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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Psalter Week: 2
Weekday Cycle: Year 1
Sunday Year: C

Saturday 30th	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	4.15pm	STM	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions	
		5.00pm	STM	Vigil Mass	Michael and Caroline Fitzpatrick
		9.00am	STM	Mass	Dec'd of McHugh and Shortfall families
		11.00am	SJW	Mass	Sandra Davis (RIP)
		12.45pm	SJW	Mass (University)	Pro Populo
Monday 2 nd	Advent Feria	5.30pm	SJW	Vigil of Reception for Daniel Harrington (RIP)	
Tuesday 3 rd	St Francis Xavier	7.00am	STM	Rorate Mass	M E Connelly (RIP)
		10.00am	SJW	Requiem Mass for Daniel Harrington (RIP)	
Wednesday 4 th	Advent Feria	11.00am	STM	Mass 'n' Mingle	Michael Kapusta (Mem Mass)
Thursday 5 th	St Birinus	10.00am	STM	Mass (School)	Rosaline Weatherstone (RIP)
Friday 6 th	Advent Feria	10.00am	STM	Mass	Catherine McClean (Anniv)
				followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
Saturday 7 th	St Ambrose	12 noon	SJW	Mass	Private Intention (JAF)
		10.00am	SJW	Mass	Special Intentions
				followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions	
Sunday 8th	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	4.15pm	STM	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions	
		5.00pm	STM	Vigil Mass	Michael Browne (Anniv)
		9.00am	STM	Mass	John Paul Brogan (Anniv)
		11.00am	SJW	Mass	Saguez and Grimshaw families (Ints)
		12.45pm	SJW	Mass (University)	Private Intention (DA)

*Welcome to Mass today. We extend a special welcome to anybody joining us for the first time.
Please introduce yourself, and if you are able, stay for refreshments after the Mass.*

The Season of Advent is a time of preparation and joyful expectation. As we prepare for the birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ, these weeks provide a wonderful opportunity to slow down and reflect. We look forward to the coming of Christ: celebrating His birth, His renewed coming into our lives this Christmas, especially through the Eucharist, and His second coming at the end of time.

The Advent Wreath is part of our long-standing Catholic tradition. However, the actual origins are uncertain. There is evidence of pre-Christian Germanic people using wreaths with lit candles during the cold and dark December days as a sign of hope in the future warm and extended-sunlight days of Spring. The wreath is made of various evergreens, signifying continuous life. The circle of the wreath, which has no beginning or end, symbolises the eternity of God, the immortality of the soul, and the everlasting life found in Christ. Altogether, the wreath of evergreens depicts the immortality of our soul, and the new, everlasting life promised to us through Christ, the eternal Word of the Father, who entered our world becoming true man and who was victorious over sin and death through His own passion, death, and resurrection.

Advent can very often become the 'season that never was or is' because we fast forward to Christmas so early. To help us enter more fully into this beautiful season, there will be several extra activities over the coming weeks. Please do consider coming along to them, to truly help yourself spiritually prepare, in both mind and body, for the greatest gift that we receive with the birth of Jesus Christ at Christmas.

STM and SJW Website: stmcov.org/wp/

Facebook: Catholic Parishes of St Thomas More and St Joseph the Worker

Livestream webcam: <https://www.youtube.com/@stmandsjtw-cov>

Coventry Catholic Deanery: www.coventry-catholicdeanery.org.uk

OFFERTORIES

Main Collections STM: £910.50 | **SJW:** £250.60

Youth Service STM: £410.90 | **SJW:** £132.70

Thank you for your continued generosity

WE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF Mgr Graham Wilkinson, Daniel Harrington, Elizabeth Clark, Brian Jolley, Sebastiao Batista do Nascimento and Catherine Brookes together with all who have died recently. We pray for them and their families at this time. May they rest in peace.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK AND UNWELL: Angie Browne, Frank Cunningham, Carl Lightfoot, Elaine Fossett, Margaret Eason, Madge Ward, Heather Walton, Jay Veeman, Pat Farr, Phil Sands, Margaret Kelly, Joanna MacKinnon, Hilary Hanson, Debbie Colby, Monika Tokarska-Hosoi, Joan Theaker, Veronica Hammond, Peter Kennedy, Alice Rowland, John Walker, Pauline Cullinane, Beatrice Upham, Peter Carvell, Sheila Jenkins, Lillian Chapman, Irena Bienek, Josie McElroy, Georgina Brannigan-Smith, Ann Kenny, Rose Warburton, Keelin Treharne, David O'Grady and Joan O'Leary.

