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### FATHER RICHARD'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

28<sup>th</sup> November 2021

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



**WELCOME TO THE CHAPLAINCY OF SS PETER AND PAUL, TORREVIEJA.  
ALL ARE WELCOME TO SHARE IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND IN  
THIS CHAPLAINCY.**

**Father Richard writes:**

*Advent tells us Christ is near;  
Christmass tells us Christ is here!*  
(English Hymnal 586)



Welcome to a new Church year, Year C. Once again we come around, in our liturgical cycle of grace, to the season of Advent. These four Sundays and the weekdays that follow them are the gift of Advent time to prepare for Christ's coming again in great glory and, as Advent progresses, to focus more intensely on Christ's first coming in the Incarnation. So we have a stand-

alone season of Advent as a time of grace to reflect that "Christ is near" and when Christmass comes to celebrate that Christ is here. We are also reminded of that "inbetween" coming of Our Lord's presence in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar.

Some words below introduce the season for us taken from *Common Worship*. Please read them and reflect on how your Advent days will prepare for Christ's dual coming. The liturgical colour for Advent is purple with the exception of rose on *Gaudete Sunday*, the Third Sunday of Advent. The *Gloria* is absent from the Sunday liturgy – we now wait until Christmas to repeat the song of the angels. The liturgy is restrained so as to contrast the glory of Christmass when it comes. Details of Christmass services will be on next week's newsletter.

May the Lord find you watching and waiting these Advent days, in prayerful expectation and in joyful anticipation.

May God bless you all.

