



PARISH OF ST GEORGE

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SUNDAY 28th November 2021 1st Sunday of Advent Year C

GOSPEL Luke 21:25–28, 34–36

Advent is a time of waiting for Christ. Besides coming into our world through birth, Jesus comes into our lives as we live them through His Church, the Sacraments (especially the Eucharist), the Word of God, the worshipping community, as we die, and finally, in His Second Coming

In today's Gospel, Jesus prophesies the signs and portents that will accompany his Second Coming and 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" (Luke 21:28). Jesus wants us to face the future with confidence in God's providence.

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 — repenting of and confessing our sins, renewing our lives through prayer and penance, and sharing our blessings with others. In Advent, we also need 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."

Readers

Sat 6:30	Sun 09:30	Sun 11:00
Jo Williams	Dennis Lloyd	Tim O'Keefe

If you wish to join the Reader's Rota, please complete the form in the porch.

Confessions on request either in the Church or the presbytery at any time you prefer.

Mass Intentions If you would like to have a Mass said for any intention whatsoever then please do pass them into the sacristy through the collection plate or post them into the presbytery.

Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies begins this month with in-person classes on Thursday morning at St Columba's Chester. There is also an online learning option, with an in-person seminar in Wythenshawe or Birkenhead. This is an excellent course for anyone who would like to learn more about our faith or lead in a school or parish. Please register in advance - information is available from ccrs@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

Foodbank The Foodbank is currently preparing to support a number of local families at Christmas. Any contributions of Christmas food items such as selection boxes, Christmas puddings, chocolate logs, mince pies etc would be greatly appreciated. Please leave them in the basket in the porch.

Sat 27 Nov	06:30 PM	1 st Sunday of Advent	Faithful Departed
Sun 28 Nov	09:30 AM		Esther Kean
	11:00 AM		Parishioners
Mon 29 Nov	10:00 AM	Monday in the 1 st Week of Advent	Faithful Departed
Tue 30 Nov	10:00 AM	Saint Andrew, apostle	Faithful Departed
Wed 01 Dec	No Mass	Wednesday in the 1 st Week of Advent	
Thu 02 Dec	10:00 AM	Thursday in the 1 st Week of Advent	For the Sanctification of Priests.
Fri 03 Dec	06:00 PM	Saint Francis Xavier, priest	IN honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
		First Friday Devotions*	
Sat 04 Dec	06:30 PM	2 nd Sunday of Advent	Tony Jones
Sun 05 Dec	09:30 AM		Parishioners
	11:00 AM		Parishioners

*In the excess of the mercy of my Heart, I promise you that my all-powerful love will grant to all those who will receive Communion on the First Fridays, for nine consecutive months, the grace of final repentance: they will not die in my displeasure, nor without receiving the sacraments; and my Heart will be their secure refuge in that last hour.

Weekly Collection We wish to thank you all for your ongoing generosity in the upkeep of the parish.

Sunday	21 November	-	£284.00
Weekly Standing Orders		-	£103.50

It would help greatly with paying in and processing at the bank if any cheques to the church are made payable to: "**St George Whitchurch**" which is the correct name for the parish account.

Announcement: There will be collections for Caritas next Sunday 5th December (second week of Advent).

North Shropshire By-Election Pre-election hustings organised by Churches Together in Whitchurch will take place on Tuesday 7th December at 7pm in St John's Methodist Church, St John's Street, Whitchurch, SY13 1EP. This is an open public meeting which last no more than 90 minutes. The candidates who attend will have 5 minutes to outline their priorities and then the meeting will be open to questions.

Covid 19 Test Kits the Local Health Authority has asked us to continue distributing Lateral Flow Covid test kits through our parish community. You can find these at the back of church. Please help yourselves.

Our parish safeguarding representative is Helen Clarke.
