to prepare for it. During this time the spirit of the church has always been one of penance and preparation, the colour of the vestments changes to Purple to symbolise that. The Observance of Advent is very obscure, unlike Lent which goes back nearly to Apostolic times Advent was not known in the First Century of the Church, in fact the Feast of Christmas was not celebrated in those early days of Christianity. About the end of the 4<sup>th</sup> Century the practice of having a time of preparation for the newly established Feast of Christmas was introduced. All the readings at Mass and the Divine Office are filled with a Spirit of Longing and Expectation. The greatest thing we can do to aid ourselves spiritually is to go to Confession a truly and worthy preparation.

At 4.00 pm on a Saturdays there will be Exposition of the Bless Sacrament. This will be a time of silent reflection & prayer, on entering the church please remember this. Confessions will be heard during this hour of prayer, there will be Confessions on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> from 6.30 to 7.30 pm after the 6.00 pm Mass.

Most of all Advent is a season of Joy, and we are reminded of that fact on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent when the Liturgical colour changes from Purple to Rose a colour of Joy. Wishing you all a good Advent and a great preparation for the Birth of our Lord. God Bless. *Fr. Sean.*

### Mass Intention for December

Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	5.00 pm	Joe Walsh RIP
<b>Confessions are after the 5.00 pm Mass or after the weekday Masses or on request.</b>		
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 am	People of The Parish
	10.30 am	The Tildesley & Fern Family
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	10 am	Don McGovern RIP
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm	Gerry Wright RIP
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup>	5.00 pm	Kath & Fred Darnell - Anni
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 am	Amy & Damascene DeSouza Anni
	10.30 am	People of the Parish

### Sick List

#### *The Sick and the Housebound in our parish -*

We pray especially for: Winifred Winstone, Elizabeth Le Juge de Segrais, Dhoon Casstells, Patrick Rice, Tracey Hardy, Alison Marshall, Laurence Sherwood, Phyllis Edwards, John Tilcock, Michael Glencross, Nora Proctor.

### Anniversaries

We pray for all who are recently deceased and their grieving families.

**If you wish to add a name to our sick list or the deceased list, please let Annabelle know**

**Please note: The Mass will be at 9.00 am on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup>, as Fr. Sean has an Interment at 10.00am.**

### Christmas Mass Times

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> 5.00 pm Family Mass & Midnight Mass

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> 10.30 pm

Confessions: Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 6.30 -7.30 pm

We will need Readers and Eucharistic Ministers for all three Masses, if there are a couple of young people who would like to read at the Family Mass that would be wonderful.

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### Christmas Cards & Advent Calendars Sale

There are going to be sales of Christmas Cards & Advent Calendars at the back of the Church. Caroline Burmaster & Mary Miles will be selling them.

**“World Day of Prayer”** This takes place one afternoon and possibly evening in March and is organised in co-operation with other churches in Tring. Would someone be prepared to take on the lead role for Corpus Christi on this? Further information from Caroline Burmaster.

[Carolineburmaster@btinternet.com](mailto:Carolineburmaster@btinternet.com)

### Ministries for the weekend of Saturday/Sunday & Saturday

**Reader:** P. Milton

**Eucharistic Minister:** J. Brown

**Sunday -**

9.00 am – G Hercek

**Reader:**

10.30 am

No Reader

Going forward, on the Sunday Masses if there is a Eucharistic Minister who is at the 9.00 am Mass please let me know.

We also need Readers for the 10.30 Mass, please let me know if you will be happy to do this ministry if you are at the Mass.

**Christmas Fair** on SUNDAY THE 11th from 12-15 pm, ST THOMAS MORE PRIMARY SCHOOL, £1 per ticket and great prizes like Champneys! Monica Murray will be selling tickets on Saturday after Mass, please support the school.

**Decorations in the Hall.** Thank you Sheree for decorating the Hall, it looks really festive.

**Senior Christmas Lunch** at Sacred Heart – December 10<sup>th</sup>  
Please contact Patrick if you wish to attend.

**Sausage Sunday.** Please put the date in your diaries 11<sup>th</sup> December after Mass at the 9.00 am & 10.30 am.

**Cleaning the Church for Christmas** 17<sup>th</sup> December 10.00 am to 12.00 Noon– There will be a list at the back of the Church, please put your name down and join us. We came together last year before Easter and it was a lovely way to make our Church shine. Refreshments will be served. **From 2.00pm – 4.30pm is the Christmas workshop in the Hall – Tea will be served after the workshop,**

**Donation for Flowers for Christmas:** There will be a collection for flowers for the Church the weekend of the 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Nativity & Carols in the Church**– December 18<sup>th</sup> at 6.00 pm – please put a note in your diary, there will mince pies and mulled wine afterwards.

### Parish Safeguarding Representatives (PSRs) –

Sue Wright PSR: [tringsg2@safeguardrcdow.org.uk](mailto:tringsg2@safeguardrcdow.org.uk)

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### Church Offerings

If you are a weekly plate giver, would you please consider setting up a Standing Order.

Our bank details are as follows. Please do include your name as your reference. Thank you for your continued generosity and support to our parish, it is greatly appreciated.

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Standing Order Forms are at the back of the Church, if setting one up please remember to tick the Gift Aid box.



### Children's liturgy

Children's liturgy will be held in the hall during the Sunday 9 am Mass. The children listen to a reading, have a discussion and do a related craft activity. We go from the church to the hall before the start of mass and return for the offertory. Suitable for ages up to eight years old. Thank you, Ide Powell.

### Mass Intentions

If you would like to book a Mass intention, please call the parish, e-mail, or see Annabelle. The Diocesan suggested offering is £10. Many thanks.

Mass envelopes are at the back of the church, please make sure your phone number is on the envelope. Many thanks.

### Dates for your diary:

Dec 8<sup>th</sup> Ladies Christmas Meal 6.30 at The Kings Arms

Dec 10<sup>th</sup> Senior Christmas Lunch at Sacred Heart

Dec 11<sup>th</sup> Sausage Sunday after 9.00 am & 10.30 Masses

Dec 17<sup>th</sup> Cleaning the Church for Christmas 10.00 am to 12 Noon

Dec 17<sup>th</sup> Christmas Workshop in the Hall 2.00 pm – 4.30 pm

Dec 18<sup>th</sup> Nativity & Carols in the Church – 6.00 pm,

**\*We are still in need of a bookcase for the Hall, if anyone is looking to get rid of one.**

### Weekday Mass Times Changes

*The date below is free for a Mass Intention:*

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup>, Monday 12<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Articles for the Newsletter** - Please send any pieces for the Newsletter by Wednesday to [tring@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:tring@rcdow.org.uk)