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### **Second Sunday of Advent**

<b>Sun.</b>	<b>6 Dec.</b>	<b>10.0 am.</b>	<b>Mass- Streamed &amp; Public</b>	<b>Ann Verrecchia</b>
<b>Mon.</b>	<b>7 Dec.</b>	<b><u>No Mass Today</u></b>		
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>8 Dec.</b>	<b>10.0 am.</b>	<b>Mass – Streamed</b>	<b>Liz &amp; Colin Gale</b>
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>9 Dec.</b>	<b>10 0 am</b>	<b>Mass – Streamed &amp; Public-</b>	<b>Hazel White</b>
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>10 Dec.</b>	<b><u>No Mass Today</u></b>		
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>11 Dec.</b>	<b>10.0 am.</b>	<b>Mass - Streamed</b>	<b>Joan O’Sullivan</b>
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>12 Dec.</b>	<b>10.0 am.</b>	<b>Mass –Streamed</b>	<b>Edmund &amp; Catherine Condon</b>
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>13 Dec.</b>	<b>10.0 am.</b>	<b>Mass- Streamed &amp; Public</b>	<b>Patrick &amp; John Sullivan</b>

**Diocesan Prayer Link –All Hospital & Prison Chaplaincies in the Diocese.**

**Scripture Readings This Week:**

**Mon.** Is.35: 1-10. Lk.5: 17-26. **Tues.**Gn.3: 9-15, 20. Lk.1: 26-38. **Wed.**Is.40: 25-31. Mt.11: 28-30.

**Thur.** Is.41: 13-20. Mt.11: 11-15. **Fri.** Is.48: 17-19.Mt.11: 16-19.**Sat.**Ecclus.48: 1-4, 9-11. Mt.17: 10-.13.

**Feast Days & Memorials This Week**

**Mon.** St. Ambrose **Tues.** Immaculate Conception of the B.V.M. **Wed.** St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

**Thurs.** Blessed Virgin of Loreto **Fri.** St. Damasus I **Sat.** Our Lady of Guadalupe

**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-** Teresa Stiles, Hazel White, Cyril Sharp, Frederick Lethebee, Hannah Conlan, Claire Sweetman, Joan Pearce, Michael Sullivan, Bertha Mary Anglin, Carolina Minghella, Minnie Cooke, Mary Merchant, Patrick Ward,, Sue Gallagher, William Case, Edward Brooks, Thomas Cleary, Evelyn Hughes, Eileen Emery, Margaret Kelly, Frances Cleary, Des Roberts.

### **6 December - 2nd Sunday of Advent B**

There is no doubt about the difficult times we are living in and Christmas may well seem very different for us this year. With the potential loss of the usual parties and outings, people are beginning to think and speak about ‘getting back to the real meaning of Christmas’. Perhaps, the pandemic is moving us to think about what really matters. There are times when we can get carried away with lights and parties and flashes of this and that but the real meaning of Christmas, is so much more. It is learning how to love, learning how to care, learning how to be brothers and sisters to each other. Advent is an invitation to change our lives, to perhaps refocus our direction, something we do not necessarily find easy. John the Baptist implores us to prepare a way for the Lord, to straighten ourselves out! How do we do this? By being honest with ourselves, truthful about who we are and honest about how we live in the world. With so many physical restrictions currently placed upon us – this Advent is a real opportunity to start anew, to make the changes needed so that the Lord can walk down those straight paths and into our hearts, where he longs to dwell.

### **Liz Morey R.I.P.**

The family of Liz Morey would like to thank Fr George and the Parishioners of St Gerard Majella for the support, Mass Cards and prayers we have received on Mum’s passing. You will all be in our thoughts and prayers. Thank you and God Bless you all. Maria on behalf of Mike, Lin and Val.

### **Diocesan Directory/Liturgical Diary**

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

**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.

### **Christmas Draw Date**

The Main Draw will take place this year on Sunday 20th December at 11.30am via live stream ....so you still have time to buy tickets! Remember you have to be in it to win it.

The prizes are: Cash prize £250; Hamper; Cash prize £50; 6 Bottles of Wine, Bottle Whisky; Chocolate Assortment/ Hamper; Bottle of Brandy ; Cash prize £25; A Christmas Cake; Mrs Santa Claus & Mr Twizzle the Snowman knitted dollies;

If you would like to enter the draw or buy more tickets you can pop your entry envelope through Brendan's letter box at 4 Stoneleigh Crescent Knowle, Bristol, BS4 2RQ or the presbytery letterbox. Please remember to include your name, telephone number & amount of ticket money on the front of your envelope & write Main Draw at the top .

Many Thanks in anticipation of your continued support. It is very much appreciated. Any queries regarding the Draw please telephone Brendan on 0117 9092534 or Marsha on 07954585347 .

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