Best wishes and prayers,

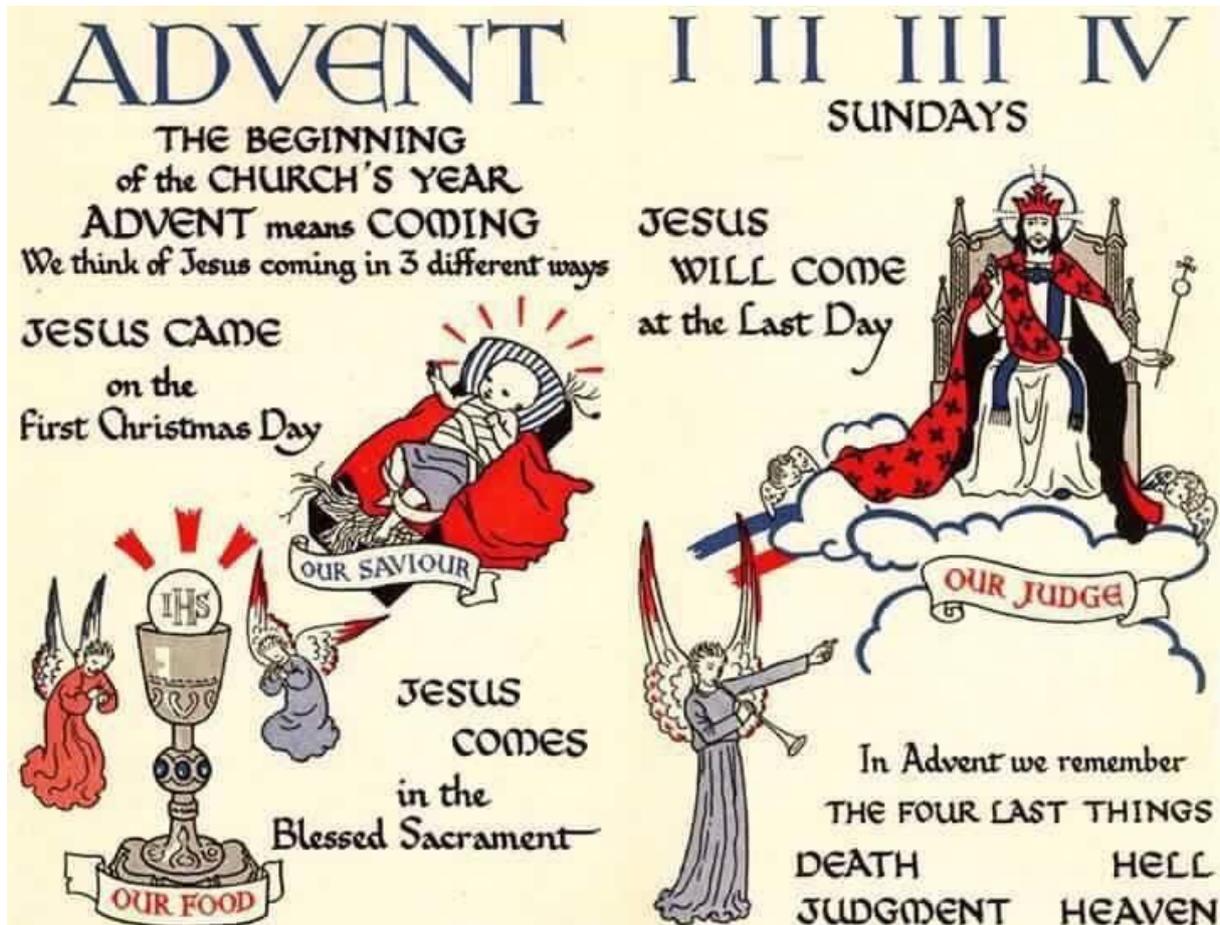
Father Richard

"Advent is a season of expectation and preparation, as the Church prepares to celebrate the coming (*adventus*) of Christ in his incarnation, and also looks ahead to his final advent as judge at the end of time. The readings and liturgies not only direct us towards Christ's birth, they also challenge the modern reluctance to confront the theme of divine judgement:

Every eye shall now behold him  
robed in dreadful majesty.  
(*Charles Wesley*)

The Four Last Things – Death, Judgement, Heaven and Hell – have been traditional themes for Advent meditation. The characteristic note of

Advent is therefore expectation, rather than penitence, although the character of the season is easily coloured by an analogy with Lent. The anticipation of Christmas under commercial pressure has also made it harder to sustain the appropriate sense of alert watchfulness, but the fundamental Advent prayer remains 'Maranatha' - 'Our Lord, come' (1 Corinthians 16.22). Church decorations are simple and spare, and purple is the traditional liturgical colour. In the northern hemisphere, the Advent season falls at the darkest time of the year, and the natural symbols of darkness and light are powerfully at work throughout Advent and Christmas. The lighting of candles on an Advent wreath was imported into Britain from northern Europe in the nineteenth century, and is now a common practice. The Moravian custom of the Christingle has similarly enjoyed great success in Britain since the latter part of the twentieth century, with the encouragement of the Children's Society; Christingle services may take place before or after Christmas. The Third Sunday of Advent was observed in medieval times as a splash of colour in the restrained atmosphere of Advent (*Gaudete* or 'Rose Sunday'), and the last days of Advent were marked by the sequence of Great 'O' Antiphons, which continue to inspire modern Advent hymns and meditations."



**It has been suggested that, rather than sending Christmass cards to members of the congregation, you might like to use the money you would have spent and make a small donation in lieu to the Chaplaincy. This would be very much appreciated and received as a kind gesture. Please see Sandra Harbut about this.**

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**Our pledge on email use**

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**Correct.**  
What we write is correct. We put errors right and we do so as soon as possible after sending.

**Considerate.**  
We respect people's time and workload.

**Constructive.**  
We are polite, we check our drafts before we click 'send', and we avoid long email chains.

**Collaborative.**  
We include in emails all those and only those who are needed in the conversation. We are clear about who is expected to respond to a query or request, and who is copied in for information.

**Concise.**  
We keep our emails short. We use other forms of written communication for longer pieces (attachments) ... and we talk to each other!

