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First Sunday of Advent

Sun. 29 Nov.	10.0 am. Mass- Streamed	Mike Clark
	12.0 pm. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament-Streamed	
Mon. 30 Nov.	<u>No Mass Today</u>	
Tues. 1 Dec.	10.0 am. Mass – Streamed	Josephine Apicella-Keen
Wed. 2 Dec.	10 0 am Mass – Streamed & Public	Bertha Mary Anglin, Bernard Anglin
Thurs 3 Dec.	<u>No Mass Today</u>	
Fri. 4 Dec.	10.0 am. Mass - Streamed	Rina Kerby
Sat. 5 Dec.	10.0 am. Mass –Streamed	Mary & Reg Morris
Sun. 6 Dec.	10.0 am. Mass- Streamed & Public	Ann Verrecchia

Diocesan Prayer Link –All Chaplaincies to HM Forces in the Diocese.

Scripture Readings This Week:

Mon. Rom.10: 9-18. Mt.4: 18-22. **Tues.** Is.11: 1-10. Lk.10: 21-24. **Wed.** Is.25: 6-10. Mt.15: 29-37.

Thur. Is.26: 1-6. Mt.7: 21, 24-27. **Fri.** Is.29: 17-24.Mt.9: 27-31. **Sat.** Is.30: 19-21, 23-26. Mt.9: 35-.10: 1,6-8.

Feast Days & Memorials This Week

Mon. St. Andrew **Tues.** St. Alexander Briant **Thurs.** St. Francis Xavier **Fri.** St. Osmund

Sick & Housebound – Please remember in your prayers all the sick and housebound, in particular, those recently sick – Stephen Hooper, Tom Lewis, Lena Buck, Harry Jenkins, Kathleen Farrell, John Shoemake, Simon Jenkins, William Hewitt, Malachi Moran, Wayne Parrock, Mary Sheehan, Miriam King, Carmel Jenkins, James Barr, Aileen Milkins, Sophie Dewland, Lorna Sandland, Kate Smith, Peter Cooke, Mary Mulcahy.

Please also remember in your prayers all whose anniversaries occur at this time- Bernard Anglin, Thomas Cottrell, Kathleen McCarthy, Margaret Husbands, Eileen Protheroe, Gaudenty Jaworska, Baby George, Josephine Price, Peter Henry, John Farrell, Ann Verrecchia.

Sunday 29 November - 1st Sunday of Advent (Year B)

2020 has been like no other year that we can probably remember or imagine. When we started Advent in December 2019, we had absolutely no idea that the new liturgical year would play out as it has done. We could not have anticipated or expected the experience we have had and currently still have. Government recommendations during the pandemic to ‘Stay alert’ find echoes in our Gospel today. ‘Stay awake, be on your guard’ is how Mark puts it. But this is not about watching out for the dangers of a virus. Rather we are to be prepared for the coming of the Lord, not just Christmas, but at any time. This second coming of Christ and the final judgement is what we need to hold in mind throughout our Christian lives. As a faithful community, we are, waiting in hopeful anticipation for Christ to come once more. It is not a passive waiting but is mindful and open to the reality that Christ comes to us in the poor, in the exiled, in the refugee and asylum seeker, in the homeless and the most vulnerable in our society. As we enter the season of a new liturgical year, let’s pray for the strength to be hopeful and joyful in the weeks and months ahead.

Apostleship of the Sea

In the light of the continued uncertainty around coronavirus, the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales decided to **postpone Sea Sunday 2020 from July 12 to 20 December**. As you know, the income generated from Sea Sunday is crucial in maintaining our support for seafarers and fishers. It has been decided that while there will be no special collection on that day, parishioners who would like to support the Apostleship of the Sea are now welcome to send in donations (cash/cheques) to the parish in envelopes marked “**Sea Sunday**” and the total raised will be sent to the AoS as usual.. Alternatively, donations may be sent via internet www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate

Diocesan Directory/Liturgical Diary

2021 Edition of Diocesan Directory (£5.00) and Liturgical Diary (£6.50) are now available

Christmas Main Draw

Due to current lockdown restriction we need to postpone our Draw Date. The draw will take place live via web cam hopefully prior to Christmas but not on the 6th December as originally planned. Sorry!!! The date will be announced in due course. In the meantime if you would like to enter/buy more tickets for the Draw you can pop your entry envelope through Brendan's letterbox at 4 Stoneleigh Crescent, Knowle, Bristol BS4 2RQ. or to the presbytery. Please remember to include your name, telephone number & amount of raffle ticket money on the front of the envelope & write Main Draw at the top. Many thanks in anticipation for your continued support. It is very much appreciated. Any queries regarding the draw please telephone Brendan on 0117 9092534 or Marsha 07954585347

Weekly envelopes donations for 2021: The weekly envelopes for 2021 will be delivered in your letter box this year. If you have recently moved, if your tax status has changed or if you want to join the scheme, please contact Regine on 07961 861303. If you are a taxpayer, the diocese can claim 25 p of Gift Aid for every £1 you donate, so it can make a big difference to the Parish. Thank you.