

Responsorial Psalm: **Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders.**

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-6. 11-12
Before the world was made, God chose us in Christ.

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! Hail, Mary, full of grace; the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women. Alleluia!**

Gospel: Luke 1:26-38
Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you.

The **Creed** is recited.

Communion Antiphon: **Glorious things are spoken of you, O Mary, for from you arose the sun of justice, Christ our God.**

Saturday 9th December
Weekday of Advent or

St John Diego Cuahtlatotzin

John Diego was born in 1474 near Mexico City. He walked many miles to attend Mass and on 9 December 1531 received a vision of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Mount Tepeyac. The shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe was erected on this site.

Entrance Antiphon: **Come and show us your face, O Lord, who are seated upon the Cherubim, and we will be saved.**

First Reading: Isaiah 30:19-21. 23-26
He will be gracious to you when he hears your cry.

Responsorial Psalm: **Happy are all who hope in the Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, Alleluia! Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near. Alleluia!**

Gospel: Matthew 9:35-10-1. 6-8
When he saw the crowds he felt sorry for them.

Communion Antiphon: **Behold, I am coming soon and my recompense is with me, says the Lord, to bestow a reward according to the deeds of each.**



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WEEKDAY MASS SHEET

4th – 9th December
Advent Week One



Monday, 4th December

Weekday of Advent or
St John Damascene, Priest &
Doctor of the Church

John was born in Damascus in the late 7th century. He was a monk and priest in Jerusalem and is remembered for defending the Faith and for his devotion to Our Lady. He died in 749.

Entrance Antiphon: **Hear the word of the Lord, O nations; declare it to the distant lands; Behold, our Saviour will come; you need no longer fear.**

First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5
The Lord draws all nations together into the eternal peace of God's kingdom.

Responsorial Psalm: **I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.'**

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! God of hosts, bring us back: let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. Alleluia!**

Gospel: Matthew 8:5-11
Many will come from east and west to take their places in the kingdom of heaven.

Communion Antiphon: **Come, O Lord, visit us in peace, that we may rejoice before you with a blameless heart.**

Tuesday, 5th December

St Birinus

Birinus came to England in 634. He established his See in Dorchester upon Thames which after his death was moved to Winchester. During his fifteen years apostolate he baptised the King of the West Saxons and converted many of his subjects. He died in 650.

Entrance Antiphon: **My words that I have put into your mouth, says the Lord, will never be absent from your lips, and your gifts will be accepted on my altar.**

The **Gloria** is said.

First Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19. 22-23
Preaching the gospel is a duty which had been laid upon me.

Responsorial Psalm: **Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, and he had entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. Alleluia!**

Gospel: Matthew 9:35-37
The harvest is rich but the labourers are few.

Communion Antiphon: **The Lord has put his faithful servant in charge of his household, to give them their share of bread at the proper time.**

Wednesday, 6th December

**Weekday of Advent or
St Nicholas, Bishop**

Nicholas was a 4th Century bishop in Turkey. He is patron of children, sailors, merchants and Russia. Father Christmas (Santa Claus) is modelled on him.

Entrance Antiphon: **The Lord will come and he will not delay. He will illumine what is hidden in darkness and reveal himself to all the nations.**

First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10
The Lord invites us to his banquet and wipes away the tears from every cheek.

Responsorial Psalm: **In the Lord's own house shall I dwell forever and ever.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! The Lord is our judge, the Lord our lawgiver, the Lord our king and our saviour. Alleluia!**

Gospel: Matthew 15:29-37
Jesus cures and multiplies the loaves.

Communion Antiphon: **Behold our Lord will come with power and will enlighten the eyes of his servants.**

Thursday, 7th December

St Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Ambrose died in 397. While a catechumen he was chosen as bishop of Milan by popular acclaim. He is one of the four Doctors of the Latin Church. Ambrose baptised St Augustine of Hippo.

Entrance Antiphon: **You, O Lord, are close, and all your ways are truth. From of old I have known of your decrees, for you are eternal.**

First Reading: Isaiah 26:1-6
Let the upright nation come in, she, the faithful one.

Responsorial Psalm: **Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Here is the Lord God coming with power. Alleluia!**

Gospel: Matthew 7:21. 24-27
The person who does the will of my Father will enter the kingdom of heaven.

Communion Antiphon: **Let us live justly and devoutly in this age, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of the glory of our great God.**

Friday, 8th December

**THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

Patroness of the Diocese

The Feast of the Conception of Mary has been celebrated in the West since the 8th century. In the 11th century Mary's 'immaculate' conception began to be held true and in 1854 Pope Pius IX defined the dogma of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary; that Mary was preserved by God from the stain of Original Sin.

Entrance Antiphon: **I rejoice heartily in the Lord, in my God is the joy of my soul; for he has clothed me with a robe of salvation, and wrapped me in a mantle of justice, like a bride adorned with her jewels.**

The **Gloria** is recited.

First Reading: Genesis 3:9-15. 20
I will make enemies of your offspring and the offspring of the woman.