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## 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent Year B Timetable of Online Masses and Services.

For Online Masses, go to [www.rcwlvwest.com](http://www.rcwlvwest.com)

<b>Saturday Vigil Mass</b> <b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November</b> <b>First Sunday of Advent</b>	<b>5.30pm Online Mass</b> <i>Hearne Family</i> <b>10.15 am Online Mass</b> <i>Michael Finn</i> <i>3.00 pm - 4.00pm St Bernadette and St Michael open for Adoration</i> <b>7.00pm Online Student Mass</b> <i>pro populo</i>
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> November St Andrew, Apostle	9.00am Online Mass <i>Deceased Nayak Family</i> <i>Midday - 1.00pm SS Peter &amp; Paul open for Adoration</i> 6.00pm Online Mass <i>Thomas Edgar RIP</i>
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> December St Edmund Campion & St Ralph Sherwin, Martyrs	9.00am Online Mass <i>Anne Fieldman RIP</i> <i>Midday - 1.00pm SS Peter &amp; Paul open for Adoration</i> 6.00pm Online Mass <i>Riddell &amp; Guest families</i>
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	1.00 pm SS Peter & Paul Funeral Mass <i>Stephen Brooks RIP</i>
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December St Francis Xavier	9.30am - 10.30 am <i>St Bernadette's open for Adoration</i> 12.00 Midday <i>St Michael Harold Halliwell</i>
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30 am <i>St Bernadette Holy Souls</i> 10.45 am <i>St Michael Funeral Mass Mary Clancy RIP (by Invitation only)</i> 12.00 Midday <i>SS Peter &amp; Paul Janet Sarah RIP</i>
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> December St Birinus, Bishop	9.00am online Mass <i>Holy Souls</i> 10.30am - 11.30am <i>St Michael Adoration and Confessions</i>
<b>Saturday Vigil Mass</b> <b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December</b> <b>Second Sunday of Advent</b>	<b>5.30 pm</b> <i>St Michael Monica Blee</i> <b>9.00</b> <i>St Bernadette Holy Souls</i> <b>10.15 am</b> <i>SS Peter &amp; Paul Nicola &amp; Gigliola lafigliola RIP</i> <b>11.30</b> <i>St Michael Deceased Lewis &amp; Mathias Families</i> <b>2.30 pm</b> <i>St Michael Syro-Malabar Rite Mass.</i> <b>7.00pm</b> <i>SS Peter &amp; Paul pro populo</i>

*For the moment, Mass is celebrated in private at the Carmelite Convent but the sisters continue to pray for us, day and night.*

**Ventilation in Church** We are required to ensure that there is ventilation during Private Prayer. All our churches will therefore be drafty, so it is essential that you wear warm clothing.

## ***Parish News and Activities***

**ADVENT** We now begin the New Year in the life of the Church. Let us pray that this year brings new life and safety through the new vaccines and the attentive care of our Health Care workers. Let us pray that all those who struggle through job loss, loneliness and other effects of the pandemic, may receive strength through faith in God's power to make all things new. Let's pray for all those who struggle to believe this, that they may be given light and hope.

**Walk With Me** booklets are available in the church foyer. Could you please collect your copy when you come for adoration and use for your prayer and reflection during Advent.

**Advent Preparations at Home** An ideal way to prepare your home for the true spirit of Christmas is to gather in your bubble and celebrate the **Advent Feast**. Some of you experienced this in the hall at St Michael's last year but it is intended that this is something done at home. All the instructions for how to celebrate the Advent Feast can be found by downloading the booklet of our website.

