

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Jesus is our Physician. He fully knows our souls, and in His love He will cure them with His powerful healing art, provided that we make use of the medicine which He prescribes for us, namely prayer, efforts on our part, and unlimited trust. (Antonio Rosmini)



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Next Week's Gospel Reading Second Sunday of Advent (10th December 2017)

Gospel – Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'" John the baptiser appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit."

Prayer for the Parish -

Almighty God, Who governs all things in heaven and earth, mercifully hear the supplications of your people. Grant to our parish all things needful for its spiritual welfare and, through the guidance of Your Holy Spirit, may we be of one heart and mind in the fold of Your Holy Church. To the honour and glory of Your Name. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for Vocation -

O God, you are the Lord of the harvest. We pray to you that men and women may hear the call of Christ your Son, to work in your vineyard. May they answer the call generously. May we, with them, serve you faithfully all our days so that your faithful people may grow in numbers and favour in your sight. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Week starting 2nd December 2017

First Sunday of Advent

IN THE PARISH

Sunday Collection - Thank you for last Sunday's offertory collection.

Thank you - for last weeks retiring collection for Catholic Youth Service.

Next Week-end - the Second Collection is for the Poor Parishes Fund. Please give generously.

Church Spire Restoration – The Stone Mason Richard, Carpenter, and Project Manager Tim are happy to speak to us about this project, and they have all praised our beautiful Spire. We will make arrangements for this in the new year at a 10am Mass. You can still sponsor Half a brick for £50, a Full brick for £100, or sponsor one Angel Wing for £750. The name of the sponsor can be added to the brick. **We need** as many Sponsors as possible. Please contact the parish office or Fr. Tom. There are now repair works needed on our South Wall, Stations of the Cross, Hibbert's Chapel Ceiling & also Lighting inside the Church. Thank you for your all continued help.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA):

Journey in Faith, is designed for adults who are seeking to enter into the Catholic Church. Our parish is setting up this programme for adults who are either not baptised, baptised in another tradition, or baptised Catholic without further religious education or sacraments of the Church. The flyers are left in the church. *If you know any one who would be interested, please invite them to speak to any one of the priests or Deacon Gerard.* The Programme starts this Wednesday (6th) at 5p.m. in the Convent.

First Holy Communion - Parents meeting this Wednesday (6th) in Hibbert's 5pm - 6pm and 6pm-7pm

Parishioners Christmas Party – This Friday (8th) starting with with Mass at 11:30 a.m. followed by Christmas Dinner in Hibbert's. Our Primary School children will sing carols in the Hall at 1.30 p.m.

Life Ascending - Our next meeting will be a Day of Recollection at Mater Ecclesiae Convent on Thursday 14th December starting at 10.30 am. Please bring a packed lunch. Tea/coffee will be provided. The day will end at approximately 3.00 pm. If you would like to join us you will be most welcome. Please contact Angela Harries on 01788 817236.

Christmas Cards and Advent Calendars - Now on sale in the Coach House after Mass.

APF / Red Boxes – Calendars are now ready for collection from the porch. Will all promoters and red box holders, please collect packages and return monies by Sunday 17th December.

Rotas for all Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and the Winter Shelter - These have been emailed to all those we have email addresses for, if you have not received your copy please contact Kathy Smith on 01788 891940 There are copies in the Sacristy for those that prefer paper.

Welcome!

Have you joined us for the first time?

Please complete a card from the main porch and hand it to the clergy.

Come and meet other parishioners for coffee or tea in the Parish Hall after Sunday morning Mass

NB Please remember to inform the Parish Office if you move house or change your contact details.

Parish Office open from 09.00 – 12.30 on Tuesday Wednesday Thursday and Friday

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Pastoral Care Project - the Archdiocese has released the latest version of 'My Funeral Mass' document, it is available in the porch. If you know of anyone it will benefit, please take one to them, or let Fr. Tom know.

Welcoming our Younger Parishioners - We will have a box of books for children to borrow during Mass and would be grateful for any *donations* of books in good condition for younger children. These will be left in the porch for collection on arrival and return on departure. Donations to the sacristy initially please. We would welcome books in the languages of all our Parish Families.

