

### First Holy Communion Prayer Sponsor

Please contact the Parish Office by Wednesday 6th December 2017 if you are keen to be a Prayer Sponsor for one of our First Holy Communion candidates. We would like to invite all the Prayer Sponsors to the 11 am mass on 17th December 2017 to support our candidates and later meet them individually from 4-5pm at the Parish hall.

### My Day By Day

The Advent edition of My Day by Day is now available in the Advent Room. £1.00 per copy. Please put the money in the basket provided.

The MISSIO/APF financial year ends at the end of December. If your Red Box has not been emptied please contact your promoter named on the box or Jack Noronha at 01189967208. You may also bring your box to church office or place in sacristy. Thank you for your generosity.

### Cakes, Jams and Pickles Sale on 17th December after all masses

Calling all bakers, jammers and picklers... we are having a sale in 2 weeks' time, with all proceeds going to our Consecration fund. If you can provide any of these foods on the day, please contact Sheila Jones (jonessheila3@sky.com) or Heike Conroy (heikeco@hotmail.com). Otherwise, please add this date to your diary, come along with cash and stock up!

### Fruitful Discipleship report from Nancy.

I recently attended a Diocesan formation day to learn about and discuss areas of evangelisation within our parishes. During the day we learned about initiatives and evangelical activities currently being undertaken in the Diocese and beyond; Bishop Philip spoke of our need to evangelise within our own worshipping community, the need to reach out to those in spiritual and practical distress, and emphasised his commitment to regarding people as our main focus for the allocation of our resources.

The day was hugely stimulating and thought provoking, and hopefully will lead us to consider how we can all use our own gifts and charisms to "spread the word".

### St Dominic Savio School Open Days

Tues 5th Dec 2017 and Tues 9th January 2018 9.15am to 10.45am.

More details at [www.dominicsavio.co.uk](http://www.dominicsavio.co.uk)

Offertory Collection	26th Nov
Envelopes	118.50
Loose Cash	432.20
Standing Orders	703.33
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1,250.00</b>

Thank you for all your kind donations.

## Our Lady of Peace & Bl. Dominic Barberi

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Church office is open on Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 9am-5pm



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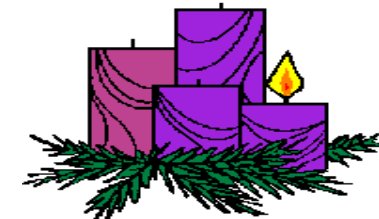
## Be ready, the Lord is coming!

What kind of season is Advent? Is it a time of waiting in joyful hope for Christ? Or is it a time to get ready for the Last Judgement? It looks like these answers support each other in helping us to understand both of them separately. What is the common denominator of the Last Judgement with our attitude to getting ready for Christmas? The common denominator is Christ, the Lord, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, one in being with the Father. Through Him all things were made. In this light, Advent is the time of awakening us to faith, understood as adhering to Christ, with the attribute of an ongoing desire for God and the readiness to move on.

Christianity is indeed a religion of longing for another world to come. The life of each Christian is marked by waiting for the coming of Christ – the Pantocrator, the Almighty, the All-powerful, the Ruler of All, the Sustainer of the World. Because the role of Advent is to make us focus on Christ, there is the invitation to penance. For that reason, the priest wears violet liturgical vestments; for centuries violet has been the penitential colour. With the certitude of another beautiful world, not for any other reason, Advent is understood to be a joyful season. It is the joy of faith! It is the joy of Christ coming in glory! It is the joy of touching in faith a different world, which is somewhere here, its light burning right next to us – in the Most Holy Mass.

The Church proclaims to her children, to the culture, to all customs, to the world: Be ready, the Lord is coming! Do not waste your life on earth, this cannot save your soul. Wake up! Let the scales fall from your eyes! God has entered the world! "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal" (Mt 6:19). Build your life on another earth which is planned by God, which is not here! Be a person of hope.

Fr Stan



**Psalm Response: God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved**

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**CUBS** Mon. 6.45pm / **BEAVERS** Thurs. 5.45pm /  
**SCOUTS** Fridays 8pm in HALL

### Reading Sunday Mass Times

Christ the King, Whitley	Sat 6.30pm; Sun 10.00am
St. John Bosco, Woodley	Sat 6.30pm; Sun.10.00am
St. James	Sat 6.00pm; Sun 11.00am
English Martyrs, Tilehurst	Sat 6.30pm; Sun 9.30am, 11.30am, 5.00pm
St. Joseph, Tilehurst	Sun 8.30am, 10.30am
St. William of York	Sun 9.00am, 11.00am (in Latin) 6.00pm (Students' Mass)
Our Lady & St. Anne, Caversham	Sat 5.30pm; Sun 10.00am, 6.30pm

