

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

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First Sunday of Advent 27 November 2011

The 10.30 Mass this weekend will be led by the children from St Patrick's school.

Advent

The instruction in the gospel to 'stay awake' should prompt us to examine some of the 'signs of the times'. The Jews of Jesus' time had little or no control over the forces that shaped their lives. Many people today have much in common with the prophet Isaiah when he calls upon God to 'tear the heavens open and come down.' Though people today may be demoralized in the face of global economic forces, still there are moments and developments in which the attentive soul can detect the operation of God's providence guiding the course of world events towards the moment when God's redemptive purposes will be fully achieved. We can think of the very generous response of people to the famine in the Horn of Africa and disasters in many parts of the world. Perhaps we should have more trust in the Providence of God. As the poet says, "God's in his heaven, all's right with the world". Hope and optimism are two virtues we can practise at this time of Advent.

COLLECTION FOR PHYLLIS TUCKWELL HOSPICE

We are all aware of the wonderful work the Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice does for the terminally ill in our area. Each year we take up a collection to support their work. **We will do so this weekend 26/27 November.**

Mass intentions for the Week Beginning

Sunday 20 October 2011

Sat'day	6.00pm	Baby Amelia Hodgetts (Sick)
Sunday	8.30am	Audrey Phoenix (Intention)
	10.30am	People of the Parish
Monday	9.30am	Colm Stanton RIP
Tuesday	9.30am	Catherine McGrath RIP
Thu'day	9.30am	Philip Wood-Scawen RIP.
Friday	9.30am	Colm Stanton RIP
Saturday	9.30am	Betty and Michael Cleary (Thanks)

Second Sunday of Advent

Vigil Mass	6.00pm	Yvonne Corp RIP
Sunday	8.30am	Kathleen & Nigel James (Thanks)
	10.30am	Nora O'Connor RIP.

Masses not celebrated in the Parish Church

Gillian Leakey (Intention)

Services on Saturday Mornings.

9.15	Morning Prayer of the Church.
9.30	Holy Mass
10 – 11	Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
10 – 10.40	Confessions/Reconciliation.

First Week of Advent

Prayer of the Church – Psalms week 1

Monday	Mass of the First Week in Advent
Tuesday	Mass of the First Week in Advent. Reconciliation at St Patrick's. 7.30 Meeting for Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist.
Wednesday	Morning Prayer and Eucharistic Service.

Thursday	Mass of the First Week in Advent. Reconciliation at St Patrick's
Friday	Mass of the First Week in Advent.
Saturday	Memorial of St Francis Xavier. St Patrick's Bazaar.

6.00 Vigil Mass. The Second Sunday of Advent.

Appeal by Knights of St Columba for new Members
Retiring Collection at all Masses for Christmas Flowers.

Dates to remember

3/4 December	Short appeal by the Knights of St Columba.
5 December	7.30 Parish Reconciliation in the Church.
8 December	2.00 Mass and Party for Senior Parishioners
13 December	7.30 Advent Talk given by Fr Francis Preston.
18 December	8.00pm Harvesters meet at OLSD (Cove)

SAFEGUARDING

Many thanks to Cathy Raggett and Colette Hanson for putting on a session on Safeguarding last Saturday. Those who attended found it very worthwhile.

HELPERS

We are very grateful parishioners who did some important jobs around the church: Andrew Ferrie George and Angela Cato, Louise Axbey and Sharon Gallagher (advent display in the narthex).

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

I invite the Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist to come along for a short Meeting (about 45 minutes) on Tuesday evening at 7.30. We are meant to hold regular meetings to discuss the theology, spirituality and 'mechanics' of being a Eucharistic Minister. Please come if at all possible.

Proclaimers of the word

If you are on the Rota of readers and cannot attend Mass to proclaim the Word (Reader) can you please find someone else to take your place. Too often recently we have been left with one reader at the 10.30 Mass.

HOUSE GROUPS - STAY AWAKE!

You are offered the opportunity to set aside time during the season of Advent to pray, to deepen your knowledge of God and come closer to him.

There are 2 House Groups running (please notify hostess).

Monday 8pm – 9.30 at Anne Marie's, 30 Whitby Close 511066.
Tuesday 10.am – 11.30am at Ilse Luft's house, 4 Wymering Court 01252 542785 (contact Ilse). Come closer to the Lord.

BOURNEMOUTH CONFERENCE – 3-5 February 2012

Booking forms are available in the Narthex. The latest date for booking is **Monday 28th November.**

We remember the sick in our Prayers

Fr Bill Carroll (Abercorn House), Bridgette Timmins, Maria Fraser, Dominic Clark, Nick Mills, Debbie de Bono, Elizabeth Pearce, Claire Hilder, Audrey Phoenix, Anthony Leakey, Ellen Hack, Ruth Taylor, Grace Bilyard, Bernard Shiels, Grace May, Mary O'Connor, Delphine Lannon, Jack Pollicutt, Ann Croombs and all the names in the **Petition Book.**

We pray for the deceased members of our Parish

Delia Watts, Kathleen Reid, Thomas Milligan, George Stacey, Mary Hannon, Margaret Ward, Elide Pozzo, Theodore Stephan, Raymond Hackett, Nora O'Connor, Fr George Davis SDB, Gerald Zuereb, Ida Fitzgerald, Patricia Byrne.

May they Rest in Peace.