## Sunday mornings...

# Faith & Fellowship

Refreshments after church are back on Sunday mornings. Please stay and chat!

You are invited to enjoy a glass of wine or a non-alcoholic drink outside La Siesta – as we always used to do. If anyone would like to help, please contact Sue Maude [wardenlasiesta@gmail.com](mailto:wardenlasiesta@gmail.com) and donations of refreshments will be gratefully received. Please bring your own nibbles to consume as we won't be having the crisp bowl back!

### DATES AHEAD:

#### **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November - VIGIL MASS OF THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

This will be followed by a presentation from the Chaplaincy to celebrate **Father Terence's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday** which is the following day. Monetary gifts for this collection can be given to the Churchwardens, Peter Maude [churchwardenpeter@gmail.com](mailto:churchwardenpeter@gmail.com) or Jennifer Saville [chaplaincywardenjennifer@gmail.com](mailto:chaplaincywardenjennifer@gmail.com) as soon as possible please. Father Terence will also receive a special blessing on the occasion of his birthday.

#### **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November**

Cassie Sampson is arranging a birthday lunch for Father Terence at the Rendezvous restaurant. Please contact her at [casandra-hopkins@outlook.com](mailto:casandra-hopkins@outlook.com) or on 865660798. The cost is 14,95.

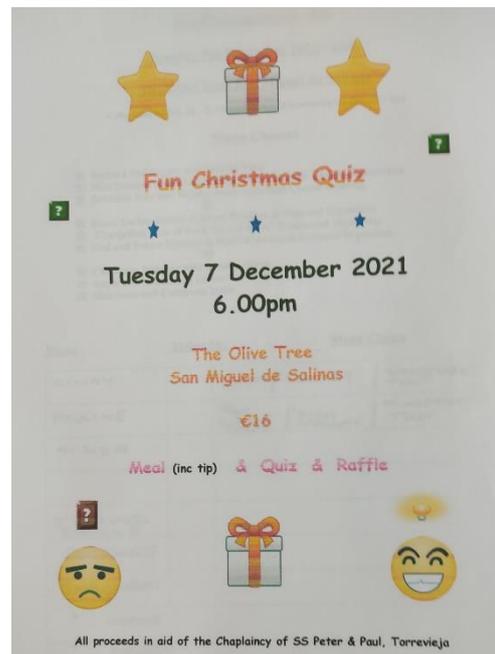


**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November  
1130 Advent Carol Service at  
La Siesta**

*Followed by lunch at the Rendezvous Restaurant. Please see Peter or Sue Maude to book your place. Payment in advance. We always enjoy lunch after our Advent Carol Service so this is a good opportunity for fellowship.*

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December Christmass meal and quiz**

at the Olive Tree, San Miguel de Salinas. For more details, please see Sandra Harbut.



*The meal is 16 euros including a gratuity. The cost of the quiz with prizes is 2 euros. There will be a raffle. It is always a lovely evening. Come along and support the Chaplaincy and Sandra with all her hard work. Thank you to her for arranging it. Please contact Sandra to book.*

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December Mothers' Union Christmas Lunch**

Please contact Jen Copperwheat, the Branch Leader, if you would like to go.

[colincopperwheat@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:colincopperwheat@yahoo.co.uk)

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December Carols outside of Lago Jardin Church**

followed by tapas at the Pool Bar. For more details, please see Liz Shouksmith. (Evening)

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December Nine Lessons and Carols at La Siesta**

*Evening, time to be confirmed.*

**100 CLUB 2022**

Thank you to all those who have supported the Chaplaincy and local charities over the past year by being members of the 100 Club.

The subscriptions for the 100 Club for 2022 will be collected from **7<sup>th</sup> November until 12<sup>th</sup> December**. I know some of you have already paid your subscriptions for 2022 so thank you for doing that.

The cost is €20 per annum per subscription. You may have as many subscriptions as you wish!

