

From Sunday's Gospel

A Voice Crying in the Wilderness

At the time when Pontius Pilate was the Roman governor of Judaea, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, who was living in the desert. John went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah: 'A voice cries in the wilderness; prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley will be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, winding ways will be straightened and rough roads made smooth. And all people will see the saving power of God.'

Adapted from Luke 3:1-6 The 2nd Sunday of Advent, Year C



St John Baptiste de la Salle writes, "My dear young people, "Prepare a path for God so that he can enter your heart" To-day's word is **Preparation**. In this Sunday's Gospel, we hear about John the Baptist call-

ing people to prepare themselves for Christ's arrival. John alerted the people of the need to change some of their ways and to the fact that Jesus was coming. This Gospel can serve to remind us about the importance of preparing ourselves as Christmas approaches: to repent (to look into our hearts and see if there are any ways that we could make a change for the better), and to be busy doing the things that Jesus told us to do, loving God and loving one another through our words and through our deeds. In these ways we prepare our hearts to be filled with a joy that lasts long after the Christmas festivities have passed. Good preparation is always important in everything we

Offertory Collections and Shop Income October 10th

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Second Sunday of Advent

December 5th 2021 (Luke's Gospel)

The intentions are as follows:

- Saturday: **6.00pm** Cecelia Mary Weale
Sunday **9.00am** Joseph & Clara Casey
(People welcome to attend this Mass)
10.30am People of the Parish
Monday: **9.30am** Barbara Day
Tuesday: **9.30am** No Parish Mass
Requiem Mass for Fr Barrie Holmes—St Joseph's Wetherby 11.00
Wednesday: **12.00pm** Requiem Mass for Jennifer Barlow
Thursday: **9.30am** Christopher & Ellen Murphy
Friday **9.30am** Paul Bickers
Saturday: **10.00am** November Dead List
6.00pm Doreen Slusar
Sunday: **9.00am** People of the Parish
(People welcome to attend this Mass)
10.30am Jay Barrett

Confessions after the Saturday 10.00am Mass and by appointment

Exposition 40 minutes before each weekday Mass

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2nd Sunday of Advent



John the Baptist is the central figure in the middle two Sundays of Advent each year. Today, Luke is very precise in dating his entry to 'proclaim a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.' Repentance is a way of preparing a way for the Lord into our minds and hearts. In an Advent address Pope Francis spoke of 'Prayer' as such preparation:

The heart of the Church's mission is prayer. Prayer is the key for us to be able to enter into dialogue with God. Every time we read a short passage from the Gospel we hear Jesus speaking to us. We have a conversation with Jesus. We listen to Jesus and we reply. And this is prayer. By praying, we change reality, and we change our hearts...We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

CTIS Theology Discussion Group



Deacon Peter Rudd will be leading a discussion on

The Problem of Evil

this coming **Thursday, 9th November in the Parish Centre at 7.30pm.** As well as members of CTIS this is open to parishioners and Peter asks that anyone intending to attend email to let him know, so that he can make sure there is sufficient material for everyone.

Email: peter.rudd at dioceseofleeds.org.uk



As in previous years there will be the opportunity of singing THE ONE CARD FOR ALL which is now at the back of the Church. All the proceeds, which can be left in the box with the Card, will be used to buy some CAFOD's World Gifts which will benefit people in the developing world.

There are still a few World Gift catalogues available at the back of the church should anyone wish to take one home. Thank You.

Advent Service of Reconciliation



Because of the Covid-19 Pandemic we have not been able to have a Service of Reconciliation for the past 18 months.

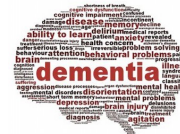
Presuming that things remain as they are we will have an Advent Service of reconciliation on **TUESDAY 21st DECEMBER at 7.00pm.** As in the past we will gather together to pray, to listen to God's word of Forgiveness and Healing, acknowledge our need of Forgiveness from God and each other, and celebrate that Forgiveness together. Please put this date in the diary. More details later.

Missio Red Boxes



Julia has brought back to church the Red Missio Boxes for collection by those who left them to be emptied. Please collect your box from the back of the church. Thank You.

Visiting a Care Home after an absence



When you get to visit the person with dementia, your reunion may be emotional. If it's been a while since they saw you – and if the person has increasing memory problems – you may need to gently remind them who you are. Familiar aspects of your appearance such as clothes, a hairstyle and perfume/aftershave that the person associates with you may help them to remember.

Talking about times you've enjoyed together may be a way of keeping the conversation more cheerful. Speak clearly using simple and short sentences. Don't be surprised if the person's dementia has got worse since you last saw them or if they seem low. They may improve with ongoing support, and their feelings for you remain, even if they seem hidden.

Try to be flexible and work with everyone as best you can.

If you know you are not going to be able to visit for a while, see if other family members or carers will be able to take your place so that your loved one is visited on a regular basis.

(Adapted from Care Home Visits during Coronavirus—Alzheimer's Society)