

PARISH OF ST GEORGE

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First Sunday of Advent 01

December 2024

Gospel Luke 21:25-28,34-36



Advent is a time of waiting and hoping, of renewing our trust in God's merciful love and care, and of reflecting on the several comings (advents), of Christ into our lives.

In today's Gospel (Lk 21:25-28, 34-36), Jesus prophesies the signs and portents that will accompany the end of the present world of matter, space, and time with His Second Coming in glory as our Judge to give us the rewards of our lives. Jesus encourages us to be expectant, optimistic, vigilant, and well-prepared: "When these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand" (Lk 21:28). Jesus wants us to face the future with confidence in God's providence.

**REMEMBER COFFEE MORNING -SATURDAY,
7TH DECEMBER, 10AM-1:00PM-BARGATES
HALL WHITCHURCH**

**THERE WILL BE MASS IN MALPAS THIS
SUNDAY-- 01/12/24--6PM**

Life Messages

We need to prepare ourselves for Christ's Second Coming by allowing Jesus to be reborn daily in our lives. Advent gives us time to make this preparation by repenting of our sins, by renewing our lives through prayer and penance, and by sharing our blessings with others. Advent also provides an opportunity for us to check for what needs to be put right in our lives, to see how we have failed, and to assess the ways in which we can do better. Let us accept the challenge of the German mystic Angelus Silesius "Christ could be born a thousand times in Bethlehem - but all in vain until He is born in me." Jesus must be reborn in our hearts and lives, during this season of Advent and every day of our lives, in our love, kindness, mercy, and forgiveness.

First Week of Advent

Prayer for Hope:

Almighty God, grant us the grace to hope in you with unwavering trust. As we begin this season of Advent, may our hearts be filled with the hope that comes from knowing your promises are true. Amen.

Advent Service - Thursday 5th December 7pm

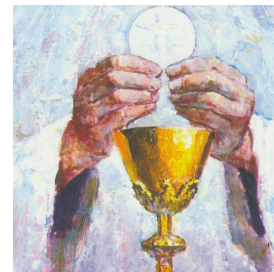
Churches Together are holding a short reflective service for Advent at St George's with music, readings and prayers. Please join us.

**Remember Advent penitential
Service--Thursday, 12th
December, 6pm**

Anima Christi:

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.
Body of Christ, save me.
Blood of Christ, embolden me.
Water from the side of Christ, Wash me.
Passion of Christ, Strengthen me.
O Good Jesus, hear me.
Within your wounds hide me.

Permit me not to be separated from you.
From the wicked foe, defend me.
At the hour of my death, call me and bid
me come to you.
That with your saints I may praise you
For ever and ever.
Amen



Mass Times

Saturday 30 November	6;30pm	Souls in Purgatory
Sunday 01 December	9:30am 11:00am	William's Family Brendan O'Farrell
Monday 02 December	10:00am	Margaret Gerty
Tuesday 03 December St Francis Xavier	10:00am	Michael Forrester
Wednesday 04 December St. John of Damascus	Sacristy	Private Intentions
Thursday 05 December		NO MASS
Friday 06 December St. Nicholas	6;00pm	Margaret Gerty
Saturday 07 December St. Ambrose	11; 30am 6:30pm	Liz and Gordon Greaves--Golden Jubilee Wed. Ann Souls in Purgatory
Sunday 08 December	9:30am 11:00am	Parishioners

SYMBOLON _ The Catholic Faith Explained

Last Wednesday , the 27th of November at 7.00 pm we started learning more about our faith through a series called Symbolon. Created by the Augustine Institute. The evenings are facilitated by Jane Deegan Director for Marriage & Family, Lay Spirituality and Prayer for the diocese. We would love to see you there. For more information please contact Fr Thaddeus or Jane on 07517 906435 or send an email to jane.deegan@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

**REMEMBER CHRISTMAS GET-TOGETHER
AND CAROLS AT ETZIO ITALIAN
RESTURANT, 20TH DEC. 5:30PM -7:45PM.**

Sat. 6:30PM	Sun. 9:30am	Sun.11:00am
Hazel Spencer	Guy Churton	Tim O'Keeffe

Mass Offering -24th November -£267.05

Standing orders-----£118.25

**Confession is Saturdays 5-6pm,
30mins before and after mass and on
request.**

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