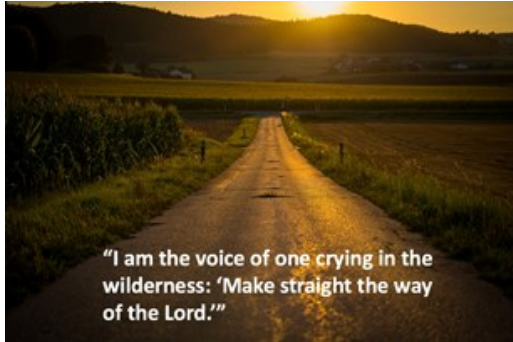


From Sunday's Gospel



A man came who was sent by God. His name was John, John the Baptist. He came as a witness—as a witness to Jesus Christ. Priests were sent from Jerusalem to ask John, “Who are you?” John replied, “I am not the Christ.” “Are you the prophet Elijah, then or the prophet?” they asked. He

answered, “No.” “So who are you?” they asked. “What have you to day about yourself?” John replied, “I am the voice of one who cries in the wilderness, ‘Make the Lord’s way straight.’” Finally they asked him, “Why are you baptising if you are not the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?” John said, “I baptise with water. But someone is coming soon who is more powerful than I am.” This happened at Bethany, on the far side of the river Jordan, where John was baptising. Adapted from John 1:6-8, 19-28, 3rd Sunday of Advent, Year B (Mark’s Gospel)



Pope Francis writes, “My dear young people, if we are close to Jesus, we will have joy in our hearts and a smile on our face.” Today’s word is **Joy**. In this Sunday’s gospel, the humble witness of John the Bap-

tist gave people a sense that something exciting was about to happen. John delivered the joyful news of God’s arrival in our world in the person of Jesus—he recognised Jesus as the Christ, the long awaited Messiah. Sometimes we don’t recognise Jesus when he is among us, but we can be sure that Jesus is always with us, waiting to fill us with joy. Joy is something we always desire, and this Third Sunday of Advent is called “Rejoice Sunday”. We are now nearer Christmas than the First Sunday of Advent and next Thursday our readings at Mass will prepare us for the birth of Jesus, something that brings JOY to the whole world. Joy often comes from within, from doing what we know to be right. A joyful heart is a sign of God’s Spirit working within us.



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The Third Sunday of Advent December 13th 2020 (Mark's Gospel)

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE CHURCH WILL BE OPEN FOR MASSES AS INDICATED BELOW

The intentions are as follows:

- Saturday: **6.00pm** Frank Holmes **Church open for Mass)**
Sunday: Ann McCarthy
Monday: People of the Parish
Tuesday: **9.30am** Catherine Crawford **(Church open for Mass)**
Wednesday: Sr Baptiste Mitchell
Thursday: **9.30am** November Dead List **(Church open for Mass)**
Friday: Fr Tony Burke
Saturday: **6.00pm** Anne Jones **(Church open for Mass)**
Sunday: Kevin Gibson

Booking essential for SATURDAY 6.00pm Mass, please see Newsletter for details.

Confessions by appointment.

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Mrs Michelle Moore

The Season of Advent



This Sunday, December 13th, is the Third Sunday of the Season of Advent, known as Gaudete/Rejoice Sunday, taken from the Entry Antiphon— ***Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say rejoice—why? Because the Lord is Near!*** On Thursday of this week the readings at Mass will turn our minds and hearts to the conception and then the birth of Jesus, a reason for the whole world to REJOICE!

One Card for All



As in previous years there will be the opportunity to sign The One Card for All which will be at the back of the church from this weekend. All the proceeds from signing the card will be used to buy GIFTS for LIFE sponsored by CAFOD. Please put any donations in the box next to the card.

PS Have you painted your Christmas Angel and put it in the window of your home?

Offertory Envelopes for 2021



These are now ready for collection at the back of the church. They are arranged in alphabetical order. Please collect your two sets of envelopes whenever you visit the church for Mass. Thank You.

Last Month's Collections (Church closed because of Lockdown)

First: £1395.00 Second: £180.50

Donation in memory of Bridget Shewring: £199.00

Donation in memory of Mary Vallow: £200.00

Total banked on December 9th £1987.00 Thank You

All Churches Trust Grant

Thanks to Anna Larkin in the Diocesan Finance Office the parish received a grant of £1,500 towards the cost of the recent repairs on the Tower. This represents 15% of the total cost. Anna has been duly thanked!



"It is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of us memories of goodness and thus to open doors of hope."

Pope Benedict XVI



Masses for The Christmas OCTAVE are as follows:

Christmas Eve Thursday December 24th

No morning Mass

5.00pm – **Live streamed Mass without a congregation**

8.00pm – **Mass with a congregation ***

Christmas Day Friday December 25th

9.00am – **Live streamed Mass without a congregation**

11.00am Mass with a congregation*

Saturday December 26th

10.00am – **Mass with a congregation**

No Vigil Mass

Sunday 27th December – Feast of the Holy Family

9.00am **Live streamed Mass without a congregation**

11.00am Mass with a congregation*

Monday 28th 10.00am – **Mass with a congregation**

Tuesday 29th 9.30am – **Mass with a congregation**

Wednesday 30th 12.00 noon – **Mass with a congregation**

Thursday 31st 9.30am – **Mass with a congregation**

Friday 1st January – Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God

9.00am – **Live streamed Mass without a congregation**

12.00 noon Mass with a congregation*

Saturday 2nd January

6.00pm Mass with a congregation*

Sunday 3rd January

9.00am – **Live streamed Mass without a congregation**

***Booking essential with Susan for these Masses—01457 878055 / 07778856089.**

Please note the times when Susan will be available to take the bookings:

For Christmas Eve 8.00pm Mass and Christmas Day 11.00am Mass

Wednesday 23rd December 10.00am-12.00noon

For Sunday 27th 11.00am Mass

Saturday 26th 10am-12.00noon

For January 1st 12.00 noon Mass and Saturday 2nd 6.00pm Mass

Thursday December 31st 10.00am-12.00noon