

PENETIAL SERVICE for Advent will be on Sunday 17th December at 4pm, this is a great opportunity for parishioners to prepare for the coming Christmas Season. Fr Jonathan and Fr Pontius and Fr. Sunday will be joining Fr Louis to help with hearing confession afterwards.

CHRISTMAS MASSES The Family Christmas Eve Mass will be at 6pm, Midnight Mass with start at 11.30pm with a Carol Service and Christmas Day Mass will be 10am

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR AND CHRISTMAS DRAW: On behalf of the Parishioners, Fr. Louis would like to thank all those who spent their time and helped in any way with the Bazaar and the Draw by donating gifts, preparing everything for the Bazaar, working on stalls or coming along to support the Bazaar of the Parish. We also give thanks to the Staff of Our Lady of the Assumption School, all the children and their families, who supported the Bazaar. It was a most enjoyable event and the total was **£2400** with still more money to come .

CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR SENIOR CITIZENS: The party will be held on **Sunday 10th December**, from **3pm to 5pm** in the Parish Hall. There is a list at the back of Church if you would like to attend. Please contact Frances on 01676 534861 or Maura on 024 7667 3024 for more details. If you have said you would like a lift on the day can you please contact Michelle Keogh on Thursday or Friday between 10am and 4pm on 024 76466834 and she will arrange this for you.

WALK WITH ME BOOKLETS AND CALENDARS FOR ADVENT & CHRISTMASTIDE are available at the back of Church, please take one with you when you are going home.

NEW PARISH MASS BOOK: This weekend is the 1st Sunday of Advent, the New Year of the Church. We will change another set of Mass Book, Year B, volume 1. Please use it with care so that we may use it for many years to come. Thank you.

THE BLESSING OF THE CRIB: Each year the Catholic Parishes in Coventry present a Crib as a witness to the meaning of Christmas, the coming of our Saviour. This event will take place on the 1st Sunday of Advent at 4pm in the Precinct, outside the Library and not outside Marks and Spencer. Children from our schools will be leading us in Carols. You are warmly invited to come and join in the Carol Service with children from our schools, during which the Crib will be blessed. Please join in this joyful witness.

MARY'S MEALS UPDATE: Between now and the end of the year all donations to Mary's Meals will be matched by the Government. It now costs £13.90 to feed one child for one year and thanks to our generous supporters. We have over the past 4 years raised a total of £7050.00. Well done and thank you to everyone. Cath.

COVENTRY PIONEER REGIONAL COMMITTEE: Fr McKiernan Memorial Mass on Friday 15th December at 7.30pm at the Pioneer Hall, Broad Street, Coventry. All welcome.

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR B.

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Reading Year B Parish Mass Book P. 82 - Psalter 1.
Preface 1 of Advent - Eucharistic Prayer II.
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Sunday 3rd December 2017



"Stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming ." (Mk. 13:35).

Dear parishioners, the New Church Year begins with the Evening Prayer I of the 1st Sunday of Advent. Advent is a time to prepare for Christmas and a time for watchfulness. Formerly the Jews prepared for the Messiah's coming during their long Advent for many centuries. In response, God sent Jesus Christ as the Messiah to save them. Nowadays, God also wants to visit us and to give us his grace so that we may know how to prepare for Jesus' 2nd coming. We are waiting for the final coming of Christ at the end of time and for his coming to us at the time of our death. Both times are hidden from us; therefore we should maintain a status of watchfulness and to stay awake as Jesus call us in today's gospel, so that we are able to be ready to meet the Lord at any moment. What should we do for this Advent?

Mass times and Intentions:

Saturday	02nd	05.00pm	Frank & Nancy Fahy - RIP.
Sunday	03rd	First Sunday of Advent.	
		10.00am	Joan Clarke - RIP
Monday	04th	09.00am	Ann Jennings - Ints.
Tuesday	05th	<i>Feast of St. Birinus, Bishop.</i>	
		09.15am	John Bateman - RIP.
Wednesday	06th	09.00am	<i>Eucharistic Service.</i>
Thursday	07th	<i>Memorial of St. Ambrose, Bishop & Dr. of the Church.</i>	
		12.00pm	Ellen & Austin Holland & family - RIP.
		06.00pm	<i>Reception of Mary Hayes' body into Church</i>
Friday	08th	<i>Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the BVM.</i>	
		09.00am	John Keogh - Ann.
			<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass.</i>
		11.00am	Funeral of Mary Hayes.
Saturday	09th	10.00am	Bill Wynne & family - RIP.
		05.00pm	William & Norah Ledwidge - Ints.
Sunday	10th	Second Sunday of Advent.	
		10.00am	John Costelloe - Ann.

