

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 24:1-3

**To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.
In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.
Nor let my enemies exult over me;
and let none who hope in you be put to shame.**

THE COLLECT

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah 33:14-16
See, the days are coming — it is the Lord who speaks — when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah:

‘In those days and at that time, I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David, who shall practice honesty and integrity in the land. In those days Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell in confidence. And this is the name the city will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.’

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Ps. 24:4-5.8-9.10.14.R.v1

R) To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my Saviour. **(R)**

The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. **(R)**

His ways are faithfulness and love
for those who keep his covenant and will.
The Lord’s friendship is for those who revere him;
to them he reveals his covenant. **(R)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 3:12 - 4:2

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father

when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints. Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Ps 84:8
**Let us see, O Lord, your mercy
and give us your saving help.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

Luke 21:25-28. 34-36

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.
Glorify to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.’

‘Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened by debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.’

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Accept, we pray, O Lord, these offerings we make, gathered from among your gifts to us, and may what you grant us to celebrate devoutly here below, gain for us the prize of eternal redemption. Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Ps 84:13

**The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our
earth shall yield its increase.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May these mysteries, O Lord, in which we have participated, profit us, we pray, for even now, as we walk amid passing things, you teach us by them to love the things of heaven and hold fast to what endures. Through Christ our Lord.

Our Faith on Sunday

GOSPEL REFLECTION



We are entering the time of ‘advent’, of coming, of preparation for Christmas. Christmas celebrates the arrival of a baby. This is not something we easily connect with what Our Lord speaks about in today’s

Gospel passage. But as with each of us, birth is the start of a story. This birth is the start of a mission: the mission of the Son of God to restore the fallen human race to the love and friendship of his Father, himself and the Holy Spirit. Crucifixion was the end of his earthly story, for himself, but not for *his mission*. And so, today, we hear, “*Stay awake, praying at all times!*” Our Lord has not told us when he is going to come again in glory; only that he will. The signs he speaks of – and warns us of – would seem to be present in every

age, including our own: fires, floods, winds, terrorism, wars. So his advice is for every age: live clean lives, watch yourselves! But at the same time, “*stand erect, hold your heads high!*” You are the Baptized, the children of God, sons with the Son of man, whose final coming – whose glorious advent - will be the culmination of his saving work.



**EVANGELII GAUDIUM
(JOY OF THE GOSPEL)**



A STRANGER ON THE ROAD

56. The previous chapter should not be read as a cool and detached description of today’s problems, for “the joys and hopes, the grief and anguish of the people of our time, especially of those who are poor or afflicted, are the joys and hopes, the grief and anguish of the followers of Christ as well. Nothing that is genuinely human fails to find an echo in their hearts”.⁵³ In the attempt to search for a ray of light in the midst of what we are experiencing, and before proposing a few lines of action, I now wish to devote a chapter to a parable told by Jesus Christ two thousand years ago. Although this Letter is addressed to all people of good will, regardless of their religious convictions, the parable is one that any of us can relate to and find challenging.

53. SECOND VATICAN ECUMENICAL COUNCIL, Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World Gaudium et Spes, 1.



Advent Wreath

- 1st CANDLE – (purple) THE PROPHECY CANDLE or CANDLE OF HOPE** – We can have hope because God is faithful and will keep the promises made to us. Our hope comes from God. (Romans 15:12-13)
- 2nd CANDLE – (purple) THE BETHLEHEM CANDLE or THE CANDLE OF PREPARATION** – God kept his promise of a Savior who would be born in Bethlehem. Preparation means to “get ready”. Help us to be ready to welcome YOU, O GOD! (Luke 3:4-6)
- 3rd CANDLE – (pink) THE SHEPHERD CANDLE or THE CANDLE OF JOY** – The angels sang a message of JOY! (Luke 2:7-15)
- 4th CANDLE – (purple) THE ANGEL CANDLE or THE CANDLE OF LOVE** – The angels announced the good news of a Savior. God sent his only Son to earth to save us, because he loves us! (John 3:16-17)
- 5th CANDLE – (white) “CHRIST CANDLE”** – The white candle reminds us that Jesus is the spotless lamb of God, sent to wash away our sins! His birth was for his death, his death was for our birth! (John 1:29)





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Dear Parishioners

Today is the First Sunday in Advent. We are in a New Liturgical Year, and the readings of Year C.

Today we officially begin in our parish and in our Diocese the Journey of "Walking Together- a Synodal Church in Communion, Participation and Mission". During the diocesan phase of our Walking Together parishes schools and individuals are invited to reach out and involve the greatest number of people possible, and especially those on the periphery who are often excluded and forgotten. This is a wonderful opportunity for everyone to contribute to the future of our church. Our facilitators have worked out certain plans for this Advent with the theme of Listening. Listening and discernment in small groups will be the highlight of this phase. Let us join our hands with our facilitators for the success of this synodal journey.

"The Synod offers us the opportunity to become a church of closeness, that does not stand aloof from life but immense herself in today's problems and needs, bandaging wounds and healing broken hearts with the balm of God" (Pope Francis).