From the monies collected, one third is for prize money, one third for Chaplaincy funds and one third for local charities.

There are six draws per year with three prizes of €30, €20 and €10 and a single prize draw in December of €40.

Subscriptions can be paid to myself or one of the churchwardens in Church or, if you are not in Spain at that time, it can be paid by bank transfer. (Bank details are in the newsletter each week – *please mark clearly that it is for the 100 Club*)

If you do not currently have a subscription but would like one, please contact me. We really value your support to the Chaplaincy and local charities for the year ahead.

Thank you, Joan Berry, co-ordinator

### **Sue's Homemade Lemon Curd**

Sue Brassington is now selling homemade lemon curd after each service. Please see her if you would like to buy / order some. Thank you, Sue!

#### **FINANCIAL GIVING TO THE CHAPLAINCY**

There are various ways of giving financially to the Chaplaincy for the work of the Church:

1. You can give in the plate each week.
2. You can join our envelope scheme to give a regular amount on a weekly basis – and set aside money for those weeks when you cannot be here.
3. **You are encouraged to set up a standing order to the Chaplaincy – this helps us budget more effectively.**

If you are a UK tax payer you can gift aid your giving.

If you are a Spanish tax payer you can have a tax offset by notifying your accountant when arranging your yearly tax along with the Spanish bank account number who will then arrange a claim and the money will be donated back to the Chaplaincy.

One off donations would be gratefully received to assist us at this difficult time.  
Thank you for your help.

For more information contact Father Richard, the Churchwardens, or your Congregational Warden.

The Chaplaincy relies on generous and sacrificial giving in response to a generous God who sacrificed his Son for us all on the cross.

## From the Churchwardens:

How wonderful to see so many returning to our Church, along with our own people we also had those returning from the UK. Those we have not seen for so long. How refreshing. We would like to thank those who have worked tirelessly to prepare and clean the Church so that we may worship safely and Beth for her hard work. We must also be grateful that we had La Siesta Church for our worship. As the only Church we could safely use. Without it we would have had to rely on live streaming as our only way of worship. We are aware that some will not worship at La Siesta as "they do not like the church". But please remember a church is set apart for the glory and worship of God, worship we offer from our hearts. Its appearance is secondary. What is important is the altar where we come to share in worship and the Eucharist. We sing "we stand on holy ground" in the hymn *Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy one is here*. It doesn't matter what the holy ground looks like!

As you may be aware we the Churchwardens have now had to take on the role of Treasurers. An unenviable task but one we do our best to our ability. Trying to balance the books can be difficult at times but we are extremely grateful to Father Richard for volunteering to work on half his Stipend. This has halved not only his Stipend but also the Social Security payment we have to make. Plus, with the generous donation of Eric Nichols car and a small legacy this gave us the means of returning the rental car and this has made it possible to seeing our way into the future. Without these arrangements we would now be in a serious financial situation. After a great deal of time and energy filling in various forms, we have now been provided with another Hardship Grant. We are extremely grateful to the Diocese for their help in this respect. This doesn't mean we can relax. Come next year at this time we may be in difficult waters again. We must try and keep our giving as high as we can possibly manage. We are heavily reliant on people who pay by standing orders, especially from the UK. Without these payments we would not survive. This form of payment for us as Treasurers is by far the best way to pay your giving. It means we know what is coming each week and we can budget much better this way. Please think about paying your collection this way, we can give you all the information you need and help you to set up the standing order. For those who can do this themselves the bank information is at the end of this letter. Finally, we thank you for remaining part of our Chaplaincy through these very difficult times. We look forward to the time (who knows when) that we can return to Los Balcones and Lago Jardin Churches.

**Spanish Bank details.** Banco Sabadell.

IBAN number ES65 0081 2061 7900 0106 0414

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**UK Bank details.** Barclays Bank PLC Account name: Diocese in Europe Fund

Account number: 40317039 Sort code: 20-06-13. Please state TORREVIEJA as the reference so the money is correctly applied. The IBAN number is: GB16 BUKB 2006 1340 31 70 39. Swiftbic: BUKBGB22

God bless you all for your support.