CONFESSIONS Saturday After morning Mass & evening Mass.
BAPTISM & WEDDINGS: By appointment.

E. MINISTERS Saturday 05.00pm T. Sutton / M. Kavanagh.
9th & 10th December Sunday 10.00am D. McAree / O. McGinnity/ N. Harte.
READERS Saturday 05.00pm K. Sutton / R. Sutton.
9th & 10th December Sunday 10.00am C. Knox / H. Tigbe.

LAST WEEK OFFERTORY: £534.50. (Including Gift Aid)
GIFT AID: £301.85.
CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICES: £183.98. *Thank you for your generosity.*
2ND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND FOR PARISH MAINTENANCE.
2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND FOR THE POOR PARISHES.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY during 10am Mass on a Sunday
TEA & COFFEE IN THE PARISH HALL
CLEANING ROTA for Wednesday 6th December 2017 - Parish Team.
COUNTING TEAM next Sunday 10th December 2017 - Harte Team.
DIVINE MERCY PRAYERS & EXPOSITION: This Thursday at 11am. All welcome.
GOSPEL SHARE: Thursday Evening at the Meeting Room at 7pm. All welcome.
RCIA (Journey of Faith): Every Monday Evening at 7.00pm.

CATECHESIS: Lessons will resume on Saturday 13th January 2018 from 10.45am to 11.45am for children preparing for the Sacrament of the Eucharist. Thank you very much to Christine Knox, who helped our children to receive the Confirmation. If there are any queries, please contact Christine Knox at 02476 468732.

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK AND ELDERLY OF OUR PARISH: Jim O'Brien, Mary Hewson, Maureen Daly, Keith Evans, Madeline Huntbach, Maureen Weir, Bridie Cooke, Phyllis Sage, Noreen McCarthy, Kathleen Cashman, Maria Fletcher, Rene Costelloe, Mary Hayes, Robert Dick, John Doran, Ellen Wynne, Nora Noonan, Peter O'Hara, Margaret Weiss, Lynda Thomas, Mavis Booth, Margaret Hall, James Lloyd-Cameron, Rev. Michael Wright, Kathleen Ollis. Hannah Milner, Delia O'Hagan, Bridie Birch, Betty Neary, Bernie McCarthy, Barbara McGwynn. Joan Kennedy, May Gillon, Mary O'Neil, Nancy Holingsworth, Sheila Staunton, Jim McGeoghegan, John May, Doris & Bernard Johnson.

ANNIVERSARIES: Andrew Mowson, Thomas Kane, Patrick Gillon, Francis Patrick Fahy, Elizabeth Hynes, Lisa Grant, Arthur Benedict Boyd, Frances Kavanagh, Michael Sullivan, John Lacey, Hugh Curzon, Frank & Lee Carpenter, Thomas W. Colmer, Bernard Donnelly, John Francis David Costelloe and John Keogh.

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR the repose of the soul of **Mary Hayes**, who died on 12th November 2017, her body will be received into OLA's Church on Thursday 7th December at 6pm and her funeral will be on Friday 8th December at 11.am, followed by the burial at Canley Cemetery at 12.30pm. We also pray for **Mary Elford**, who died on 16th November. Her body will be received into OLA's Church on Thursday 14th December at 6pm and her funeral will be on Friday 15th December at 10am' followed by cremation at Charter Chapel at 11.30am. We also pray for **John Shanahan**, who died on Monday 20th November. His body will be received into OLA's Church on Wednesday, 20th December at 4pm and his funeral will be on Thursday 21st December at 10am, followed by cremation at Charter Chapel at 11.30am. May they rest in peace.

CONCRATULATIONS to 26 children, who received Confirmation last Thursday. We continue to pray with them, for them and for their families. May the Holy Spirit, who poured out his gift upon the Apostles at the beginning of the Church, pour his gift upon them and lead them on their journey of faith so that they may fulfil their role as Jesus' witnesses. We also use this opportunity to thank Mrs. Kate Connelly, Mrs. Lorraine Stanton, all the staff and Christine Knox, who sacrificed their time to guide the children.

THE JOAN CLAKE ROOM IN PARISH HALL Fr Louis and Joan's family after 10am Mass on Sunday will officially dedicate the small room in the Parish Hall, The Joan Clarke Room. Everyone is invited to join this celebration of a truly wonderful lady.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Bingo - Doors open 6.30m with Eyes Down on Wed. at 7.30pm. Everyone welcome.
Stay & Play: Every Thursday (in school term) from 9:30am to 11.30am for Pre-School Children in the Parish Hall. Parents to stay with the children. All welcome.