FOR THIS LITURGICAL YEAR our companion will be St Luke, whose gospel will accompany us through much of the coming year. St Luke's gospel falls into two. The Gospel proper, and then the Acts of the Apostles which gives an account of the Church in those earliest years from the Ascension of the Lord and Pentecost. Tom Wright, the biblical theologian, introduces his commentary on the gospel 'Luke for Everyone' by telling us that 'Luke had a chance to stand back from the extraordinary events that had been going on, to talk to the people involved, to read some earlier writings, and to make his own quite full version so that readers could know the truth about the things to do with Jesus. He was an educated and cultured man, the first real historian to write about Jesus. His book places Jesus not only at the heart of the Jewish world of the first century, but at the heart of the Roman world into which the Christian gospel exploded and which it was destined to change so radically.'

WALK WITH ME booklets and calendars are available for everyone to use as part of your private reading and meditations.

RORATE MASSES will take place at 7.00am on Tuesday mornings in the side chapel at STM. The Rorate Caeli Mass is a traditional Advent devotion wherein the Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary for Advent is offered just before dawn. The Mass is lit only by candlelight and because it is a votive Mass in Mary's honour, white vestments are worn instead of Advent violet. In the dimly lit setting, we prepare to honour the Light of the world, who is soon to be born, and offer praise to God for the gift of Our Lady. As the Mass proceeds and sunrise approaches, the church becomes progressively brighter, illumined by the sun as our faith is illumined by Christ. After the Mass, tea, coffee and toast will be available in the MRR.

ON FRIDAY'S there will be an extra Mass at 12noon in SJW which will be followed by a light soup lunch.

ADVENT HOLY HOUR: The Great Advent Antiphons, known as the 'O' antiphons are prayed before the Magnificat at Evening Prayer. Each antiphon is based on a title for Jesus taken from the Old Testament. Today most people know them from the Advent Carol, 'O Come, O Come Emmanuel.' During the Holy Hour on Thursday 19th December, we will listen to the scripture passages and meditate on the different titles of Christ as we prepare for his coming at Christmas.

ADVENT CONFESSIONS: In readying ourselves for the final coming of the Lord the Church encourages us to make our confession during the Advent season. Do give some thought to going to Confession during Advent – especially if it has been some time since you last came. After all, Confession is a celebration of God's mercy. As well as the usual times at STM on Saturday evening (4.15pm – 4.45pm) and at SJW on Saturday morning (10.30am – 11.00am). There will also be a Penitential Service with visiting priests available for Confession.

PENITENTIAL SERVICE on Monday 18th December at 7.00pm in STM when several priests will be available for confessions.

BLESSING OF THE CHRISTMAS CRIB at Broadgate will take place on Sunday 1st December at 4.00pm. All welcome to attend.

ADVENT READING: If you're looking for a focused way to prepare your heart this Advent season, try reading through the Gospel of Luke, a chapter per day. If you start with chapter 1 on December 1st, you will finish the final chapter on December 24th, Christmas Eve, at which point you will have recounted through the entire life of Jesus—His birth, death and resurrection, and will hopefully be reminded of exactly why we celebrate this special time.

BLESSING OF STRAW AND BAMBINELLI at all Masses on December 14th/15th. The straw that is blessed can be taken away and placed in your homes, in your Christmas Crib or beneath the tablecloth which covers the table for Christmas Day lunch. It symbolises that our homes become little Bethlehem's where we make Christ and our visitors welcome. St John Paul II encouraged children to bring the baby Jesus (Bambinelli) from each of their Nativity sets to Church to be blessed. This Advent tradition is a way for all of us to connect our Nativity scene at home to the celebration of Christmas at our church.

