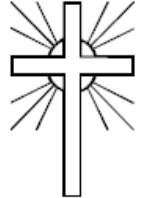
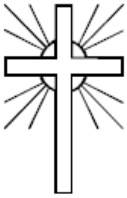


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to experience His **transforming love**.

We **joyfully** embrace our responsibility to **proclaim** this good news.

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# SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT – 8<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2024

### **Today is the second Sunday of Advent.**

Advent often flies by, four weeks doesn't seem like a lot of time to "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."

Mary carried Jesus in the womb for nine months, allowing herself to be transformed from inside for the coming of Christ. Yet we condense that time to an intense four weeks of preparation.

**Last week we reflected on the hope that only comes from God, this week we focus on the peace that only comes from God.**

### **Peaceful opportunities for us all this Advent:**

#### • **Advent Solemn Vespers –**

The evening prayer of the church – at All Saints Church each Sunday during Advent, 5 - 5.30pm.

#### • **Sycamore Retreat Day –**

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December: 10am – 3pm,**

'The Gift of Faith' and 'The Power of Prayer', breakfast and lunch included.

### **Christmas Mass Times 2024:**

#### **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Eve:**

SMC, 5.45pm Carols; 6.00pm Christmas Vigil Mass

#### **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December, Christmas Day:**

ASC, 10.00am Christmas Day Mass

**Christmas Roses:** We will again decorate our churches with roses at Christmas in memory of our loved ones. If you would like to buy a rose in memory of a loved one, please put their name and £1 in the basket at the back of your church.

### **CAFOD World Gifts:**

If you would like to celebrate the true spirit of Christmas giving, please take a 'CAFOD World Gift' catalogue or visit CAFOD's website for ideas of gifts that reflect some of the biggest issues facing communities around the world:

**<https://cafod.org.uk/worldgifts>**

**Parish Census:** We are currently updating our parishioner database. If you didn't complete a parish census form when these were offered last year, please take one today and return it when you next come to Mass. *Thank you!*

### **St Mary's church cleaning:**

Our church cleaning team will be doing a 'deep clean' in preparation for our Christmas celebrations on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am, and will be preparing our Christmas nativity scene too. *Extra volunteers will be most welcome, tea/coffee and biscuits offered!*

### **Our guest correspondent writes,**

### **'How to receive more from Holy Mass – Part 21**

**"Show me your calendar,  
and I will tell you your priorities."**

*'A few days ago, I watched a video featuring Bishop Robert Baron, where he used this phrase. And there is clearly truth in those words. We spend our time, we offer up our time to things that, for whatever reason, are important to us. For example, I remember offering up a great deal of my time taking my children to their various evening and weekend activities.*

*'I say 'offering up' because, frankly, if I were to have made a selfish choice about what to do with my days, they would not have been spent watching endless lengths of swimming or standing in the freezing wind and rain watching a rugby or football match. But enriching our children's lives is very important and so I offered up that time, and did so joyfully.*

*'But what else is important to us?*

*'In our reflections on the Holy Mass, we have noted the importance of our full, conscious and active participation in the liturgy; we are not merely passive attendees.*

*'And how much more enriched and blessed is our experience of celebrating the Mass when we do participate fully.*

*'Similarly, we are invited to be full, conscious and active participants in our daily relationship with God. And how much more enriched and blessed will our lives become as a consequence!*

*'But we must make a conscious decision to do so. Think about your daily calendar, your schedule. Are your days punctuated with moments that you offer up to God? Actions, words, thoughts? Even just for a few seconds?*

*'Why not set an alarm on your phone, your watch – put it on your schedule – and offer up those moments to God.*

*'By regularly spending a little time being aware of God's presence in our lives, the celebration of the Eucharist may increasingly become the source and summit of everything we do.'*