Peter and Jennifer (Churchwardens)



### **Church of England Chaplaincy of SS Peter and Paul, Torrevieja**

We are a Covid 19 secure Chaplaincy. Please bear in mind your own self-care, your level of vulnerability and your age according to the risks involved. If you have COVID-19 symptoms please stay at home. You will be recorded as attending for track and trace purposes.

**A STRICT 1.5 METRE SOCIAL DISTANCING RULE IS IN PLACE. You will be shown to and escorted from your seat.** Thank for your understanding and co-operation.

#### **THE PANDEMIC AND THE MONTHS AHEAD**

1. Lago Jardín Church will remain closed until further notice. This is because of the difficulty of social distancing in the church and its already limited capacity.
2. There is to be a building project to renovate the church but **Los Balcones church is now closed for the foreseeable future. It will re-open but it is impossible to say when. All services for the Chaplaincy will be held at La Siesta.**
3. La Siesta - these services will be for the whole Chaplaincy so please make every effort to be there and support the liturgical life of the Chaplaincy.

Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	1700
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	1130
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	1700
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	1130
<i>There is no Midnight Mass this year</i>	
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>1030</b>
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>1400</b>
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January	1130
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	1700
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	1130
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	1700

The live-streamed liturgies continue:

1. Go to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/chaplaintorrevieja> and ask to join the group.
2. You will be asked three questions. Please complete them and agree to the rules of the group.
3. When the livestream starts it will appear on your device in the Facebook stream. The stream will start a few minutes before the broadcast so you can get settled in. You can only see this when I start the livestream.

*"Participants in a streamed service of Holy Communion should not be encouraged to place bread and wine before their screens. Joining together to share in the one bread and the one cup as those physically present to one another is integral to the service of Holy Communion; ... and it is not helpful to suggest otherwise. Any idea of the 'remote consecration' of the bread and wine should be avoided."*

The words above are an extract from a letter from Bishop Robert and Bishop David from 2nd April 2020. Under Church of England formularies the Priest himself must set the bread and wine upon the Altar which is going to be consecrated during the Eucharist.

This post underlines The Church of England position.

#### **WORSHIP FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:**

Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	1700	Holy Eucharist	<i>La Siesta / Live-streamed</i>
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	1130	Holy Eucharist	<i>Live-streamed</i>
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	1800	Evening Prayer	<i>Live-streamed</i>
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	1800	Evening Prayer	<i>Live-streamed</i>
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	1130 1800	Advent Carol Service Evening Prayer	<i>La Siesta / Live-streamed</i>
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	<b>0930</b> 1800	Holy Eucharist Evening Prayer and Holy Rosary	<i>Live-streamed</i> <i>Live-streamed</i>
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	1800	Evening Prayer	<i>Live-streamed</i>
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	<i>No live-streaming today.</i>		
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	1800	Evening Prayer	<i>Live-streamed</i>
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	1130 1800	Holy Eucharist Evening Prayer	<i>La Siesta / Live-streamed</i> <i>Live-streamed</i>



### **The Blessed Sacrament Lamp at Lago Jardín**

Because Lago Jardín is not going to be used for the foreseeable future (until social distancing rules change) the Blessed Sacrament has been removed from Lago Jardín to be kept safely at the Chaplaincy House.

If you would like a Mass intention, please contact Father Richard.

### **Father Richard's Prayer List for November / December 2021:**

*Please pray for the sick and those in particular need at this time:*

Peter John, Mo and Bryan Bailey, Bernice, Luke Thompson, Gwen Simmons, Kathryn Moore, Isaac Jalal, Cathy Neil, Father Terence, John Mileham, Samantha Shaw, Alex, Gerry Hopkins, Father Helge, Solveig Petterson, Eileen Catlin, for all those suffering in mind, body and spirit as a result of the coronavirus.

