

University of Warwick Chaplaincy

First Sunday of Advent

2nd December, 2018

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Sacred Heart of Jesus, Seat of Divine Wisdom, enlighten us!

Our Lady of Good Counsel, pray for us!

St Thomas Aquinas and St. Aloysius Gonzaga, patrons of students, pray for us!

(Mass times this week, at St. Joseph's unless otherwise stated)

Sunday, 2 nd December First Sunday of Advent	9.00 am 11.00 am 12.30 pm (University Chaplaincy) 5.00 pm	Maureen Mooney RIP (Anniversary) Intentions of the Ordinariate The People of the Parish Bob Delargy
Monday, 3 rd December Memorial of St. Francis Xavier, Priest Migrants' Day	10.00 am 7.00 pm	Margaret Griffin RIP (Birthday) Fr. Paul's Intentions
Tuesday, 4 th December Op. Mem. of St. John Damascene, Priest	No Mass Today	
Wednesday, 5 th December Feast of St. Birinus, Bishop	7.00 pm	Holy Souls
Thursday, 6 th December Optional Memorial of St. Nicholas, Bishop	7.30-8.00 am Exposition 10.00 am 12.15 pm (University Chaplaincy) 7.00 pm	Edmund Griffin (Intentions) Private Intention Fr. Paul's Intentions
Friday, 7 th December Memorial of St. Ambrose, Bishop	10.00 am 12.15 pm (University Chaplaincy)	Fr. Pat Armstrong (Intentions) Private Intention
Saturday, 8 th December Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	10.00 am followed by Exposition	Fr. Paul's Intentions
Sunday, 9 th December Second Sunday of Advent Bible Sunday	9.00 am 11.00 am 12.30 pm (University Chaplaincy) 5.00 pm	Hannah Gavey Intentions of the Ordinariate The People of the Parish Jacqui Mullally
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 10.30-11.00 am.		

Welcome to the Chaplaincy for our celebration of Mass today.

Today is the First Sunday of Advent and the Church begins a new year today.

The Sunday Mass Lectionary Cycle is Year C, and the Weekday Cycle is Year 1.

The message of today's Mass is that the coming of Jesus is a reason for HOPE.

During the Seasons of Advent and Christmas we are asked to pray for the following intentions: Openness to the Word of God; Migrants and Refugees; Expectant Mothers.



The University's Annual Carol Service. The Christian Chaplains invite students and staff to join them at 4.30 pm on Friday, 7th December, for the University's Annual Carol Service in the Chaplaincy, where there will be carols, readings and a reflection followed by mince pies and drinks.

First Friday. This Friday is the First of the month. Novena Prayers to the Sacred Heart will be said during a Holy Half-hour after the 12.15 Mass.

Advent Penance Service. Tomorrow, Monday, 3rd December, here in the Chaplaincy. It will start at 7:45pm and there will be three priests to hear Confessions – so plenty to go round! Everyone is welcome!

Prayer Before Mass

God our Father, you sent Jesus, our High Priest, to redeem us and you willed that His saving work should continue through the ministry of priests. Enlighten us to celebrate this Sunday Mass with our priest, so that, empowered by the Word of life and the Eucharist, we may be strengthened by the Holy Spirit to live to the full our Christian calling. We ask this through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Christmas Pot Luck, Tuesday, 4th December. If you would like to join CathSoc for a celebration please speak to someone from the exec.

Prayer Before the Blessed Sacrament. Meet at St. Joseph's for Morning Prayer and adoration of Our Lord, Thursday mornings 7.30-8.00, followed by breakfast.

The Blessing of the Coventry Crib. Each year the Catholic Parishes in Coventry present a Crib to the City. It will be in place and blessed today, at 4.00 pm, outside the Central Library and W H Smith in the City Centre.

Young Adults' Christmas Meal. A group of young adult Catholics (20-30s) are looking to set up a network around local Parishes that will provide an opportunity to share faith, and promote fellowship and spiritual growth. As a first event they will be having a Christmas meal at **Zizzi's in Kenilworth on Thursday, 13th December at 8:15 pm.** If you're interested please join the "West Midlands Catholic Young Adults" group on FB, or email WestMidlandsCYA@gmail.com to get on a mailing list.

Christmas Dinner. There will be dinner on Christmas Day at 2.00 in St. Joseph's parish hall for any of our community who would otherwise be on their own. If you would like to be part of it, welcome! Please tell me.