OUR NEWSLETTER for the next month or two will be a double edition each week and will also include the Scripture Readings for Sunday Mass. Previously, SJW and STM had different ways of providing the readings to the congregation, so this new way means that all Masses are following the same format. If you require the Order of Mass, please ask one of the welcomers for a Mass Card.

THE NEW LECTIONARIES will be used at all Masses this weekend. During the Masses, they will be blessed, and we will re-commission all those who proclaim the Word of God for us at Mass. Advent is the start of the New Liturgical Year, so it seems fitting that we hear the Word of God proclaimed in a new translation, thus we may focus our thoughts on its importance, not only in our Masses, but also in our lives, remembering that 'the Word of God is alive and active' at all times and in all places.

SECOND COLLECTION: NEXT SUNDAY: Poor Parishes

IF YOU ARE A VISITOR to our Masses and not a Catholic, or a Catholic unable to receive, you are very welcome to come forward to receive a blessing. As you approach, please have your arm crossed over your chest, so that the minister knows to give a blessing. If you require a celiac host, please let us know before Mass.

RAFFLE TICKETS for the STM Bazaar need to be returned, together with the payments by Friday 6th December. The raffle will be drawn in the MRR after the 9.00am Mass on Sunday 8th December.

STM CHRISTMAS BAZAAR will be held on Friday 6th December in the School Hall from 6.00pm – 8.00pm. Please do encourage family and friends to come along to this evening. There will be a variety of stalls and refreshments available. Please remember that the bazaar is a cash only event.

HELP NEEDED on Thursday 5th December from 5.30pm to help move tables and items to the school. As the saying goes, 'many hands make light work' so please do come along.

BAZAAR CAKE STALL: Anyone making and bringing fresh cakes to the Bazaar are asked to drop them off after 3.30pm next Friday 6th December.

SJW CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE: Tickets for the Christmas Hamper will be available after all Masses at SJW.

OUR PIETY STALLS are open after all Masses with a wide variety of Christmas Cards and other gifts are available.

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR: Thank you for your year-round donations to the Cheylesmore Food Hub. This time of year, they are particularly needed, so there is a reverse Advent Calendar where you give, instead of receiving, during Advent. Could you donate an item or two from the calendar? Boxes for donations are in the church porch. There are posters at the back of church with a list of all the items needed.

BISHOP ULLATHORNE SCHOOL welcome you to join them for their Christmas Party on Friday 6th December from 12.15pm – 2.30pm. Tea/coffee with mince pies and refreshments as well as a game of bingo, Christmas quizzes and much more! Please call 02476 414 515 to book a place.

LECTIO DIVINA is the ancient practice of slow, conscious reading of a biblical or sacred text with contemplation and silent prayer. It is meant to promote communication with God and a deeper knowledge of Christ, in our lives today. In Advent there will be weekly sessions of Lectio Divina, on Tuesday mornings at 11.00am at SJW and on Thursday evenings at 6.30pm at STM. During this time of prayerful reading, we shall use the Gospel reading of the next Sunday Mass.

NEXT SUNDAY at the 9.00am Mass, Luke Gray will be Confirmed and make his First Holy Communion. Please keep him in your prayers as he prepares for his important moment in his life.

FAMILY LUNCH on Sunday 15th December from 1.00pm – 2.30pm in the MRR. Bring and share table and craft activities for the children. If any of our younger families would be interested in coming along, please sign the sheet at the back of church.

STM SCHOOL CAROL SERVICES will be held on Tuesday 17th December in both the afternoon and evening. All parishioners are welcome to attend these events. More details to follow.

