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First Sunday of Advent

29 November 2021



Sat 27 Nov		5pm	Confessions
First Sunday of Advent		6pm	The People of the Parish
Sun 28 Nov		8am	+ All Holy Souls
First Sunday of Advent		10am	Catherine & James Barrett +
Mon 29 Nov	Advent		No Mass
Tue 30 Nov	St. Andrew		No Mass
Wed 1 Dec	Advent	6pm	Exposition/Confession
		7pm	Open Intention
Thur 2 Dec	Advent	10am	The Beda College, Rome
Fri 3 Dec	St. Francis Xavier	9am	Exposition/Confession
		10am	Vieira Family +
Sat 4 Dec		5pm	Confessions
Second Sunday of Advent		6pm	Open Intention
Sun 5 Dec		8am	The People of the Parish
Second Sunday of Advent		10am	Thanksgiving—Monica Ogden

Monthly Collection

Figures

October 2021

£1070.00 Standing Orders

£719.35 Cash

£331.70 CAFOD Family Fast

Day

£218.95 Missio World Mis-

sion Sunday

Thank you for your

generosity

Repose of the Soul

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of

Mrs Anne Marie (Annick)

Francoise Bernadette

Smith.

Requiem Funeral

Wednesday 1st December at 2pm in the Church.

Committal at Ipswich

Crematorium at 3.15pm

First Sunday of Advent

Today we begin our preparation time for celebrating Christmas and the Birth Jesus. In the past, Advent would have begun on St. Martin's Day, the 11th November and last until Christmas Day. During this time, a bit like Lent, Christians would have fasted three times a week; eating no meat throughout the whole of the season.

The word 'Advent' means 'Coming' or 'Arrival'. Advent begins the Churches new year and this year we are asked to focus on 'Synodality' by Pope Francis. The idea that working together as communities, we can arrive at a refreshed understanding of our Christian faith.

So throughout Advent, and our new Church Year, we pray that our hearts and our minds will be enlightened so that we dispel the darkness of individuality and grown together as one faith community.

Readings for First Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Jeremiah 33: 14-16

Response to the Psalm

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

Gospel: Luke: 21: 25-28, 34-36

Parish Anniversaries

Bernard McDonagh (1992), Joseph Clougherty (2006), Mildred Courtney (1965), John Mahoney (1993), Harry Head (1993), Doris Williams (2011), Margaret Janes (2011), Laura Beavis (1985), Czeslaw Kasprzak (1999), Mario Pasini (2006), Lelio Di Franco (2009), Charle "Rod" Long (1992), Miriam Wiseman (1993), Percy "Ron" Bates (1997), Cynthia O'Mara (2015), Valerie Jenkins (2017), Agnes Eaton (1999), Casilda Janssen (1973), Walter Richardson (1996), Mary McGinley (1993), Pamela Dee (2013), George Grimwood (1969), Alice Keohane (1981)

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Parish Forum

Thursday 2nd December 2021 at 7pm in the Garden Room

The Parish Forum will be an open meeting, which any parishioner can attend and it will have an agenda.

The Agenda is published at the back of the Church. Please take one with you so that you can read it and pray about things before we meet on Thursday.

This is a great opportunity for our community to come together as we begin this new chapter of service of one another and the Kingdom of God

Trial of Vigil Mass on a Saturday Evening

I would like to know, as we go along, peoples views on the trial of the Vigil Mass on Saturday evenings.

Please do speak to me after Mass, or email me on the parish priests email account.

Thank you. Fr. Paul

The Sick of the Parish

We ask your prayers for all our brothers and sisters who are unwell, afflicted or distressed. Comfort and relieve them according to their needs, and grant them the love and consolation of your Spirit:

John Anderson-Hurst, William Barnes, Peggy Barron, Jason Beaumont, Michael Clarke, Sheila Curry, Fabiana Di Mascio, Patrick Doran, Ron Green, Josephine Kalagira, Jo Kelly, Molly McGarry, Yvonne Metcalfe, Robert Mullan, Anna Nelli, Mary O'Reilly, Pippa Williamson, Carol Sims.

150 Club November Prize Draw

This will take place on **Sunday** in the Garden room after the **10am Mass**.

Details of those who have won will be published on the Newsletter next week and inside the Porch.

If you don't already have a number in the 150 Club, and would like to join, please speak to Michael Long.

Bringing joy this Christmas

Once again, we are joining FIND

(our local food bank)

in their Christmas Gift Appeal

This brings joy to people (especially children) all around Ipswich.

This year we need Gift Vouchers - £10 upwards (must have receipts, please)

£ vouchers (printed) are very welcome too

Plus the traditional, boxes of Biscuits, Sweets, Chocolates Please bring them to Church:

November 27th/28th - the First weekend of Advent or December 4th/ 5th Many thanks

Could you support our Parish Primary School as a Foundation Governor?

St Pancras Primary school is part of the Our Lady of Walsingham Catholic Multi-Academy Trust...OWL CMAT for short! We are one of 6 schools in the MAT, lead by an over-arching Board of Trustees which delegates certain powers to the 'Local Governing Body' of each school. The LGB set the strategic direction of the school whilst holding the school leaders to account for both financial management and the academic progress of children.

We are currently recruiting for a Foundation Governor to join the LGB. As well as the governance roles described above, Foundation governors are Catholics who ensure that the religious character of the school is preserved and developed in line with the Bishop's educational directives.

In simple terms, the school needs you! If you have skills and time which you could offer in support of our school then please do give it careful consideration; your contribution would be a valuable way of serving our local Church community.

1. Read Pages 12-13 of the most recent Trust newsletter which shines a light on Governance and can be found here: <https://anyflip.com/wzmdk/mudy/>
2. Attend the virtual Trust 'Governor Information and Recruitment Session' via Zoom
3. Email admin@st-pancras.suffolk.sch.uk, expressing your interest.

Deputy Headteacher required at St Alban's Catholic Primary School Cambridge.

Are you an inspiring Deputy Headteacher who would like to work in a very successful school in the heart of Cambridge city? We are looking for someone new to fill this position due to the promotion of our current Deputy. For more details contact Joanne Koehler, School administrator, on 01223 712148, office @stalbans.cambs.sch.uk or http://www.stalbans.cambs.sch.uk/vacancies/job_opportunities.html This post is from February half term 2022. Closing date Fri 3 Dec.

The Big Church Clean

Saturday 11th December 2021 at 10.30am

Are you able to spend some time helping to clean the Church in preparation for Christmas.

Please speak to Linis.

A soup and quiche lunch will be provided in the Garden room afterwards!