Christmas in the Chaplaincy. For those who are staying at Warwick University over the Christmas break, Mass will still be celebrated in the Chaplaincy each Sunday at 12.30pm as usual. There will also be Mass here on Christmas Day at 12.30 pm.

Christmas Fayre. The Ordinariate community invites you to a Christmas Fayre in St. Joseph's hall next Saturday, 8th December, 11am-1pm. Hot meat batches, seasonal refreshments, raffle and stalls. All welcome.

Would you like to spend a year (Aug 2019-Jul 2020) as part of the SPEC community in London which runs retreats with young people in the Diocese of Westminster? Check out their website for more information: <http://dowym.com/spec/volunteer/>

Advent Carol Service at St. Joseph's, starting at 7.00 pm on Thursday, 13th December, with a social.

Advent Walk With Me booklets are now available for £1, with daily reflections for the season. If you can't afford £1 please take one anyway.

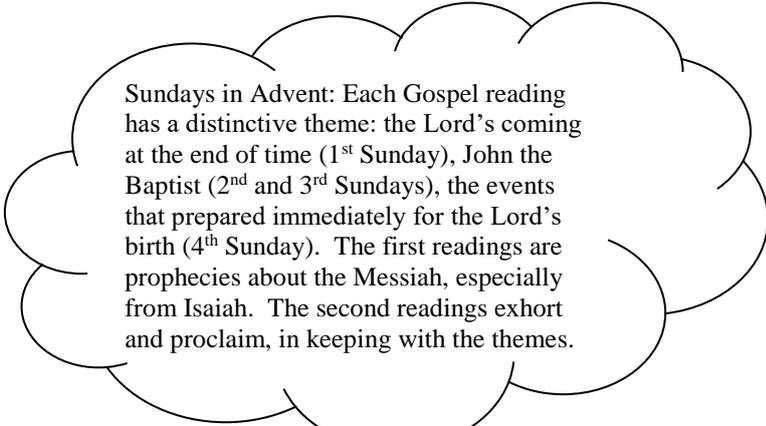
Devotions to Our Lady on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Saturday 8th December. After 10 am Mass at St Peter's Church, Dormer Place, Leamington Spa, CV32 5AE, there will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament up to noon. There will be various prayers and devotions, including the rosary, for the **Sanctity of Life** from conception to natural death.

"Faith in Politics": Catholic Parliamentary and Public Policy Internships 2019-20.

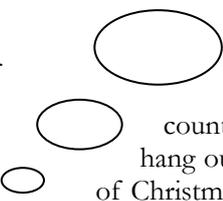
Are you graduating this summer? If so, read on:

The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales have organised an Internship Scheme and are looking to recruit up to nine recently-graduated Catholics to work for 11 months from September 2019 to July 2020 in Parliamentary, Public Affairs, and Social Action posts. The interns will be selected on the basis of ability and potential to gain most from the experience. The interns will live together with 70 other students in More House, a Catholic Chaplaincy and Student Centre in Central London. Financial support will be provided to cover living and travel costs for the duration of the internship. The closing date for applications is 5.00pm on Thursday, 28th February 2019. Further information is available from, and applications should be made through, the website www.faithinpolitics.org.uk

Chaplaincy Coordinator. I am very sorry to say that Angela Ward, our Chaplaincy Coordinator, will be leaving us at Christmas. We owe her many thanks for all that she has done to help the Chaplaincy. Please keep her in your prayers as she moves back to teaching.



Sundays in Advent: Each Gospel reading has a distinctive theme: the Lord's coming at the end of time (1st Sunday), John the Baptist (2nd and 3rd Sundays), the events that prepared immediately for the Lord's birth (4th Sunday). The first readings are prophecies about the Messiah, especially from Isaiah. The second readings exhort and proclaim, in keeping with the themes.



Tailpiece: In the days before mobile phones, a vicar travelled from his country parish into the city to order a banner to hang outside his church to proclaim the Good News of Christmas. But when he got there he found that he had forgotten to bring the details with him, so he sent a telegram to his wife. The clerk at the telegraph office was staggered to receive the reply: "Unto us a Child is born; seven feet six by one foot eight."

Thank you for all your cards, presents and good wishes to me last week for my birthday, and thank you to everyone who came to lunch at Varsity last Sunday. I shall remember you all in my prayers.

If this is your last Sunday here this term, have a great Christmas and I'll look forward to seeing you next term. May God bless you and all those whom you love. Fr. Harry