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**First Sunday of Advent (Year C Part 1 – New Lectionary) Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2024**

**Next Weekend 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> December, there will be a Special Second Collection to pay for the food which will be provided after Fr Michael Cronin's funeral. Please be as generous as possible.**

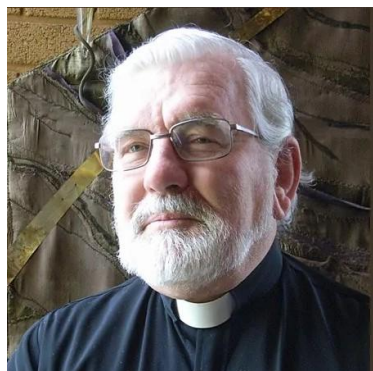
**Children's Mass this Sunday. Children take lead roles in Altar Serving, Readings, Meet and Greet and Collection.**

<b>Page 82</b>	<b>Jeremiah 33: 14-16</b>	<b>1 Thessalonians 3: 12 to 4: 2</b>	<b>Gospel Luke 21: 25-28, 14-16</b>
<p>This weekend we celebrate the First Sunday of Advent, the beginning of the liturgical year. The Advent season includes the four Sundays that precede Christmas to prepare for the birth of Jesus. In this season, we recall two central elements of our faith; the final coming of the Lord in glory and the incarnation of the Lord. Key themes are watchful waiting, preparation and justice. The first reading is from Jeremiah, the prophet of hope, who was from a priestly family and was born in a little village called Anathoth, close to Jerusalem. In those days Josiah was king in Judah (640 to 609), a God fearing man who was killed in battle at Megiddo by invading Egyptians. Jeremiah was waiting and hoping for an ideal descendant of King David, the Messiah of God, who would bring security, righteousness and justice to God's people. He assures us that the Lord of Justice will fulfil His promises and, hence, that we should not be afraid, in spite of frightening events and almost universal moral degradation. In the second reading to the Thessalonians, St Paul gives us instructions about how Christians should conduct themselves as they wait for "the coming of Our Lord Jesus with all his saints". He urges us to put God's promise of peace into action by cultivating a spirit of love for others. We are told to strengthen our hearts in holiness and to abound in love for one another. In Luke's Gospel Jesus prophesies the signs that will accompany the end of the present world of matter, space and time with the Second Coming of Jesus in glory as our Judge to give us the rewards our lives on earth have earned. Jesus encourages us to be expectant, optimistic, vigilant and well prepared. "When these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near. Jesus wants us to face the future with confidence in God's justice. Malcolm.</p>			

<b>Mass times</b>		<b>Feast Days</b>	
<b>6 pm Confessions 6.30pm Vigil Mass</b>	<b>Saturday 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>St Andrew the Apostle</b>	With his brother Simon Peter, was one of the 12 apostles. Tough fisherman who repaired boats and sold fish. A disciple of John the Baptist. First apostle of Jesus and encouraging his brother Peter to join them. One of the four who went with Jesus to Mount of Olives. Crucified on X shaped "saltire" cross. St Andrew's Cross, the white cross of Scotland, is part of the Union Jack.
<b>9.30 am Mass</b>	<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December</b>	<b>First Sunday of Advent</b>	<b>(With our new lectionary)</b>
<b>6.30 pm Mass</b>	<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>St Bibiana</b>	Patron saint of hangover cures. Roman virgin and the daughter of a Christian Roman Knight who was sent into exile after being tortured for his Christian beliefs. Bibiana's mother was beheaded and the two sisters were left in poverty. Her sister died when they were arrested. She refused to renounce her faith. Martyred in 360. Herbs grew from her grave with medicinal properties that helped the cure of hangovers. Now the site of St Bibiana Basilica in Rome.
<b>10 am Mass</b>	<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>St Francis Xavier</b>	. Spanish Basque born 1506. Doctorate of Law at Bologna University. Then 11 years at Paris University. One of a group of 7 priests who started the Jesuits in Paris. Started his missionary work in Goa and then other parts of India and Ceylon. Then to Malaysia, Maluku Islands and Japan. He died as he started work in China. Eventually buried in Goa.
<b>SVP Social 1 pm to 3 pm 6.30 pm Mass</b>	<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>St John Damascene</b>	Born 675 in Damascus, An Arabic Christian in Syria where Islam was spreading rapidly. Educated with Muslim books and Greek Christian books. Greek and Christian communities were tolerated by the Islamic authority. Administrator in Muslim court. Hermit at Mar Saba monastery, Jerusalem, founded by the great theologian and hermit St Sabas. John was one of the greatest theologians and philosophers of the Eastern Church. Produced a large number of works and sermons. Devotion to Virgin Mary. Died 749 at 74.
<b>10 am Mass</b>	<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>St Birinus</b>	. French Benedictine monk born 600. Came to England in 634, landing at Southampton, then Hamwic, in the St Mary's area as "Apostle to the West Saxons" sent by Pope Honorius I as a missionary. Founded St Mary's Church whose football team centuries later formed the basis of Southampton FC, then called the "Saints" after the church. Made Bishop of Winchester then Bishop of Dorchester-on-Thames, 10 miles south of Oxford. Established many new churches in both dioceses. Very successful ministry and preaching converting many people until his death in 650..
<b>NO MASS</b>	<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>St Nicholas of Myra</b>	. Born 270 in Asia Minor now Turkey. Worked for social justice in his youth and did a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Made Bishop of Myra. Imprisoned in the "Great Persecution" of Christians by Roman Emperor Diocletian. When released he inherited great wealth which he used to help the poor. Legend of helping 3 poor daughters with dowry so they could marry rather than go into prostitution. To give the bags of gold secretly he threw them through the bedroom window and the gold landed in the girl's stockings hanging at the end of her bed. Basis of Santa Claus giving presents to young people at Christmas. Died in 343 aged 73.
<b>6 pm Confessions 6.30pm Vigil Mass</b>	<b>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>St Ambrose</b>	Born 340 in Germany to Roman Christian family. Studied law, Eloquent speaker in court. Provincial Governor. Made Bishop of Milan due to his eloquence in uniting the clergy and people with orthodox beliefs. Great theologian. Baptised St Augustine of Hippo, the famous saint from North Africa.

