

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2021** 

# 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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"Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." - Lk 21:27-28

### OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF 28TH NOVEMBER, 2021

Sunday: 1st Sunday of Advent

Monday:

Tuesday: St. Andrew, Apostle

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday: St. Francis Xavier, Priest

Saturday: St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Advent



#### LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Any human success requires vigilance. Opportunities and powerful moments of encounter can easily be missed when we are not attentive. It is all too easy today to live distracted and preoccupied lives. There is so much vying for our attention that it can be hard to be selective and really focus. Caught up in this whirlwind of busyness and anxiety, we become tired and almost sleepwalk through life. Advent is a time to selectively focus. These beautiful four short weeks are a time to look backward and forward and be attentive to the human journey and God's revelation. From the beginning of time, God has been seeking our attention. He constantly reminds us of the justice he desires to bring and the promise of his abiding unconditional love. Understanding and growing in these truths requires alertness so that we can be strengthened in our faith and prepared for whatever will come.

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### QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

### **First Reading:**

The prophet Jeremiah speaks of God's promise to fulfill the covenant made with King David, four hundred years earlier in 1000 B.C. As we enter into the season of Advent, how might you show your fidelity to God?

#### **Second Reading:**

Paul's prayer for the believers in Thessalonica is to abound in love and strength for one another in preparation for the return of Christ. How do you think communities of faith can support each other during the Advent season?

### Gospel:

In Jesus teaching the disciples about the coming end times and judgement day, he warns them not to be too distracted by the stresses and anxieties of daily life. How do you keep focused on your spiritual life amongst the many daily challenges we face?



#### CHECK-IN AT MASS

You are free to come to any Mass now. All our Masses are Public Masses.

We are still required to take people's details for Test & Protect. If you can, please check-in by smartphone, using the QR code which is at the entry to every bench. If you have a problem just give your details to the Welcome Team as you leave.

Otherwise, we ask you to give our welcome team one name, a contact number and the number of people in your group as you come in.

While there is no requirement for physical distancing, please do spread out through the whole church.

### THANK YOU!

For your continuing donations to support the parish.

Donations can be made in various ways -

- many people have started using Standing Orders, the forms are available on our website and should be returned to Fr. Jim.
- envelopes can be posted in the white collection box at the entrance to the church
- Online donations can be made through online offertory button on our website
- Or through the Church House letterbox.

### CLOSING MASS FOR THE YEAR OF ST JOSEPH

The year dedicated to St Joseph will be formally closed by Bishop John with Mass at **7.00pm Wednesday 8**<sup>th</sup> **December**, The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, in **St Mirin's Cathedral**. All welcome to come and celebrate St Joseph. Lilies, always associated with St Joseph, will be available for placing around the statue of St Joseph in the cathedral. All welcome to attend.

## DONATIONS FOR MIGRANT HELP - DIOCESE OF PAISLEY CHRISTMAS APPEAL -

UPDATE

Due to an overwhelming response to this appeal we moved the last day for drop off to **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November** 

A huge thanks to everyone who has donated.

#### VOCATIONS

Advent is a time of watching and waiting. Are you open to the surprising ways God comes to you? If you think God is calling you to be a priest contact our Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr. John Morrison tel: 0141 8895056 or e-mail vocations@rcdop.org.uk

### PIETY STALL

The Piety Stall is now open after most of our Masses and we have a range of various cards and gifts for sale.

We also still have a selection of CHRISTMAS CARDS

- please make sure you get yours <u>soon</u> before stock runs out!

# RECRUITMENT ADVERT – Paisley Diocesan Office

Counsellor for Paisley diocese marriage counselling service for couples married in the Catholic church.

Paisley Diocese Marriage Counselling service is looking for a counsellor (self-employed) to provide counselling sessions for clients using the service. The applicant will be a therapist with proven expertise in working with couples. The service supports couples married in the Catholic church and the service is underpinned by the Christian tradition. See our website for full information on this post. Diocese of Paisley | Paisley, UK (rcdop.org.uk) Diocesan Directory – Vacancies

#### **ADVENT JOURNEY 2021**

Mary of Nazareth: Companion in our Journey – Evenings of Conversation – Reflection – Prayer 7pm-8.30pm. To register please complete registration form: https://forms.gle/tTu3w2NqmjPaMHUV7 or Email slaitynetwork@gmail.com for the link.