LUKE THEOBALD a third year Seminarian for our Archdiocese, studying at the Venerable English College in Rome will be starting his extended placement with us in the coming weeks. As part of their formation, Seminarians spend time in a parish on an Extended Pastoral Placement. This is an opportunity to really get to know a parish and I am sure Luke will be kept busy! His presence among us will also be a reminder of our constant need to pray for an increase in Vocations to the Sacred Priesthood. In the last ten years, numbers have dropped considerably resulting in a dearth of ordinations. We pray that more men will have the courage to answer the Lord's calling in their lives.

SUNDAY MISSALS have now arrived and are ready for collection from the Piety Stalls. Extra copies are available, priced at £20 each.

WARWICK UNIVERSITY MASS are celebrated at 12.45pm on a Sunday in SJW. Although primarily for the students and staff at Warwick University, parishioners are welcome to attend. The last Mass before the Christmas holiday will be next Sunday, 8th December.

GREETING CARDS FOR PRISONERS: After each Mass on 7th and 8th December at STM and SJW there will be greeting card signing sessions for prisoners around the world. Many have been unfairly imprisoned and are victims of torture. Please come along and sign a card to let them know they are not forgotten. Cards and information will be provided. Donations towards the £2.80 price of a stamp would be very welcome. More information at <http://www.acatuk.org.uk>

LIVE SIMPLY TIP OF THE MONTH: Please consider choosing Christmas gifts that help people in developing countries to help themselves. You can buy from catalogues available in church, shop online at worldgifts.cafod.org.uk or donate to the retiring collections at STM on the 14th/15th December. Parishioners at STM have donated £13,729 since 2008 to buy CAFOD World Gifts for our virtual village. LiveSimply in solidarity with people in poverty.

ROCK CHOIR CONCERT on Saturday 14th December from 1.30pm – 2.30pm at STM. Donations gratefully received and will be divided by Zoe's Place and Cheylesmore Foodhub. Please see the poster for more information. All welcome to come along.

CATHEDRAL CAROL SERVICE on Sunday 22nd December. If anyone would be interested in attending the Carol Service in Coventry Cathedral at 5.00pm, could you please write your name on the list at the back of church.

CHEYLESMORE FOODHUB: It is now possible to support the work of the Foodhub through financial donations. It allows for more flexibility for the Trust to purchase foods. The required information is Cheylesmore Food Hub CAF Bank Ltd, Sort Code: 40-52-40 and the Account no: 00034145.

HOUSE VISITS to the sick and housebound are an important part of the life of the church. Any parishioners who would welcome a visit, are asked to contact Fr Simon, Deacon Leo or Deacon David so a visit can then be arranged.

'CRAFT AND CHAT' will begin on Tuesday 3rd December from 10.30am – 12noon in the MRR. If you sew, knit, paint or have another craft hobby, you are more than welcome to come. The idea of the group is for people to be able to come together for a chat, whilst spending an hour or so on their particular craft. Please bring everything you need with you.

RED BOXES: Would all those at SJW who support the work of the Missio Appeal (Red Boxes), please bring their boxes to the Sacristy by Sunday 8th December. For more information about supporting the work of Missio, please speak to Joyce Connolly.

UHCW PETITION SIGNATURES: Your signature could help ensure the future of Catholic supervision at UHCW. By signing this petition, you are not committing to any further communication but helping to show the importance of spiritual and pastoral care for Catholics who are in hospital.

REMEMBERING A LOVED ONE: If you would like to give a bauble in memory of departed loved ones, the sheets will be available next week for you to write the names on and a basket for you to place any donations for the bauble. The names will then be placed on the trees in church and the names printed off in a Book of Remembrance.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION: Any children wishing to be prepared for the Sacrament of First Confession, First Holy Communion and Confirmation need to speak to Fr Simon by Sunday 8th December.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION will begin with an initial meeting on Wednesday 11th at 6.00pm followed by the first class on Wednesday 18th from 5.00pm – 6.00pm in the MRR.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFESSION will begin in the New Year on Saturday afternoon from 3.30pm – 4.30pm in the MRR.

