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15th December 2024 – Third Sunday of Advent Year C

I know that some parishioners like to come to confession in preparation for Christmas. To that end, I will be available to hear confessions from 10.00am until 11.00am next Saturday morning, 21st December. I will also be available from 10.00am until 11.00am in the morning on Christmas Eve. I would prefer not to hear confessions immediately before Mass. Much concern is being expressed in the media at the moment about a number of viruses that are spreading including covid and flu. This is putting some pressure on the NHS. If you are feeling unwell, can I urge you to stay at home rather than risk passing anything on to those who are vulnerable.

If you would like to join us for a soup lunch after the Midday Mass on Friday, please sign the list at the back of church.

Mass will be celebrated in school this coming Thursday, 19th December, at 9.15am. Parishioners are very welcome to attend.

At the 11.00am Mass on Christmas Day, our Children's Liturgy Group will be dramatizing the Gospel reading. We will prepare for this during Advent. If you know you will be attending this Mass with children, please let one of the leaders know so that your children can be included in this special celebration.

First Holy Communion will be celebrated next year on Saturday 21st June at 10.30am. We will begin preparing for from Saturday 1st March. If you have a child aged 7 or older who would like to join us and they are not at St Johns School, please let me know as soon as possible so that we can order enough books.

Reference the Food Bank and Citizens Advice Service in Bridgnorth, we have a representative on the committee for these activities. If you have any concerns, please let me know.

Mass Times This Week

Sat 6.30pm Sarah Burton

Sun 9.00am Ness McCabe

11.00am Harry Hilton

7.00pm Reception of Carmel Garner R.I.P.

Mon 11.00am Funeral of Carmel Garner

Tue No Mass

Wed 12.00pm Priests Intention

Thurs 9.15am Mass in School

Fri 12.00pm Denise Jordan

Sat 10.00am – 11.00am Confessions

Sat 6.30pm Parishioners

Sun 9.00am Bob & Vera Jennings

11.00am Maria Adams

Confessions are heard on Saturday from 5.30pm until 6.00pm, and on request.

In December, Pope Francis asks us to keep in mind the following prayer intention: We pray that this Jubilee Year will strengthen our faith, helping us to recognise the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

We will be producing a new rota for Church Cleaning before the end of December. If you would like to join, please leave your name and contact details (phone number or email) personally or in an envelope at the back of church marked for the attention of Sue Morris. If any existing member of the team needs to change their commitment, please use the same process before 15th December.

Bridgnorth Food Bank would be grateful for donations of pasta sauce, biscuits, squash, cereals, shampoo, dog and cat food, washing up liquid, egg boxes. Please be aware that the food bank cannot accept items that contain alcohol. If you have items to donate, collection may be arranged if you contact John Gilbert. Alternatively, you may choose to make a cash donation. Your support is much appreciated.



Advent Prayer

In times of despair, we seek comfort in your presence. We wait in hope for you.

Come, Lord, source of joy.

Move us to be good news in our world and to stand alongside our brothers and sisters in need.

Come, Lord, source of joy.

Lead us in your ways as together we make a change so all people may rejoice and be glad.

Come, Lord, source of joy.

Finally..... be careful on the roads at Christmas. Men may be drinking and asking their wives to drive.

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