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<b>The Week Ahead (ASC = All Saints Church, SMH = St Mary's Hall, SMC = St Mary's Church, SMS = St Mary's School)</b>	
<b>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup></b> 6.00pm,	Memorial of St Ambrose, bishop and doctor <b>ASC Vigil Mass of the Second Sunday of Advent</b> (The People of the Parishes) <b>Second collection for Poor and Needy Parishes</b>
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup></b> 9.15am,  11.15am,  <b>5.00 – 5.30pm,</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b> <b>SMC Holy Mass</b> (The Hussell family (JW)) <i>Fairtrade tea and coffee will be served in the church after this Mass</i> <b>Second collection for Poor and Needy Parishes</b> <b>ASC Holy Mass</b> (The Holy Souls) <i>Fairtrade tea and coffee will be served in the church after this Mass</i> <b>Second collection for Poor and Needy Parishes</b> <b>ASC Solemn Vespers for the second Sunday of Advent</b>
<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup></b> 10.00am,	<b>Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary – Patron of our diocese</b> <b>ASC Holy Mass</b> (Joan Hodkinson RIP (SM-F)) <i>Please pray for today's meeting of the Core Leadership Team</i>
<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	Memorial of Our Lady of Loreto <i>Father Martin will offer Holy Mass today for The Holy Souls</i>
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup></b> 7.00pm, 7.30pm,	Memorial of St Damascus I, pope <b>ASC Holy Hour begins with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b> <b>ASC Holy Hour continues with Holy Mass</b> (Tony Herrington RIP (NM-F))
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup></b> 10.00am, <b>12.45pm,</b>	Memorial of Our Lady of Guadalupe <b>SMC Holy Mass with St Philip Howard school</b> (The Dobbin family (OB)) <b>ASC Funeral of Tony Herrington RIP</b>
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup></b> 10.00am,  7.00pm,	Memorial of St Lucy, virgin and martyr <b>At St Philip Howard school – The school are eager to welcome parishioners to join them for Holy Mass</b> (The Holy Souls) SMH Prayer Group
<b>Saturday 14<sup>th</sup></b> 9.00 – 9.30am, <b>10am – 3pm,</b> <b>2.00 – 3.30pm,</b> 6.00pm,	Memorial of St John of the Cross, priest and doctor <b>SMC Sacrament of Reconciliation</b> <b>SMH Sycamore Retreat Day – 'The Gift of Faith' and 'The Power of Prayer'</b> <b>SMC Christmas Tree Festival</b> <b>ASC Vigil Mass of the Third Sunday of Advent</b> (The People of the Parishes)
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup></b> 9.15am,  11.15am,  <b>5.00 – 5.30pm,</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Advent – Gaudete Sunday</b> <b>SMC Holy Mass</b> (The Holy Souls) <i>Fairtrade tea and coffee will be served in the church after this Mass</i> <b>ASC Holy Mass</b> (Timothy Greenhalgh RIP (Family)) <i>Fairtrade tea and coffee will be served in the church after this Mass</i> <b>ASC Solemn Vespers for the third Sunday of Advent</b>
<b>This week's prayer intentions for vocations are:</b> Mon: Staff and Seminarians at Oscott College, Birmingham; Tues: Those at University; Weds: 'Christus Vivit' Young Adults Groups; Thurs: Vocations to Religious Life; Fri: Priests in Nottinghamshire; Sat: Vocations to the Priesthood; Sun: Those Training for the Diaconate.	
<b>THE GLOSSOP ROSARY</b> We will continue on Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December with the Sorrowful Mysteries.	
<b>Christmas Markets:</b> Many thanks to all who helped with this enjoyable event, which raised £300!	
Please join your fellow parishioners in praying our parish prayer daily – "Heavenly Father, bless and prosper our efforts to renew the life of our parishes. Help me to discover the part you want me to play, and give me the courage to trust in the power of the Holy Spirit. Through Christ our Lord. Amen."	
<b>Please remember in your prayers this week:</b> Don and Roseline McLeish who are unwell. Cath Broadbent (née Walsh) and Doreen Leech who are unwell. Philomena Brennan who asks for prayers for healing and relief from a long standing problem, and for her husband Martin who is unwell.	