Reflection: "By patient endurance you will save your lives" (Lk.21:19). Advent is a season with twofold intentions. One for the preparation of the great Solemnity of Christmas and the second, to look forward for the second coming of the Lord. It calls for a patient endurance with listening to the Spirit within and listening to others. We have chosen this period of Advent to listen very specially to others, reaching out to others who are within and out or at the periphery level in the church. It is the vision of Pope Francis to hear everyone's voice for the pastoral guidance of the Church as she is waiting for the second coming of the Lord. Pope's Vision is clear that we could be like the early Christians who expected the return of Christ in their own lifetime, waited and waited and ran out of patience and gave in to laxity like indulgence, drunkenness, and worldly pleasures. It is true that we do not expect second coming of Christ right now, but it is also true that we could be called at any time, a time we least expect. Hence a time of patient hearing and preparation is worth, as we anxiously look for "the great Day".

Fr Chacko

Parish Bank details

ACCOUNT NAME: PRC DTR KINSON RC PARISH

SORT CODE: 51-81-20 ACCOUNT: 72768401

COLLECTIONS up to 14th November - Loose £846.67 BACS £1161 CAFOD - £88.00

Please could St B's parishioners bring their APF red boxes to church for emptying this week..

CHRISTMAS CARDS FROM THE CATHOLIC CHILDRENS SOCIETY WILL BE ON SALE FROM NEXT WEEKEND
Please support this great cause

DAY	TIME AND CHURCH	Celebration or Feast Day
Sat 27 th	6pm Mass at St B	VIGIL of FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT Int: thanksgiving by Alba
Sun 28 th	9.30am Mass at CTK 11am St Bernadette's	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 9.30 am Int: Mary O'Donnovan & Jeremiah RIP
Mon 29 th	6pm Adoration followed by Mass 6.30pm	Weekday Mass St Cuthbert Mayne (Secondary patron of Diocese)
Tues 30 th	9am Mass	Weekday Mass Feast of St Andrew the Apostle Int: Fr George Kuruttukunnel CM RIP
Wed 1 st	NO MASS	
Thurs 2 nd	9am Adoration followed by Mass at CTK	Weekday Mass St Osmund of Salisbury
Fri 3 rd	9.30am Mass @ CTK followed by adoration	Weekday Mass St Francis Xavier MIGRANTS DAY
Sat 4 th	6pm Mass at St B	VIGIL of SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT Int: thanksgiving
Sun 5 th	9.30am Mass at CTK No mass at St B's	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - BIBLE SUNDAY

SUNDAY MASS at ST BERNADETTE'S will resume this Sunday at 11am.
There will not be Mass at St B's on every 1st Sunday of the month due to Chacko's café- please support.

 **CHACKO'S** Tea, coffee and a chat raising money for Father Chacko's community in Tanzania.
Please come and support whilst enjoying our Parish company

 **Parish Council** Meeting of the new Parish Pastoral Council Tuesday 7th December 6.30pm in CTK lounge

 **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** NEXT SESSION- SAT 27TH NOV 9.45am for 10am start – 11.30am

 *The Night Journey* by Fr Robbie Low £7.50 (all proceeds to charities for disadvantaged children)
This lovely new Christmas book is highly recommended by Bishop Mark as 'a beautiful reflection on the Mass which leads us to the manger and the child in the arms of Mary... a great gift for children'
Please let Madeliene know if you would like one.

DBS CERTIFICATE The Diocesan safeguarding team are here on 1st Dec 5-7pm to renew certificates.

 **KNITTING GROUP** Thursday 2nd Dec at 2pm in CTK lounge **** Come and join us ****

HOLY FAMILY "WALKING TOGETHER"
"I've been a Catholic for 50 years and the Catholic Church has always **told** me what I think. Now for the first time it's **asking** me what I think."
This weekend during Mass we are launching our parish participation in the 'Synodal Journey'. The overarching themes for this journey during Advent are *Listen, Mission, Celebration, and Dream*. As well as reflecting on each of these themes during our Advent liturgies, we are offering two opportunities for us to come together in 'listening groups' to explore the first theme of LISTENING ...
Monday 13th December at 7.00pm (there will be no mass at St B's) and Thursday 16th December at 2.00pm.
Both sessions will take place in CTK lounge. Existing parish groups may like to come together at more convenient times. Our hope is that as many people as possible will be able to take part. If you're interested in joining a group, please sign at the back of the church, or just turn up. You might like to reflect on the following questions alone or with your family and friends.
What has your faith meant to you during Covid?

- How do I listen to God? How do I listen to others?
- How does our parish listen to others? How does our parish listen to God?
- How do we as a Church listen to others? How do we as a Church listen to those outside of the Church?

"The gift of being a compassionate listener, a gift which requires constant practice, is perhaps the most healing gift anyone can possess..."
With every blessing from the Walking Together Facilitators: *Glenn Carroll, Jenny Gunstone, Mike Mahon, Sr Michele*

Please remember in your prayers...

Lucy Rose	Margaret Simpson	Linda Dunsden	Carole Hyde	Marcia Russell
Judd Barker	Pauline Warburton	Veronica Williamson	Anna Browne	Miriam Miller
Sheila Perry	Chelsea Waring	Sheila Browning	Elina O'Connor	Mary Carmody
Frances Herbert	Miriam Park	Mary Neito	Sheila Shelley	Tony Bateman
Mary Hogan	Theresa Smith	Imogen Garcia	Naille Bala	Michelle Waring
Katrina Brookes	Lee Langdown	Neville Rogers	Barbara Rogers	
Jocelyne & Peter Cotrel	Kathleen & Mike Carter			
The Place & family	The Martin family	The Bailey family		

For all those recently deceased or whose anniversaries are at this time..... Lord hear our prayers