**Pray the Angelus at Home at 6.00pm** The Cardinal has asked us as a nation to pray each evening at all to pray at 6.00pm An ideal prayer would be to **pray the Angelus**. (*See the end of the Bulletin*)

**Virtual Crib Festival 2020:** Please consider adding a touch to your door and window displays this Advent which signals our Christian hope. Across Penn, across denominations, we invite you to be part of a Virtual Crib Festival, to spread a little light and joy to our world through our windows etc. Share the message of the Nativity particularly across the weekend of Gaudete Sunday (Dec 11- 14): light up a crib, create a reflection in pink (liturgical colour that Sunday), doodle "Joy" in lights: any response to a small or major part of the Nativity. Do spread this good news - and the request to join in - across and beyond our parishes. (CWL is encouraging this local initiative nationally: can you?) *This is an initiative from Churches together in Penn, but we can all participate across the whole of our parish.*

**Zoom Blessing of Cribs** On the **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent December 20<sup>th</sup> at 6.00pm** there will be a special zoom meeting where Fr Mark will bless everyone's cribs. All you will need is the codes for the meeting and then be able to point your laptop or phone to your crib at one point of the meeting. We will start with a welcome, then look at everyone's cribs and then there will be a short service of blessing of your cribs and your homes. If you would like to take part, please email [rcwlwest@gmail.com](mailto:rcwlwest@gmail.com) and mark your email "Crib Blessing".

**Another Zoom Coffee Morning Monday 30th November at 10.00am** If you would like to join us for a chat and catch up with news, send an email to [rcwlwest@gmail.com](mailto:rcwlwest@gmail.com) for the codes to join.

**Problems with the Telephone at St Michael's** it is very frustrating, but we are having problems with the phone number at St Michael's. We hope it will be solved during this week. You can still email Sr Lydwyn and she has a temporary phone number, but it does not have an answer machine. Her temporary number is: **01902 342 380**

***As soon as the 01902 341 343 begins to work again, the temporary number will cease.***

**Restoration of Public Celebration of Mass.** From Thursday of this week it is possible to attend Mass again. This means that there will be not be a session for private prayer at St Michael's this Wednesday, as there will be a Mass on Thursday at 12.00 Midday. You will need to book places for Masses next weekend in the same way as you did before lockdown through the following contacts:

FOR ST MICHAEL, please email or ring Sr Lydwyn on 01902 341343 (see note above) on Thursday and Friday.

FOR SS PETER & PAUL, please ring or text Val on 07934905283

FOR ST BERNADETTE, please ring Judith on 01902 620 764 between 6.30pm and 7.30pm on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays or email [judithpitt64@gmail.com](mailto:judithpitt64@gmail.com)

**Christmas Masses** *It is essential that you book to attend Mass on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. You may only book for one Mass so that as many people as possible get a chance to attend Mass. Please let friends and family know that this is the case. To book, use the same contacts as above.*

**Christmas Mass Schedule** (This has been worked out according to the availability of stewards and cleaners)

<b>Christmas Eve</b> <b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>4.00 pm</b> St Michael Family Mass 1 <b>4.30pm</b> St Bernadette Family Mass 2 <b>5.30pm</b> SS Peter & Paul Family Mass 3 <b>8.00pm</b> St Michael Vigil Mass <b>Midnight</b> St Michael <i>Keralan Syro-Malabar Rite Mass</i> <b>Midnight</b> SS Peter & Paul Vigil Mass
<b>Christmas Day</b> <b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>9.00am</b> SB <b>10.00am</b> SM <b>10.30am</b> SSPP

**Please encourage families to make use of all three family Masses that are being provided on Christmas Eve.**

Please be aware that any of the Masses from Christmas Day until New Year's Day are part of what is called the Octave of Christmas and are therefore Christmas Masses. If you are uncertain about gathering in larger crowds, you may consider coming for one of the Christmas Octave Masses instead.