Parish Magazine - All are welcome to suggest a name for our parish magazine. Our volunteers are Maddie Murphy, Claire Ormsby Potter, Irene Torcal and Fr. John Bland. They will approach all parish groups for news and updates as well as photos of the teams. Please support them and get involved in this parish project. More volunteers are always welcomed, please contact / see Fr. Tom

St Marie's 500 Club Draw. The November draw gave the following winners: [1]no 3 at £30; [2]no 227 at £20; [3]no 108 at £10. Cheques are on their way to the winners and many thanks to all members for your continued support for this parish fundraiser. Bumper draw next month for December. For those who pay by cheque or cash, do remember that with the year end, we need to renew our subs ASAP via the parish office. Still held at £12 per number for the 12 monthly draws! For new/extra numbers or any queries, please call Margaret on 541705.

Calligraphy - We are looking for someone in the parish who is able to do calligraphy and would be willing to bring our Remembrance Book up to date. The book records the names of those whose ashes are interred in our Garden of Remembrance. There are only two names to be added. If you are able to help, please contact Father Tom.

Job Opportunities – Princethorpe College has 5 Job Opportunities available from Administrator to Teaching. Please see noticeboard for further information.

Gift-aid:- new parishioners are welcome to join the gift aid scheme of the parish if you are a tax payer every £1 you pay, we can claim 25p from the Government. Please contact **Mike Borg** if you are interested on 811732 or e-mail: michaelwba18@gmail.com or Fr. Tom

2nd December - 9th December 2017

SATURDAY 2nd December – Vigil for First Sunday of Advent

Confessions 5.30 to 5.55 p.m.

Mass at 4.30 p.m. for Catherine Costello R.I.P

SUNDAY 3rd December – First Sunday of Advent

Mass at 10 a.m. for Seamus O'Keefe R.I.P. and at 6.00 p.m. for Romanzia Norville R.I.P.

Confessions from 9.30 a.m. - 9.55 a.m.

Polish Mass at 12.30 p.m.

Coffee/Tea after 10 a.m. Mass in the Parish Hall

Parish Shop open in Coach House after 10 a.m Mass

MONDAY 4th December - Advent FERIA

Mass at 10 a.m. for Stefan Peter R.I.P. and at 7.00 p.m. for William Morgan R.I.P.

Oratory Mass for Patrick O'Sullivan

Adoration 8 a.m. – 7 p.m. in the church. (Morning Prayer at 8:50 a.m.)

TUESDAY 5th December - Feast of St Birinus

Mass at 10 a.m. for Molly Stanford R.I.P.

Oratory Mass for Francis Sygrove R.I.P.

WEDNESDAY 6th December - Advent FERIA

Mass at 10.00 a.m. for Well- Being of Peg McGloin

Oratory Mass for Anthony O'Sullivan

THURSDAY 7th December - Memorial of St Ambrose

Mass at 10 a.m. for Charles Bedford R.I.P.

11 a.m Funeral Service Anne Ashurst R.I.P.

Oratory Mass for Luisa Lucita Tello Perez R.I.P.

Choir Practice - 7:45 p.m. in Church.

FRIDAY 8th December - Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mass at 10 a.m. for Noreen Nagle R.I.P.

Oratory Mass for Mary Cromin

SATURDAY 9th December - Advent FERIA

Confessions 10 to 11a.m. and from 5.30 to 5.55p.m.

Mass at 9:30 a.m. for All Parishioners

Mass at 6 p.m. for Deceased Members of Arnott & Webb Families R.I.P.

✠ PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO ARE SICK: ✠

Tom Donnelly, Elsie Johnson, Jade Lambert, DeeDee Flint, Piotr Fior, John Ritter, Kerry Livesey, Rupert Nigam, Paul Kelly, Patrick Hannifin, Baby Freddie Fereday, Rose Loveridge, Bert Ritossa, Lenny and Marie Niner, Claire Lycett, Alfredo Valderroma, Octovio Granja.

✠ FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES FALL AROUND THIS TIME: ✠

Francis McCullough, Francis Sygrove, Peter Nelson, Diana Beaton, Jozef Kowhan, Pat Bates