

Welcome to today's Mass. Worship is for everyone – children as well as adults – so do your best to join in as much as possible. The service can be followed in the Mass booklet and hymns are mostly in the dark red hymnbook (the numbers are printed below and displayed on the boards at the front of church).



Please make sure your **phones** and other devices are on silent and put away whilst we worship.



A **hearing loop** is in operation in church; please switch your hearing aid to the T position.



If you require a **gluten-free wafer** at Communion, please inform a steward before the start of the service.



Refreshments are served in the hall after the service; do join us for a drink and chat and, if you are new, make yourself known to us.

Large print service books are available; please ask at the door.

Today's Hymns

Processional: 513

Gradual: printed overleaf

Offertory: 401

Communion: 81, 790

Recessional: 428

Today's Readings

Baruch 5

Luke 3.1-6

Copies of the readings are available for those who would find that helpful; please ask at the door.



Gradual Hymn

The great forerunner of the morn,
the herald of the Word, is born;
and faithful hearts shall never fail
with thanks and praise
his light to hail.

With heavenly message
Gabriel came,
that John should be
that herald's name,
and with prophetic utterance told
his actions great and manifold.

His mighty deeds exalt his fame
to greater than a prophet's name.
Of woman-born shall never be
a greater prophet than was he.

To God the Father, God the Son,
and God the Spirit, Three in One,
praise, honour, might, and glory be
from age to age eternally.

Mother Katy writes...



Advent is a season of waiting, expectation and preparation before we celebrate the coming of Christ at Christmas. Yes, we are waiting and preparing to celebrate Jesus being born as a baby (his incarnation) but we also look ahead to the time when Christ shall come again as judge at the end of time.

Society is, by now, busy celebrating Christmas. Trees are going up; Christmas songs are playing in the shops and on the radio; Christmas parties, concerts, dinners are all taking place. Yet here in church we keep Advent; we wait expectantly. It is a tension that we have to live with but we do so knowing that because we've waited and prepared spiritually for the coming of Christ, our celebrations will be all the more special when we eventually arrive at Christmas!

Notices

The next rota for **reading, leading intercessions, administering the chalice, and serving** at our Sunday worship is now available. If you do any of those things and haven't yet taken your rota, please do so today.



Thank you to everyone who took part in last week's **Bake Off** – whether by baking or by buying cake. The winner was the Rudolph cake which was baked by Jennifer Hague – well done, Jennifer!



You may be aware that earlier this year new laws came into effect concerning how organisations store and use personal data. These laws also apply to churches and so we are having to put various policies and procedures in place to ensure we comply. As part of this, we need consent to store and use your contact details. Therefore, please complete a **personal details form** and hand it to Mthr Katy or one of the Wardens.



Last week's winner of the **Bonus Ball** was Mother Katy! Fees are now due for the next 10 week period. There are also some spare numbers. Please see Samantha or Chris after Mass for more details. Remember - you have to be in it to win it!



Mthr Katy is available, to:

- visit the sick in hospital or at home;
- take Holy Communion to those who are ill or housebound;
- pray with those seeking healing or preparing for an operation;
- anoint the sick;
- administer the Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession);
- carry out house blessings;
- or just to listen.

If you would like any of these, please let her know. Mthr Katy is also happy to visit anyone who would

like to get to know her better. If you would like a chat (it doesn't have to be for any particular reason), please invite her!



Bishop David asks that, to protect people from germs and the risk of being exposed to allergens, we all please avoid dipping

communion wafers in the wine. He says, "we are becoming increasingly aware of the severe reaction some people have to gluten. As a result, churches are now used to providing gluten-free bread in services of Holy Communion. However, what is often overlooked is that dipping wafers in the wine can introduce gluten which others then drink.

It is already advised nationally that, for reasons of hygiene, the intinction of wafers should be avoided. When a wafer is given into the hands of a communicant, it may become contaminated by germs lying on the skin. Intincting the wafer then introduces those germs directly into the wine; there is also the possibility of finger tips inadvertently dipping into the liquid.

Should a communicant not wish to drink from the chalice, perhaps through having a heavy cold, then he or she may be assured that to receive the sacrament in one kind alone (bread or wine) is to receive the sacrament in its entirety."

For our prayers



The recently baptised:

Maximus Sneyd and
Chester Taylor

Those being baptised this month:

The sick & housebound: Vivian Singh, George Bickerstaff, John Cooper, David Gilmartin, Father Harry Edwards, Kirsty Littleford, Ruth Grace, Antonio Clayton, James Cowan, Eric Sherfield, Anne Whitehead and Jean Winterbottom.

The recently departed:

Emma Guilbert and David Spence.

Years Mind: Edith Lewis (10th), Irene Staszewska (10th), Norma Mackay (11th), Ellen Jervis (12th), Seth Shaw (13th), Fred Ashton (13th), Elsie Travis (13th) and Lilian Whirrity (14th).

Contact Us

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This week, Mthr Katy is taking
Tuesday as her day off.

Please send any items for this sheet
to Mthr Katy by the end of
Thursday.

The week ahead

Today – The Second Sunday of Advent

11.00am The Parish Mass

Monday 10th

7pm The Monday Mass for all ages
7.30pm SFC organised trip to the
Playhouse 2 to see Cyrano De
Bergerac

Tuesday 11th

5.45pm Brigade: The Martins
7pm Brigade: The YTeam

Wednesday 12th

7pm Brigade: Band
8pm Brigade: JTC and Seniors

Thursday 13th – Lucy

7.00pm Choir Practice

Friday 14th – John of the Cross

10am Said Mass and drop-in
11.45am The Funeral of David
Spence

Saturday 15th

Mothers' Union coffee morning at
the British Legion

Sunday 16th - The Third Sunday of Advent

11.00 am The Parish Mass

In addition, **Morning Prayer** is
usually said in Church each day at
7.30 am (except on Mthr Katy's day
off). Everybody is welcome.