**FairTrade Hub:** socially distanced visits (after Dec 2nd) to purchase FairTrade seasonal items can be booked at Beckminster Methodist Church. Contact: 0784500793 to arrange a slot. Mini olive wood cribs and other gifts available: a super range of patterned socks, too! (Photographs/prices can be forwarded via [mibeyg@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mibeyg@hotmail.co.uk))

**Christmas cards:** Because of Covid 19 restrictions there is no general selling via Piety Stalls; for those unable to place orders for Carmel's Christmas cards St Michael's Piety Stall offers "dial and drop": ring 336534 and see how we can help. *NB There is currently no access into Carmel though cards produced by the Carmelites can be ordered there. Over 50 Christmas designs can be viewed at: [cloistercards.co.uk](http://cloistercards.co.uk). Requests/payment can also be dropped through their letterbox.*

## ***Mission and Outreach***

**The FOOD COLLECTION:** The Food and Christmas Present Collection continues outside St M on Tuesday 1-2, Thursday and Saturday 10-11 and before all Masses AND at SSPP before the 10.15 Sunday Mass. This week's donations are being distributed to local families via St Patrick's Catholic Primary Academy. Thank you for your continued support!

**ADDRESSING LOCAL NEED:** Much-welcomed supplies can be dropped off at any time for the Good Shepherd Ministry via 2, Richmond Rd WV3 9HY Thank you for your kindness.

**"Double the Love":** this Mary's Meals "porridge at school" project in a Liberia recovering from Ebola reaches orphans and the poor. Until January 31st 2021 donations to the project will benefit from UK Government Match Aid, pound for pound up to £2 million. Do consider doubling the impact of your Christmas giving! If you cannot manage website or telephone banking do you have a friend who could help? More information: Catherine on 336534

**Hats sent to Sea:** Thank you so much, knitters and hat suppliers: 58 warm hats have gone to Apostleship of the Sea who will ensure they reach seafarers in our ports. Please do continue to knit this winter: gathering has begun for a January posting! Stella Maris/ AoS celebrates Sea Sunday on December 20th. 336534

**Life Charity shop and Life outreach to needy mums and babies:** With the help of your generous donations of goods, the shop has done well in recent weeks. Sadly, it has to close during the lockdown. Please save any further gifts of clothes, bric-a-brac and books to give to us once it is open again. We aim to continue practical support for needy mums and babies during these difficult times, so still welcome gifts of baby clothes and equipment such as pushchairs and cots. If you can help, please ring Rosalie on 01902 330553.

# Finances

**Weekly Offerings** Now that we have begun a second lockdown it is still possible to bring your weekly offering with you when you come for private prayer. Alternatively, it is now possible to donate to each parish directly through our website. *The GIFT AID office is unable to send out certificates of donation and letters to individual donors this year. Those parishioners of St Michael's and St Bernadette's who are GA donors if you are unsure about how much you have donated you can contact Sr Lydwyn for information.*

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## THE ANGELUS

**V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.**

**R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.**

**Hail Mary, full of grace,**

**The Lord is with Thee;**

**Blessed art thou among women,**

**And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.**

**Holy Mary, Mother of God,**

**Pray for us sinners,**

**Now and at the hour of our death. Amen**

**V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.**

**R. Be it done unto me according to thy word. Hail Mary, etc.**

**V. And the Word was made Flesh.**

**R. And dwelt among us. Hail Mary, etc.**

**V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.**

**R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.**

**V. Let us pray.**

**Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts, that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ Thy Son was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection. Through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.**

**FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:** Keith Tomlins, Brian Dyce, David Souberry, Ben Sherry, Holly Burke, Mason Kavanagh, Paula Box, June Abbiss, Peter Holmes, Alice Stevens, George Brown, Chris Starkey, M Mary, Thomas Mackin, Stephen Briggs, Hilary Elsdon, Katherine Poole, Teresa Mitchell, Ann Bayley, Helen O'Brien-Coleman, Mary Abbiss, Peggy McHale, Patrick Quinn, Fred & Celia Norton, Jean Hollingshead, Margaret Stokes, Leah Nixon, Pat Pool, John Dolan, Liam Dolan, Marie Looker, Lorna Ciraulo, Pat Eades, Helen Porter, Mary Kirby, Sheila O'Toole, Tony McGinn, Brendan Bleakley.

**FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY:** Jamie MacFarlane, Stephen Brooks, Patricia Allen, John Corbett, Antony Brennan, Desiree Molloy, Geoffrey Baker, Eileen Dodd May **they rest in peace.**

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