### **Please pray for the recently departed:**

Charles McCorry RIP

*For all those who have died as a result of the coronavirus.*

+ Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.

### **Please advise Father Richard if there are any corrections to the above list.**

*If you wish a name to be added to the list of the sick you need to email Father Richard or write to him giving permission for yourself or ensure permission has been granted by someone else for their name to appear on this list. (GDPR regulations).*

*Please pray for the Anglican Church in Perú, for Bishop Jorge Aguilar, and the Bishops, Priests, Deacons and Laity there.*

<b>Father Richard's Study Group...</b>	There will be an Advent Study Group on	
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	1600 Spain	1500 UK
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	1530 Spain	1430 UK
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	1600 Spain	1500 UK

*Please contact Father Richard if you would like to join. The sessions will be on Zoom.*

### **Making a Spiritual Communion. Something recommended for us all each day when we cannot participate in the Holy Eucharist.**

Even if we are watching a livestreamed Mass (and the times of our Chaplaincy livestreamed celebrations of the Eucharist are listed in the newsletter) we are invited to pause when the Priest receives Holy Communion and make our own spiritual communion. We can say it silently to ourselves or speak it out loud. In this way we are joined with Our Lord in his suffering and death for the world and we are united to His Most Sacred Heart. In these most

worrying of days we know Our Lord is there and we can join ourselves to him just as he joins himself with us. This is a great blessing, comfort and strength.

Choose one of these prayers:

*My Jesus,*

*I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.*

*I love You above all things,*

*and I desire to receive You into my soul.*

*Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,*

*come at least spiritually into my heart.*

*As though you have already come, I embrace You as if You were already there*

*and unite myself wholly to You.*

*Never permit me to be separated from You.*

*Amen.*

or,

*Lord Jesus Christ, you are the bread of life and the one true vine. I believe that you are truly present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist. I seek you. I worship and adore you. Since I cannot receive you in the eucharistic bread and wine, I pray that you will come into my heart and soul, that I may be united to you, by your all-powerful and ever-present Holy Spirit. Let me receive you, and be nourished by you. Become for me the manna in my wilderness, the bread of angels for my very human journey through time, a foretaste of the heavenly banquet, and solace in the hour of my death. I pray all this, trusting that you yourself are our Life, our Peace, and our everlasting Joy. Amen.*

## **Sunday 28th November 2021**

### **Entrance Antiphon**

**Cf. Ps 24: 1-3**

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.  
In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.  
Nor let my enemies exult over me;  
and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

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### **Collect**

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God,  
the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ  
with righteous deeds at his coming,  
so that, gathered at his right hand,  
they may be worthy to possess the heavenly kingdom.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
(one) God, for ever and ever.

## First reading

Jeremiah 33:14-16

### I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah:

'In those days and at that time,  
I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David,  
who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land.  
In those days Judah shall be saved  
and Israel shall dwell in confidence.  
And this is the name the city will be called:  
The-Lord-our-integrity.'

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## Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 24(25):4-5,8-9,10,14

*To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.*

Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:

for you are God my saviour.

*To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.*

The Lord is good and upright.

He shows the path to those who stray,

He guides the humble in the right path,

He teaches his way to the poor.

*To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.*

His ways are faithfulness and love

for those who keep his covenant and law.

The Lord's friendship is for those who revere him;

to them he reveals his covenant.

*To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.*

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## Second reading

1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

### May you be blameless when our Lord Jesus Christ comes again

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints.

Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

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### **Gospel Acclamation**

**Ps84:8**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Let us see, O Lord, your mercy  
and give us your saving help.  
Alleluia!

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### **Gospel**

**Luke 21:25-28,34-36**

#### **That day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.

'Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.'