THE CHAPEL OF UNITY are hosting twenty-minute Meditations and Reflections on Advent Scriptures at 6.00pm on Monday evenings. These will be held via Zoom and can be accessed using the Meeting ID: 880 8086 4348 with Passcode: 900236. Please see the poster for more information and details.

SINGING FOR FUN will be held at SJW in the Parish Hall on Monday 9th December at 7.00pm. All welcome to come for a sing.

ASDA CASHPOT FOR STM SCHOOL: Thank you to all those who have supported and helped to raise over £500 for STM School.

KINGDOM OF GOD PRAYER GROUP There will be no meetings over Christmas on Monday 23rd or 30th December. Meetings resume on Monday 7th January at 7.00pm. All welcome.

MASS INTENTIONS The Mass is the greatest prayer we can offer as Catholics since it is the 'source and summit' of the Christian Life. A Mass can be offered for several reasons: in thanksgiving, for the intentions of another person or as is most common, for the repose of the soul of someone who has died. Mass offering envelopes are available at the back of both churches. Please fill in the required information and hand it to Fr Simon or push through the Presbytery letterbox. The Mass will then be offered, and you'll see the details on the front page of this sheet. We ask that Masses be booked three months in advance of your required date. Preferred dates cannot be guaranteed—someone else might have asked for a particular day before you, but the nearest date will be offered.

SEVEN DAY CANDLES can be sponsored for £5. Please bring the information to the Sacristy at STM and SJW. At STM the candles can be sponsored for St Thomas More, Our Lady, St Joseph and the Sacred Heart and at SJW they can be sponsored for St Joseph, Our Lady, St Anthony and the Sacred Heart.

'A DANA GOOD CHRISTMAS' on 22nd December at 3.30pm in Birmingham Town Hall. Please see the poster at the back of church.

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES: Mary Blackwell, Vincent Duff, Joseph Brown, Joseph Flis, Thomas Knowles, Michael Murphy, Mary Ullah, Rozalia Koltun, Josephine Harrison, Peter Doyle, Elsie Wynne, Madge Markey, Constance Shuttleworth, Hugh McQuade, John Burnett, Margaret Fletcher, Michael Horwood, Evelyn Ward, Edith Carr, Patrick O'Donoghue, Patrick Higgins, James Browne, James Burke, Nicholas Martin, Kathleen Craven, William Griffiths, Michael Nolan, Jane Mather-Lees, James Goollogly, Dennis Cox, Patricia Rodger, John Martin, Elizabeth Walker, Patrick Cassidy, Josephine Edwards, James McCormick, Gwendoline Molloy, Aileen Horrell, Mary Porter, Maureen Archer, Sydney McSorley, Frederick McGivern, Gordon Aspell, Bridget Lawlor, Bridie Lawlor, Karol Kokosz, Karen Walton, James Jenkins, Dorothy Apedaile, Margaret Williamson, Theresa Costello, Patricia Fowler, Catherine McKenzie, Joe King, Barbara Boffin, Richard Green, Michael Haverty, Patrick McClean, Michael Malone, Mary Hynes, Monsignor Canon Thomas Gavin, Pauline Ledwidge, Elizabeth King, Angela Morris, James Nettleship, John Bromell, Elizabeth Keogh, Jean Harris, George Willan, Stephen Whelan, James Clarkson, Kathleen Cowming, George Walsh, Jean Davenport, Margaret Muldoon, Kenneth Lee, Joan Harbourne, Dorothy Leaver, Catherine Allsop, Thomas Knowles, Maureen Mooney, Philomena Irwin, Ellen Mullen, Mary Turner, Martin Griffin, Betty Rushworth, Thomas Lewis, Isobel McKay, John Stanford, Alice Temple, Toni Banks, Josephine Mooney, Eugene Vincent, Hannah Cullinane, Eugene Turley, William Donahoe, Maragret Howarth, Dolly Ryan, John McKenna, Anne-Louise Healey, Eileen Williams, Christine Edwards.

LIVESTREAM FACILITIES at both STM and SJW have now changed and are available through one page on YouTube. This is to help keep us in line with Data Protection and Safeguarding requirements. For details about the livestream, please see the front of this newsletter.

