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### THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

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#### Live Online Mass:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7F4KSNFqFBsx5Ch\\_M2\\_Ebg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7F4KSNFqFBsx5Ch_M2_Ebg)

**December Prayers: Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December** "Yesterday we celebrated the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, patron saint of the unborn. We ask for her guidance and inspiration as we the church seek to support all pregnant mothers through their pregnancies, and that we would become models of support to all in society. Lord hear us".

#### Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve:

5.30pm

7pm

8.30pm

10pm (Polish)

Christmas Day:

8am

10am

12.30pm (Polish)

10pm (Polish) *Call the parish office to book your place*

#### Annual Christmas Hamper Raffle

will be drawn on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December after mass.

**Fratelli Tutti** This is the latest encyclical sent out by Pope Francis on the feast of St Francis. Earlier he sent out *Laudate Si* which related to the respect for the planet. Now he is speaking about and to all the people who live on the planet. It is a very long document. 150 pages. I found what I think is a very good summary of it. It is a shame that most people will not know what the pope is proposing as the way to living the gospel. I got it from a site in Jamaica and is only two sheets of A4 long. If you would like a copy I would be delighted to send it to you via email. My email is [johnbbland@gmail.com](mailto:johnbbland@gmail.com)

**Prayer Tree** Everyone is invited to write a short prayer on a label to hang on our Christmas tree in church. The labels are in a basket in the porch. Please take one home to write (or write with your own pen after mass before leaving your place) and put the prayer in the special box.

#### Church Reopening for Holy Mass

The church opened for holy mass on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2020. Live streaming of holy mass will continue, but the link has been changed.

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7F4KSNFqFBsx5Ch\\_M2\\_Ebg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7F4KSNFqFBsx5Ch_M2_Ebg)

#### Christmas Cards for Parishioners

We now have a box in the porch of the church for people to put cards in for parishioners. Please make sure cards are Covid safe before depositing them.

Sat 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2020	Advent Feria	09.30AM 06.00PM	All Parishioners Francisco Olivera RIP Shirley Deery RIP
Sun 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2020	Third Sunday of Advent	10.00AM 06.00PM	Den Harries RIP Francisco Olivera RIP
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2020	Memorial of St John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor of the Church	10.00AM	Mary Gillespie RIP UCM Natasha RIP
Tue 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2020	Advent Feria	10.00AM	Benedict McBreen RIP (anniversary)
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2020	Advent Feria	10.00AM	Mary Reilly RIP
Thu 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2020	Advent Feria	10.00AM	Michael and Teresa Collins
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2020	Advent Feria	10.00AM	Teresa and Edwin Ryden
Sat 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2020	Advent Feria	09.30AM 06.00PM	All Parishioners Paul John Hobley RIP Frankil Barrett RIP

## This Week's Gospel Reading Third Sunday of Advent John 1:6-8, 19-28

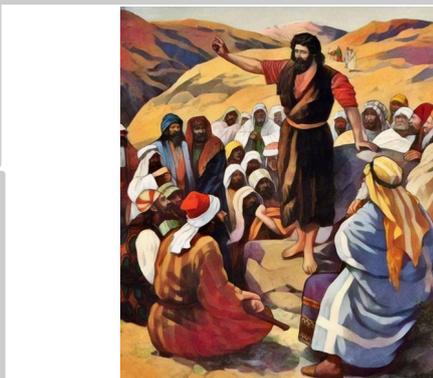
### 'There stands among you the one coming after me'

A man came, sent by God. His name was John. He came as a witness, as a witness to speak for the light, so that everyone might believe through him. He was not the light, only a witness to speak for the light. This is how John appeared as a witness. When the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' he not only declared, but he declared quite openly, 'I am not the Christ.' 'Well then,' they asked 'are you Elijah?' 'I am not' he said. 'Are you the Prophet?' He answered, 'No.' So they said to him, 'Who are you? We must take back an answer to those who sent us. What have you to say about yourself?' So John said, 'I am, as Isaiah prophesied: a voice that cries in the wilderness: Make a straight way for the Lord.' Now these men had been sent by the Pharisees, and they put this further question to him, 'Why are you baptising if you are not the Christ, and not Elijah, and not the prophet?' John replied, 'I baptise with water; but there stands among you – unknown to you – the one who is coming after me; and I am not fit to undo his sandal-strap.' This happened at Bethany, on the far side of the Jordan, where John was baptising.

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

*Let us remember that we are placed in this world for a brief space in order that we procure for ourselves an eternal abode where we shall rest after toil and trouble and where nothing will ever cause us annoyance or weariness.*

*Blessed Antonio Rosmini*



**Hampers for Pensioners** Huge thanks to all who have donated to the hampers. They will be delivered over the next week to homes by volunteers. All items have been sanitised.

### Christian Bookshop

This shop in town is now reopen.

Monday - 10-4

Tuesday - 10-4

Wednesday - 10-1

Thursday - 10-4

Friday - 10-4

Saturday - 10-4

Good selection of Christmas cards still in stock. We are able to order and deliver items locally if needed.

**The God Who Speaks** Advent greetings to you all.

Outlining further resources for the Advent and Christmas seasons. I hope these are of interest and use to you in your parish this Christmas.

Hello Everyone,

As promised we have two more resources to share with you for this Christmas:

a) Bishop Peter Brignall has created - **At the Manger: Family Crib Services for the Eight Day of Christmas.**

[godwhospeaks.uk/at-the-manger-family-celebrations-for-the-eight-days-of-christmas](http://godwhospeaks.uk/at-the-manger-family-celebrations-for-the-eight-days-of-christmas)

b) Teresa Brown from Northampton Diocese has created a **YouTube video on the Annunciation: From Gabriel to Mary** with her own music and various artists' portrayal of the event.

<https://youtu.be/h-qKINUziig>

Thank you so much for all that you're doing for our *God who Speaks* campaign.

In January we'll have some more schools posters and exciting resources to keep us all going on the Scriptural journey!

A continued Blessed Advent these next two weeks.

**Parish Shop** Christmas cards, calendars and diaries. Home delivery. Please contact 812702.

### RECENTLY DIED

**John McStay**

**Betty Kendall, Elizabeth Gelston**

### This Week's First Reading

**Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11**

**He has sent me to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord**

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me,

for the Lord has anointed me.

He has sent me to bring good news to the poor,

to bind up hearts that are broken;

to proclaim liberty to captives,

freedom to those in prison;

to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord.

'I exult for joy in the Lord,

my soul rejoices in my God,

for he has clothed me in the garments of salvation,

he has wrapped me in the cloak of integrity,

like a bridegroom wearing his wreath,

like a bride adorned in her jewels.

'For as the earth makes fresh things grow,

as a garden makes seeds spring up,

so will the Lord make both integrity and praise spring up in the sight of the nations.'

### This Week's Responsorial Psalm

**Luke 1:46-50, 53-54 (Advent)**

R. My soul rejoices in my God.

### This Week's Gospel Acclamation

**Is 61:1 (Lk 4:18)**

Alleluia, alleluia! The spirit of the Lord has been given to me.

He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor. Alleluia!

### FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES FALL AROUND THIS TIME

Jean Trimming, Amy Hudson, Alan Dunmore

### PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO ARE SICK

Tom Donnelly, Sharon Colleran, Rachel Mears, Freddie Fereday, Elsie Johnson, Piotr Fior, William Hearne, Sofia Roman Garcia, Hattie Taylor, Pat Mulvey, Lenny & Marie Niner, Val Muir, Noel Hayes, Sybil Brookes, Maureen Keane, Viviane McSweeney, John Melia and all those sick with coronavirus