<b>9.30 am Mass</b>	<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b>							
<b>PLEASE PRINT IN BLOCK CAPITALS WHEN RECORDING NAMES FOR MASS INTENTION</b>									
<b>Your prayers are needed for the following people</b>									
Sue Chandler	Hazel Sale	Joe Heatley	Fr Shaun Budden	Trevor Delves	Valerie Baker				

**NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**



**Fr Michael Cronin – May he rest in peace and rise in glory**  
**Funeral arrangements are as follows:**

Fr Michael's body will be received into St Vincent de Paul Church on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 4pm and Fr Thomas Parakandathil will celebrate a Vigil Mass at 6pm. If you are unable to attend the funeral the next day this is an ideal chance to show your respects. As we are expecting a large attendance for the funeral the more that attend this evening Mass it will reduce the number for the funeral on Wednesday. The funeral, a Requiem Mass celebrated by many priests, will be held at **11 am on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December** at St Vincent de Paul followed by a private committal at Southampton Crematorium at 12.15 pm.

After the Requiem Mass there will be light refreshments provided in the parish hall.

Please be generous in the Special Second Collection next weekend which will be used towards the cost of food.

**Next SVP Social is on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December – 1pm to 3 pm**

This is another opportunity to meet for refreshments and a chat. Please come along with your friends. No need to stay for the whole time, a few minutes of two hours, whatever suits you. Renee and Pat.

**Are you able to host the Posada, figures of Mary, Joseph and the donkey, in your home for the night?**

Leading up to Christmas, Posada is an old Mexican tradition where young people, dressed as Mary and Joseph, travel from house to house asking for a room for the night and tell the story about the imminent arrival of Jesus. On Christmas Eve they visit the local church and react the nativity and place figures of Mary and Joseph in the crib. The modern Posada uses nativity figures of Mary, Joseph and the donkey who travel from place to place in the parish. This gives individual parishioners the chance to "host" the Posada and to create their own celebration of the real message of Christmas, making room for Jesus in their lives. Our Posada will be blessed at St Vincent de Paul on the First Sunday of Advent, 1<sup>st</sup> December at the 9.30 am Mass.

Parishioners wishing to host the Posada should fill in the "*Posada Journey Rota*" in the church porch with your name and contact details. The person hosting the Posada on the day before you will deliver the Posada to you at an agreed time. You are then expected to make arrangements for the Posada to be delivered to the next host on the following day. For the evening that you host the Posada, you might like to invite family and friends to join in your celebration, or you might prefer a quiet evening of prayer and reflection. A sheet of suggested prayers is available. Hosting the Posada can be an opportunity to share our faith with family and friends but, above all, it is a chance to celebrate the period of Advent and think about our journey towards the great feast of Christmas.

**Christmas Programme at St Vincent de Paul**

- Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December: Children's Mass with children taking all the leading roles in Serving, Readings, Collection.
- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December: Penitential Service with Confessions at 5.30pm
- Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December: Christmas carols, readings and mince pies at 3 pm
- Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Vigil Mass at 8 pm
- Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas morning Mass at 9.30 am
- Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> December: 10 am Mass
- Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> December: New Year Eve Adoration at 10pm followed by Mass at midnight.
- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025: New Year Mass at 6.30 pm.

**Christmas Collection of sweets for Southampton Sunday Lunch Project by Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December**

Collection of wrapped sweets such as Roses, Celebration and Quality Street needed. Please place your donations in box in the porch by Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December. Many thanks in anticipation, Shelagh Moon. Tel: 023 8073 6275

**150 gift bags needed for the homeless by the Sunday Lunch in their sites in Woolston and Portswood**

Each bag contains basic toiletries, seasonal treats as well as a hat, gloves and pair of socks and can be sponsored at £10 each. To help this Christmas appeal contact Liz Challand [lizchalland@btinternet.com](mailto:lizchalland@btinternet.com) for more details..

**Parish collection for last weekend 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> November**

Parish Gift Aid Envelopes	Gift Aid	Parish Loose Collection	Direct debits, standing orders	Gift Aid	Total of Offertory Collection	Candle Money	Gift Aid	Loose	TOTAL of all money
£67	£16.75	£129.50	£242.54	£51.98	£507.77	199.01	----	----	<b>£706.78</b>