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Fourth Sunday of Advent – Sea Sunday

Sun. 20	Dec.	10.0 am.	Mass- Streamed & Public	Dec'd of Dias, Fernandes & Hayman
Families				
		<i>11.30 am</i>	<i>Parish Christmas Draw -Streamed</i>	
Mon. 21	Dec.	<u>No Mass Today</u>		
Tues. 22	Dec.	10.0 am.	Mass – Streamed	Liz Morey
Wed. 23	Dec.	10 0 am	Mass – Streamed & Public - Tom Savidge	
Thurs. 24	Dec.	6.0 pm.	Mass- Streamed and Public Gina Maddalena	
		12.0 Midnight Mass-	Streamed and Public Private intention	
Fri. 25	Dec.	10.0 am.	Mass – Streamed and Public Noel Buck	
Sat. 26	Dec.	10.0 am.	Mass –Streamed Harry & Norah Ray	
Sun. 27	Dec.	10.0 am.	Mass- Streamed & Public Paddy Henehan	

The collection at all Christmas Masses will be our Christmas Offering for our Parish Priest. Please use your parish offertory envelope or your own envelope clearly marked “Christmas Offering”

Diocesan Prayer Link –Our Lady & St. Alphege (Bath), St. Joseph (Peasedown St. John).

Scripture Readings This Week:

Mon. Sg. 2: 8-14. Lk.1: 39-45.

Tues. 1 Sm.1: 24-28. Lk.1: 46-56.

Wed. Mal.3: 1-4, 23-24. Lk.1: 57-66.

Thur. 2 Sm.7: 1-5, 8-12, 14,16. Lk.1: 67-79.

Fri. (Night) Is.9: 1-7. Lk.2: 1-14 (Day) Is.52: 7-10. Jn.1: 1-18 **Sat.** Acts.6: 8-10, 7: 54-59. Mt.10: 17-22.

Feast Days & Memorials This Week

Mon. St. Peter Canisius, **Wed.** St. John of Kanty **Fri.** Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

Sat. St. Stephen

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- Alice Exon, Agnes Neal, Ivy Dowding, Reginald Edwards, Robert Richings, Calcutta Family, Peter Morgan, Margaret McGrath, Robert Sheehan, Martin Dolling, Tim Sullivan, John Duffin, Paul Brophy

20 December - 4th Sunday of Advent

In a painting of the Annunciation by Henry Ossawa Tanner there is no angel evident. Instead, Mary’s gaze is fixed on a tall, thin pillar of white cloud at the end of her bed. She is attentive and focused as if something is stirring within her and she is discerning what this might be. Advent is such a time for all of us – to be attentive to the stirrings in our own hearts. Being attentive in what is generally a very busy time, is not easy. However, given the pandemic, perhaps this year our focus could be a little different. Perhaps this year is an opportunity to be more attentive to the things which really need our attention. What are those things? Can we pause and listen to God inviting us into a deeper relationship with him? Is it possible we are being asked to give new life to something special and can we respond to that invitation as Mary did, with that enormous ‘Yes’?

Sea Sunday-20 December.

Collection to support the work of the Apostleship of the Sea (Stella Maris). Envelopes are available in the porch or use plain envelope **marked AOS**. Please put the envelopes in the main collecting boxes in the church or post through the presbytery door. Thank you.

St. Nicholas of Tolentino

The foodbank at St. Nicholas is now seeing over 80 people a day and gives out an average of 175 bags of food so feeding over 300 people a day. The people using this facility are often cold and regularly ask for coats, socks and gloves. **Please, if you can help**, drop off clean or new coats, socks and gloves for men, women or children to the parish office at Lawford's Gate BS5 ORE Mon-Fri 9.0am-1.0pm.

Weekly Offertory Envelopes 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. Envelope sets are available for Non-Gift Aid and Gift Aid donations. Thank you.

Repository

Please telephone Marsha on 07954585347 if you require items from the Repository or if you would like to borrow one of the catalogues to peruse.

Cafod World Gifts

Cafod catalogues of "World Gifts" are now available. Orders can be placed online, by telephone or use the form in the catalogue. Further information available from Frances Henry (Cafod Secretary).

Special Christmas Internet Production

The parishes of St Bernadette and St Dunstan invite you to come and join us on the 20th December at 6.30pm live on our YouTube Channel for a special Christmas Production 'Follow That Star.' To watch live on the night please go to our parish website: <https://stbernadettedunstan.org.uk/>

In spite of being unable to gather in the usual way at this time, our parishes and the wider faith community have joined together to create this wonderful and simple journey through the Christmas story.

So, tell your friends and family and join us on the 20th December as we gather together online to watch this simple retelling of.....the greatest story ever told!

Promotional video link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BrUHmANWXzw>

Act now and ask your MP to oppose introducing assisted suicide

The assisted suicide lobby have launched a large campaign to put pressure on the Government to reconsider the legalisation of assisted suicide. It is vital that it is clear to the Government that the public want them to continue to hold strong against this pressure from assisted suicide campaigners and reject their demands.

Right To Life UK have set up an easy to use tool which will enable you to email your MP asking them to make it clear to the Government that it should not give into demands from the assisted suicide lobby to reconsider the legalisation of assisted suicide. It only takes 30 seconds to email your MP by visiting the link below:

<https://righttolife.org.uk/StopAssistedSuicide>

Christmas Parish Draw

The Main Draw will take place today (Sunday 20th December) at 11.30 am live via web cam.

A Big Thank You to everyone who bought tickets & donated prizes. Your support is very much appreciated. Good Luck Everyone!!