

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! See, the king, the Lord of the world, will come. He will free us from the yoke of our bondage. Alleluia!**

Gospel: Matthew 11:16-19

The heed neither John nor the Son of Man.

Communion Antiphon: **Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me, says the Lord.**

Saturday, 15th December

Saturday of Advent

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

First Reading: Ecclesiasticus 48:1-4. 9-11

Elijah will come again.

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

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! The day of the Lord is near. Look, he comes to save us. Alleluia!**

Gospel: Matthew 17:10-13

Elijah has come already and they did not recognise him.

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

**10th – 15th December
Advent Week Two**



Monday, 10th December

**Monday of Advent or
St Edmund Gennings, Priest (Staffs)**

Edmund was born in Lichfield in 1567 and followed the example of his patron in becoming a priest, being ordained in 1590 aged just 23. After returning to England he was arrested and taken through the streets in his vestments before being tried and executed on this day in 1591.

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.**

Edmund Antiphon: **The holy martyrs shed their blood on earth for Christ; therefore they have received an everlasting reward.**

First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-10

God himself is coming to save you.

Responsorial Psalm: **Look, our God is coming to save us.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. And all mankind shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!**

Gospel: Luke 5:17-26

We have seen strange things today.

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

Edmund Antiphon: **You are the men who have stood by me faithfully in my trials, and now I confer a kingdom on you, says the Lord. You will eat and drink at my table in my kingdom.**

Tuesday, 11th December

**Tuesday of Advent or
St Damasus I, Pope**

Damasus was Pope in the 4th century amidst violent upheaval in the church. He commissioned St Jerome to write the Latin version of the bible.

Entrance Antiphon: **Behold, the Lord will come, and all his holy ones with him; and on that day there will be a great light.**

First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-11
God consoles his people.

Responsorial Psalm: **Here is our God coming with power.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! Come Lord! Do not delay. Forgive the sins of your people. Alleluia!**

Gospel: Matthew 18:12-14
God does not wish the little ones to be lost.

Communion Antiphon: **The Just Judge will bestow a crown of righteousness on those who eagerly await his coming.**

Wednesday, 12th December

**Wednesday of Advent or
Our Lady of Guadalupe**

In 1945 Pope Pius XII stated that Our Lady of Guadalupe is the 'Queen of Mexico and Empress of the Americas'.

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 40:25-31
The Lord almighty gives strength to the wearied.

Responsorial Psalm: **My soul, give thanks to the Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! Behold, our Lord will come with power and will enlighten the eyes of his servants. Alleluia!**

Gospel: Matthew 11:28-30
Come to me, all you who labour.

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

Thursday, 13th December

St Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

Lucy was martyred in Syracuse under Diocletian in 304. Her cult spread widely and was celebrated from the 5th century. Her feast is celebrated on 13th December, the longest night under the Julian calendar. Lucy was a wealthy young woman who consecrated her virginity to God, refused to marry a pagan and distributed her wealth to the poor.

Entrance Antiphon: **Behold, now she follows the Lamb who was crucified for us, powerful in virginity, modesty her offering, a sacrifice on the altar of chastity.**

First Reading: Isaiah 41:13-26
I, the Holy One of Israel, am your redeemer.

Responsorial Psalm: **The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! Come to us, Lord, with your peace that we may rejoice in your presence with sincerity of heart. Alleluia!**

Gospel: Matthew 11:11-15
A greater than John the Baptist has never been seen.

Communion Antiphon: **The Lamb who is at the centre of the throne will lead them to the springs of the waters of life.**

Friday, 14th December

**St John of the Cross,
Priest and Doctor**

John died in 1591. He was a Spanish Carmelite who helped St Teresa of Avila found the Discalced Carmelites. John wrote many mystical works and his poetry is considered amongst the greatest Spanish writing of all time. He is patron of mystics, Spanish poets and the contemplative life.

Entrance Antiphon: **May I never boast, except in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.**

First Reading: Isaiah 48:17-19
If only you had been alert to my commandments.

Responsorial Psalm: **Anyone who follows you, Lord, will have the light of life.**