### Emergency numbers for a Priest

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Cn. Michael Dennehy	0118 957 2149
Fr. Peter Glas	0118 942 8632
Fr. Mathew Goddard / Fr. Ian Verrier	0118 966 5284
Fr. Paul Martin	0118 947 1787

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions
<b>Sun 3rd December</b> <i>First Sunday of Advent</i>	8.15am 9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	Rosary Eric Vinet R.I.P Simeon Masmanian R.I.P All Souls
<b>Mon 4th December</b>	7.00am 9.30am 10.00am	Morning Prayer (Lauds in Advent) Rosary Simeon Masmanian
<b>Tue 5th December</b>	<b>No Mass</b>	
<b>Wed 6th December</b>	<b>No Mass</b>	
<b>Thu 7th December</b>	<b>No Mass</b>	
<b>Fri 8th December</b> <b>Immaculate Conception of the Bl. Virgin Mary</b>	11.00am 7.30pm	<b>Adoration until 7.30pm Mass</b> Mass
<b>Sat 9th December</b>	<b>No Mass</b>	
<b>Sun 10th December</b> <b>Second Sunday in Advent</b>	8.15am 9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	Rosary All Souls Our Parishioners Kathleen Morgan's Intentions

Please do keep in your prayers our parishioner Rudolph Horvath who sadly passed away aged 84 on 17th November 2017. His daughter Gunilla has written a beautiful letter to the Parish and Social club. The letter is on the display board in Advent room and if possible, please do support Gunilla by attending the funeral on Thursday 14th December at 1.30pm.

**Children's liturgy: Please register your child before Mass.**

**Anniversaries - please keep in your prayers**

Michael Claridge (1993), Eric Watson (1997), Diane Smith (2001), Mary Carter (2002), James Eighteen (2005), Lilian Neville (2010), Peter Carmichel (2012), Mona Botherel (2013)

**TODAY Sunday 3rd December**

**Advent is the time of grace.** This year is a short period as the 4th Sunday is on 24th December. As we have only 3 weeks of Advent, spend it well by having periods of reflection and prayer. Hope your advent goes well and is not spoilt by too many parties.

**Crucifix**

You can see some further update in our church. The Crucifix is in place Sincere thanks to Joey, Jack, Michael and Cedric for giving us their time and energy to install it.

**Tea, Coffee & Biscuits** will be served in the Social Club after the 9am and 11 am Mass. Everyone is welcome.

**Craft Afternoons**

There will be craft afternoon lasting about 45 mins today after the 11 am mass in the social club to help prepare the table decorations for our Christmas Party. Everyone is welcome .

**Traidcraft**

The Traidcraft stall will be open on Sunday 3rd December for the collection of Christmas cards and goods ordered.

**Christmas Party**

The deadline for tickets is this Sunday 3rd December. Our Christmas party is on Saturday 9th December at 6pm! Tickets: Adults £20; 5-10 yrs- £7.50; Under 5's free.

**Advent Penitential Services**

Date	Time	Venue
Mon 11th	7.30pm	St John Bosco
Tue 12th	7.30pm	St Joseph's
Wed 13th	7.30pm	Christ the King
Thu 14th	7.30pm	St Anne's
<b>Fri 15th</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>Our Lady of Peace</b>
Sat 16th	11.00am	English Martyrs
Mon 18th	7.30pm	St James

**Events in Advent**

**Angelus:** before all Advent Masses.

**Morning Prayer in Advent :** On Monday 4th, 11th and 18th December, we will pray Morning Prayer (Lauds) in the church at 7am. It takes approx 20 minutes, so you should be able to get away in time for work ,school etc.

**Rorate Mass:** will be celebrated in Advent on Wednesday 13th Dec & 20th Dec at 6.30am, following the tradition started last year. This is a candlelit Mass in the dark - please bring your own lantern.

**Goan Mass, Feast of St Xavier**

This will be celebrated on Saturday 9th December 2017 at 1pm at St James church.

**Blessing of cards** on Sunday 10th Dec. Please bring all your Christmas cards to be blessed. Please feel free to take our cards and give them to anyone you know who is Catholic and has lost touch or drifted away from their faith.

**Simbang gabi** The yearly Filipino Simbang gabi Mass will be on Wednesday 20th December at 7.30pm in Christ The King in Whitley. The main celebrant will be Fr. Claro, the Filipino chaplain

**Advent Charity Focus**

We shall soon be setting up a Giving Tree with the aim of collecting gifts to go to the Homeless for Reading and Bed for the Night charities.

**Pastoral project for Men**

Father Stan invites men under the age of 100 years to set up a liturgical formation group for men. Meeting once or fortnightly. If interested, please contact Father Stan or church office .