GOING INTO HOSPITAL: Anyone going into hospital, needs to be sure to tell the ward staff they are a Catholic and would like to see the Catholic Chaplain. Please also notify the Parish Clergy, so a visit, either by them or the Chaplain can be arranged.

SAFEGUARDING: The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies and procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Claire Rutter and Amanda Kelly at STM and Henry Whitney at SJW. They can be contacted using the emails below or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding Team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 or email safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.

READERS FOR DECEMBER	STM	30 th	5.00pm	Mandy Crilly
		1 st	9.00am	Kris Pears
		7 th	5.00pm	Janet Ward
		8 th	9.00am	Noreen Thornhill
		14 th	5.00pm	Monika Rozanski
		15 th	9.00am	Lanzo Amirtharaj
		21 st	5.00pm	Mary Wilson
		22 nd	9.00am	Blaise Hughes-O'Sullivan
		28 th	5.00pm	Ashford & Quinita
		29 th	9.00am	Maureen Porter
	Jan	4 th	5.00pm	Mandy Crilly
		5 th	9.00am	Ann Fernandes
	SJW	1 st	11.00am	Lorraine
		8 th	11.00am	Maria
		15 th	11.00am	John
	22 nd	11.00am	Godwin	
	29 th	11.00am	Jacqueline	
Jan	5 th	11.00am	Alanna	

ONLINE GIVING: If you were unable to give via the Offertory Collection at Sunday Mass, you can give online to either parish by scanning this QR code and following the instructions on the website.



GIFT AID GIVING: If you are a UK Taxpayer and would like to increase your weekly giving, at no extra cost to yourself, please consider Gift Aiding your donation. Through this scheme we are able to claim 25p on every £1 donated. More information available from Tony Curristan at STM and June Palmer at SJW.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Every Tuesday	Rorate Masses at STM 7.00am
Every Friday	Mass at SJW and soup lunch 12noon
1 st December	Blessing of the Crib at 4.00pm in town
3 rd December	Craft 'n' Chat at STM (10.30 – 12noon)
6 th December	Bishop Ullathorne Christmas Party
6 th December	STM Christmas Bazaar in STM School Hall
7 th /8 th Dec	Greeting card signing for Prisoners
8 th December	Christmas Raffle Draw after 9.00am Mass
8 th December	Last University Mass of the term
14 th December	Baptism Preparation Course
14 th December	Rock Choir Concert in STM
15 th December	Family Lunch 1.00 – 2.30pm
16 th /17 th Dec	Bambinelli Blessing at all Masses
17 th December	STM Primary School Carol Services
18 th December	Penitential Service at STM
19 th December	Holy Hour O'Antiphons at STM
22 nd December	Carol Service at Coventry Cathedral
5 th January	Epiphany Carol Service at STM
7 th January	Kingdom of God Prayer Group resumes
11 th January	First Holy Communion Prep begins

SECOND COLLECTIONS IN DECEMBER:

8 th December	Poor Parishes
15 th December	CAFOD World Gifts

READINGS FOR FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Our readings on this First Sunday of Advent focus on our hope in God's promise, in faithful waiting, and growing in love. We are reminded to live in holiness and be watchful for signs of Jesus' return. Through prayer and strength, we stay faithful as we prepare for His coming. This time helps us get our hearts ready for Jesus by trusting in God, living with love, and staying alert to His presence.

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul

O LORD, make me know your ways.

Teach me your paths.

Guide me in your truth, and teach me; for you are the God of my salvation. *R*

Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he shows the way to sinners. He guides the humble in right judgement; to the humble he teaches his way. *R*

All the LORD's paths are mercy and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and commands. The LORD's secret is for those who fear him; to them he reveals his covenant. *R*

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

Brothers and sisters: May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints. Finally, then, brothers and sisters, we ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God, just as you are doing, that you do so more and more. For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia.

Show us, O LORD, your mercy, and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near. 'But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

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