### **The Nicene ("Niceno-Constantinopolitan") Creed**

I believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.  
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God,  
Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
*At the words that follow, up to and including 'and became man', all bow.*  
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,  
and became man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,

he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.  
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### **Homily**

Today we begin our preparation for celebrating the birth of Christ, our Saviour, at Christmas. Our Scripture readings urge us to make ourselves ready, to be on the alert, to turn aside from distractions and give more time to God in our lives. "Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord," says Isaiah. We must not live lives of darkness and of sin, says St Paul, but "put on the armour of grace," and walk in the light, guided by the Holy Spirit. "Be vigilant, stay awake," says the gospel, for we do not know at what moment our life may end, as unexpectedly as the people who were drowned by the Flood, in the time of Noah.

Outwardly, all may be normal, with men and women busy at their daily occupations... but inwardly they have responded differently to the gift of life. They are in varying states of preparedness for the day of judgment, so that while some will be taken into God's kingdom, others will be left outside. On our journey through life we are always faced with a choice between two ways, either that of selfishness and sin, or, on the other hand, that of grace, which is letting conscience be our guide in all that we do.

If we do our best to live as God our Father wants, we will experience authentic freedom and we will be ready for the coming of our Saviour at Christmas. Jesus said, "You will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." It would be good to ask ourselves during Advent, "What could I be doing to better serve God and my neighbour?" Any service done from a loving heart brings its own reward. Advent is the most suitable time for listening to the word of God. "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, so that he may teach us his ways."

### **The General Intercessions**

As we anticipate the coming of the Lord let us turn to the Father in confidence with our prayers and petitions:

For the Church, that the season of Advent will bring about in her members renewed hope as we seek to live more fully for God. Let us pray to the Lord. (*pause*)

For our world, that all people will seek equal justice for everyone and an end to discrimination of any kind. Let us pray to the Lord. (*pause*)

For all who gather to celebrate the Eucharist today that, sharing the bread from heaven, we may have the fullness of life. Let us pray to the Lord. *(pause)*

For all who are sick or housebound, that they will experience the healing touch of Jesus. *(pause)* Lord in your mercy

For all those who have died, that they may know the joy of eternal life in heaven. Let us pray to the Lord. *(pause)*

Heavenly Father, we pray for your blessings as we strive to grow together in holiness and faith. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

## **Christmass Shoebox Appeal for Reach Out and Caritas**



The Chaplaincy, for many years, has had an annual Christmass Shoebox Appeal. We are doing it again but this year for Reach Out and Caritas. Liz Shouksmith has a list of children's names and ages for Reach Out.

Please speak to Liz. For Caritas, please fill a shoebox and label it clearly boy or girl and the age.

Please find your own shoeboxes. They need to be brought to Church before Saturday 11th December when they will be blessed and then taken to Reach Out and Caritas. Thank you for your help and praying for a generous response.



### **CHRISTMASS HAMPER**

Between 6<sup>th</sup> November and 11<sup>th</sup> December, there will be the opportunity to purchase numbered squares for the chance to win the Christmass Hamper or some wine.

Each square will cost €2.50 and you can buy as many as you want!

Donations of chocolate, biscuits, drink or other Christmas goodies to make up these prizes would be appreciated by the Chaplaincy Council.

This is an easy and profitable way to raise much needed funds for the chaplaincy and we hope you will do your best to support it.

The draw will be held on 11<sup>th</sup> December.



## The Angelus

The Angel of the Lord brought tidings to Mary,  
And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee,  
Blessed art thou among women  
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now  
and at the hour of our death.

Behold the handmaid of the Lord.  
Be it unto me according to Thy Word.

Hail Mary, (as above)

And the Word was made flesh,  
And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary, (as above)

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.  
That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.  
Pour forth, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy grace into our hearts; that as we have known the incarnation  
of thy son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by His + cross and passion we may be brought  
to the glory of His Resurrection. Through the same Christ, our Lord. Amen.