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Advent is a season in which we prepare ourselves for the joyful Solemnity of Christmas. Unfortunately, Christmas is not a joyful season for every family. Please join our parish community in celebrating the true spirit of Christmas by supporting those families who cannot afford Christmas. **This year, we will be supporting St. Bride's and St. Conval's Primary Schools.** Advent Giving Tree Envelopes will be made available to you before and during the season of **Advent which will begin on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023.** Nothing you could give to help is too small.

#### **CHRISTMAS SERVICE AND MASS TIMES 2023:**

**Tuesday 19th December** - Penitential Service/Christmas Confessions: 6pm - 7.30pm  
Confessions: Thursday 21st December - 6pm - 7pm; Saturday 23rd December - after 10am and 5pm Masses.

**Thursday 21st December** - Service of Carols: 7pm

**Saturday 23rd December** - Exp. of the Blessed Sacrament: 9.30am  
Holy Mass: 10.00am; Vigil Mass: 5pm

**Sunday 24th December** - Sunday Mass: 9am and 11am.

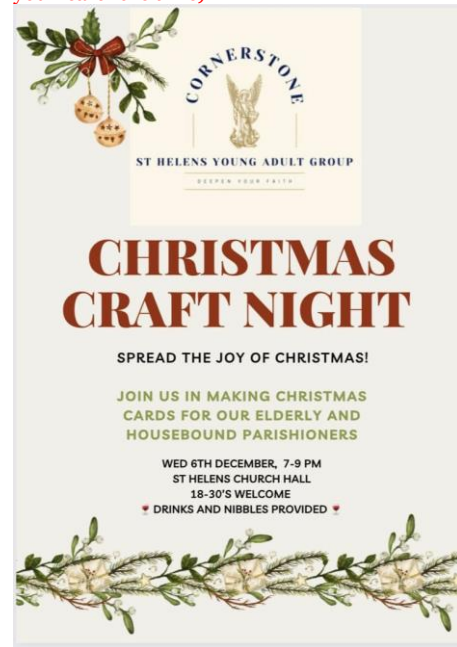
**Christmas Vigil Mass:** 5pm and 7pm

**Monday 25th December** - Christmas Day's Mass: 9am and 11am (no evening Mass)

#### **New Year Day**

Monday 1st January 2024 (Solemnity of Mary Mother of God) - Exp. of the Blessed Sacrament: 9.30am; Holy Mass: 10am

(Christmas service cards will be provided for you nearer the time)



**ST. HELEN'S CHRISTMAS LUNCH:** We are looking for volunteers to help set up and serve lunch on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December after 11.00am Mass. If you are able to help please see Father Benneth or Grace Cohen. We will meet in a

couple of weeks to plan and organise this special lunch.



#### **ST HELEN'S PARISH HALL FOR HIRE:**

St. Helen's Parish Hall is now open for hire. For bookings, please download our application form from the parish website, and submit it to **either Rothnie Daly on 07388366170, or Purity Murugi-Perry**

[murugiperry88@gmail.com](mailto:murugiperry88@gmail.com) Please

carefully read the terms and conditions for use before signing the form. The Hall Management reserves the right to approve your application or not, depending on the availability of the hall, and the Terms and Conditions for use.

#### **ST. HELEN'S CHILDREN'S LITURGY:**

Children's' liturgy will be resuming at the 11am Mass on Sundays. If you would like to volunteer to help us organise this, or if you were previously involved with the children's liturgy, please contact **Chiara Piacentini** Email: [piacentinismith@aol.com](mailto:piacentinismith@aol.com).

Date of resumption will be announced as soon as we have enough volunteers.



**ANGEL'S CHRISTMAS TREE:** Thank you to our 'angel' volunteers who have been busy making angels for our Christmas Angel Tree. They have made 200 angels – each one bearing the name/names of our faithful departed, listed by parishioners. Great effort!



**ADVENT SERVICE/CONFESSIONS** will be held on

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December from 6pm to 7.30pm.** Readings, examination of Conscience, hymns/music etc will be led by St. Helen's Young Adults' Group. Everyone is invited.

**ACN – RED WEDNESDAY - THANK YOU!**

Thank you for your prayers and support totally £100 to Aid to the Church in Need's Red Wednesday campaign. This donation will help fund emergency relief - food, water, and shelter - for those escaping violence.

**FIRST SATURDAY MASS AND DEVOTION** will be held on **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2024.**

#### **MEMORIALS, FEASTS, SOLEMNITIES:**

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December – **Immaculate Conception, Solemnity.**



AFTER 11 O'CLOCK MASS IN THE HALL  
(AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET AFTER MASS AND SOCIALISE)



#### **FOR THE SICK:**

John, Leonora, Chris, June, Diane, Margaret, Mara, Gordon, Nicola, James, Anne, Brian, Gary, Rosaline, Nathan, Patricia, Michael, Tommy, Kathleen, Mary, Ruth, Rosemary, Isabella, Allan, Gerry.