Thursday 25th November – Mary a Woman of Discernment

Thursday 2nd December – Mary a Companion of the Poor

# Advent is Here!

Today is the beginning of Advent, the time when we prepare for Christmas.

The word "advent" comes from the Latin word that means "coming". In Advent we are preparing for Jesus' coming. We look forward

to Christmas, which is the celebration of His first coming and we also look forward to His second coming.

Did you know that the most important thing to have ready

for Christmas is a clean soul?

During Advent you can try extra hard to be good. It is also a very good idea to go to confession before



Christmas so that your soul will be good and clean when Jesus comes!

Answer to Immaculate Conception Word Find: HAIL MARY

www.thekidsbulletin.com

Thursday 9th December – Mary of the Magnificat

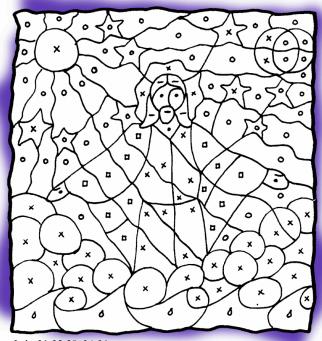
Thursday 16th December – Advent Hope and Promise

# ONLINE MARRIAGE COUNSELLING AVAILABLE DURING COVID 19 CRISIS

Our diocese has a Counselling Service for Catholics Married in the Catholic Church with our dedicated Catholic Marriage Counsellor. If you are concerned about your

# The Kids' Bulletin

First Sunday of Advent November 28th, 2021



Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

In today's Gospel reading Jesus talks about what is going to happen when He comes back at the end of the world.

Use the code to colour in the picture!

- × white
- 6 blue
- · skin colour

- black
- red red
- brown

relationship and feel you are both unable to reach a conclusion alone, it is likely that you will benefit from marriage counselling. The counsellor is there to maintain a neutral, non-judgmental position. For information or advice please email in confidence counselling@rcdop.org.uk

# Saint Francis Xavier December 3



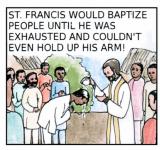






FRANCIS WAS SENT TO THE FAR EAST.







SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER ONLY WORKED AS A MISSIONARY FOR TEN YEARS, BUT HE BROUGHT THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE TO THE FAITH! HE IS THE PATRON SAINT OF MISSIONARIES. YOU CAN PRAY TO SAINT FRANCIS THAT GOD WILL HELP BRING MANY PEOPLE TO THE CHURCH WITH YOUR HELP TOO!

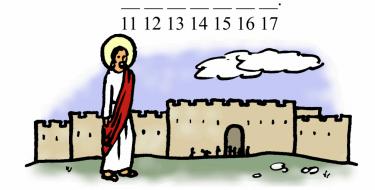
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# The Second Coming Jeremiah 33:14-16 Word Puzzle

Fill in the missing letters from today's first reading and copy them to finish the last line.

The days are c\_\_ming (5), says \_\_he (14)
Lo\_\_d, (10) when I will f\_\_lfill (9) the
p\_\_omise (6) I made to the \_\_ouse (2) of Israel
and Judah. In tho\_\_e (13) days, in that tim\_\_,
(3) I will raise up for \_\_avid (7) a just shoot; he
shall d\_\_ (8) what is right and jus\_\_ (1) in the
\_and.(4) In those days \_\_udah (11) shall be safe
and Jer\_\_salem (12) shall dw\_\_ll (17) secure;
th\_\_s (15) is what they shall\_\_all (16) her:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10



# **MASS SCHEDULE**



# **BOOKINGS ARE NO LONGER REQUIRED TO ATTEND MASS**

## PLEASE JUST COME TO MASS!

For Test & Protect, Please use the QR Code outside or on the benches, otherwise please give your name and a contact number to the welcomers. This is to comply with Government guidelines for Places of Worship

### SUNDAY MASSES

## Saturday Vigil Mass

5pm

(Confessions from 4.20-4.50pm in the hall)

## Sunday

10am, 12 Noon, 5.30pm

### WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Monday - Friday (except Thursday)

Mass at 10am

## Thursday

Mass at 7pm (Confessions from 6.30pm in the hall)

## **Saturday Morning**

Mass at 10am

(Confessions 9.20-9.50am in the hall, unless the Mass is a Funeral)

Rosary before weekday morning Masses, beginning at 9.20am (except before Funerals)