#### **RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Stephen McLeod, Maureen McKay, Gemma McDonagh.

#### **MEMORIALS AND ANNIVERSARIES:**

Eileen Graham, Julie Devline, Thomas Williamson Cuddihy, Dylis Corrigan, John Connolly Jnr.

#### **SPECIAL CHRISTMAS INTENTIONS:**

Holy Souls, George (Birthday) Lorraine and Derek, Eric and David, Tony, Joyce, Maureen, Cathie, Isobel, Sadie, Elizabeth, Kathleen, Ema, Guna, John, Bernice. Rosemary,

#### **PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL**

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defence against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. **Amen.**

melt. No ear has heard, no eye has seen any god but you act like this for those who trust him. You guide those who act with integrity and keep your ways in mind. You were angry when we were sinners; we had long been rebels against you. We were all like men unclean, all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing. We have all withered like leaves and our sins blew us away like the wind. No one invoked your name or roused himself to catch hold of you. For you hid your face from us and gave us up to the power of our sins. And yet, Lord, you are our Father; we the clay, you the potter, we are all the work of your hand.

*The Word of the Lord!*

#### Responsorial Psalm

**Psalm 79(80):2-3,15-16,18-19**

**God of hosts, bring us back;  
let your face shine on us and  
we shall be saved.**

O shepherd of Israel, hear us,  
shine forth from your cherubim  
throne. O Lord, rouse up your  
might, O Lord, come to our help.

God of hosts, turn again, we  
implore, look down from heaven  
and see. Visit this vine and protect  
it, the vine your right hand has  
planted.

May your hand be on the man you  
have chosen, the man you have  
given your strength. And we shall  
never forsake you again; give us life  
that we may call upon your name.

#### Second Reading

**1 Corinthians**

**1:3-9**

May God our Father and the Lord  
Jesus Christ send you grace and  
peace. I never stop thanking God for  
all the graces you have received  
through Jesus Christ. I thank him  
that you have been enriched in so  
many ways, especially in your  
teachers and preachers; the witness  
to Christ has indeed been strong  
among you so that you will not be  
without any of the gifts of the Spirit  
while you are waiting for our Lord  
Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he  
will keep you steady and without  
blame until the last day, the day of  
our Lord Jesus Christ, because God  
by calling you has joined you to his  
Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

*The Word of the Lord!*

#### Gospel Acclamation

**Psalm 84:8**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

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

**Alleluia!**

#### Gospel

**Mark 13:33-37**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on  
your guard, stay awake, because you  
never know when the time will  
come. It is like a man travelling  
abroad: he has gone from home,  
and left his servants in charge, each  
with his own task; and he has told  
the doorkeeper to stay awake. So  
stay awake, because you do not  
know when the master of the house  
is coming, evening, midnight,  
cockcrow, dawn; if he comes  
unexpectedly, he must not find you  
asleep. And what I say to you I say  
to all: Stay awake!'

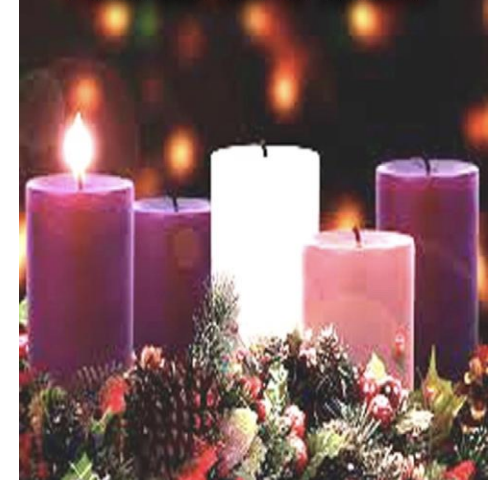
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**3<sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER 2023**

**YEAR B**

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**



#### First Reading

**Isaiah 63:16-17,64:1,3-8**

You, Lord, yourself are our Father,  
'Our Redeemer' is your ancient name.  
Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your  
ways and harden our hearts against  
fearing you? Return, for the sake of  
your servants, the tribes of your  
inheritance. Oh, that you would tear  
the heavens open and come down! – at  
your Presence the mountains would

#### SUNDAY MASS

Vigil (Saturday) 5.00 pm, 9.00 am, 11.00 am, 5pm  
Mass

#### WEEKDAY MASS

Daily (except Thursday) at 10.00 am. Thursday at  
7.00 pm.

#### CONFESSIONS:

Thursday from 6.00 pm until 6.45 pm  
Saturday after 10.00 am Mass and after the Vigil  
Mass

#### EXPOSITION:

Daily (except Thursday) from 9.30 am until  
10.00am. On Thursdays from 6.00 pm until 7.00 pm.

#### DEVOTIONS:

Divine Mercy Devotion: Thursday at 6.45pm

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