

FIRST READING Isaiash 63:16-17; 64:1,3-8

You, Lord, yourself our Father, Our Redeemer is your ancient ame. Why, Lord, leave us to stary from your ways and ahrden our hearts against fearing you? Return, for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your inheritance. O. that you would tear the heavens open and come down– at your Presence the mountains would melt. No ear has heard, no eye has seen any god but you act like this for hose who trust him. You guide those who act with integrity and keep your ways in mind. You were angry when we were sinners; we had long been rebels against you. We were all like men unclean, all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing. We have all withered like leaves and our sins blew us away like the wind. No one involved your name or roused himself to catch hold of you. For you hid your face from us and gave us up to the power of our sins. And yet, Lord you are our Father; we the clay, you the potter, we are all the work of your hand.

The word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 79:2-3,15-16,18-19

R. God of hosts, bring us back: let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

O shepherd of Israel, hear us, shine forth from our cherubim throne.

O Lord, rouse up your might, O Lord, come to our help.

R. God of hosts, bring us back: let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see.

Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted.

R. God of hosts, bring us back: let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

May you hand be on the man you have chosen, the man you have given your strength.

And we shall never forsake you again; give us life that we may call upon your name.

R. God of hosts, bring us back: let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace. I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for Our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

The word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help. Alleluia!

GOSPEL A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 13:33-37

Jesus said to his disciples: "Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad; he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the door keeper to stay awake. So, stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep and what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!"

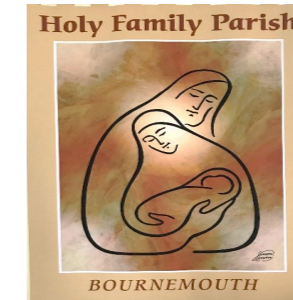
The Gospel of the Lord **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

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

THE PARISH OF THE HOLY FAMILY, BOURNEMOUTH

incorporating the churches of Christ the King, Kinson & St Bernadette's, Ensbury Park

**GOSPEL REFLECTION**

Advent begins today, we spend this time preparing for the coming of Christ into our world. He is here already, of course but he wants to come closer.

Advent is a time for hope. The placing of this Gospel at the beginning of Advent challenges listeners to be ready: although we might know the date of Christmas, the day on which God comes into our lives – in a myriad of forms – is not known: we must be ready and 'keep awake' so as not to miss it.

The Gospel challenges us to see the world differently, to 'be awake' to what is happening around us, to the challenges of the world; to building the kingdom of God. This alertness calls us to confront injustice in every form and not to hesitate. Being awake means being ready for action. It says stop waiting for tomorrow and be prepared. Responding to Jesus isn't a passive action but calls us to active response in the here and now.

The Gospel reminds us to face each day with a determination to be a part of building a better world, part of the solution, part of peace in the way we act and prepare for the future.

Let us be one of his points of entry by keeping awake to open the door when he knocks.

*What has Christ put me in charge of?
How am I doing?
Will I be delighted to see him when he comes?*



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Dear Parishioners,

Today is the First Sunday in Advent, Year B in the Liturgical year. Today is also considered as **Migrants Day**, a Day to remember and pray for Migrants and refugees.

We enter a new Liturgical Cycle, the Year of Mark starting this Advent. Advent is a season for devout and joyful expectation. This season calls for a moderation in all our celebrations.

Friday 8th of December is the solemnity of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

90th Anniversary: Next Sunday we enter the 90th Anniversary celebrations of St. Bernadette and Our Lady of Victories in Ensburry Park. 10th December Sunday falls the anniversary of the Canonization of St. Bernadette.

POSADA : Welcoming the statue of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem is customarily followed in our parish. It starts in St. Bernadette this week. You are kindly requested to write your names to welcome the statue of Mary and Joseph as an immediate preparation for the Feast of Christmas in our Parish.

Jubilee Year: Our Church across the world is excitedly preparing for the 2025 year of Jubilee. It will be year of great celebrations! Pope Francis, has called for "An Year of Prayer" beginning this Advent, and all dioceses are being encouraged to take part. This will be a great opportunity for each of us to make a real effort to deepen our prayer lives and mature in our discipleship so that we can go forth and share the Good News just as Jesus commanded. To help and encourage locally, our department of Evangelisation has produced a series of Prayer Workshops. Workshop 1 :

'Pray Without Ceasing' – An interactive prayer workshop commencing in Advent and for the Year of Prayer.

'Why should we pray?' 'Does God always answer our prayers?'

These two important questions are analysed and discussed along with tips to help us to pray. Contemplative prayer and imaginative contemplation are also explored with an opportunity to participate in an imaginative contemplation exercise with feedback and discussion.

Guided group work in helping people to pray with others. **'Be still and know that I am God'** (Psalm 46)

Reflection: Jesus says on His second coming

"Be on watch, Be alert, for we do not know when the time will come". (Mk. 13:33)

Arthur Tonne recalls an interesting foot note of history that occurred in the fifth century. It concerns a group of monks popularly known as the 'Sleepless Ones'. A holy man, known simply as Alexander, recruited 300 monks and divided them into six groups. Each group took turns keeping "watch" for the Second Coming of Jesus, the Bridegroom and the Final judge.

The story of the "Sleepless Ones" invites me to ask, if Jesus came ten minutes from now, how ready would I be?

"It is by design that Jesus hid the last day from us – so that we would be on the look out for Him everyday of our lives". St. Augustine.

Fr. Chacko

Together we are Church, together we are community, together we are Christ

Youth and Family choir
There will be up-tempo and fun hymns as well as traditional.

3.00pm on **this Sunday, 3rd December** at StB Church.
Come along, bring a friend too, and get ready to sing your hearts out.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS

Antony Panathara, Noel Harris, Kevin Moore, Margaret Simpson, Sheila Shelley, Tony Bateman, Les Netherton, Frances Smith, Anna Browne, Jockeyne & Peter Cotrel
Frances & Tony Herbert The Carter family



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DAY	CHURCH	TIME	CELEBRATION or FEAST DAY/ MEMORIAL
Sat 2	StB	6pm	Eucharistic Service (NO MASS) <i>Migrants Day</i>
Sun 3	CtK StB	9.30am 11am	Masses of The First Sunday of Advent
Mon 4	StB	6pm	Adoration followed by Mass at 6.30pm <i>St John Damascene</i>
Tues 5	CtK	9am	Adoration followed by Mass at 9.30am
Wed 6			NO MASS <i>St Nicholas—Patron of Russia, sailors and children</i>
Thur 7	CtK	9.30am	Mass <i>St Ambrose, Patron of beekeepers and domestic animals</i>
Fri 8	CtK StB	9.30am 7pm	Mass followed by the Divine Chaplet HOLY HOUR—adoration & prayer <i>Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
Sat 9	StB	6pm	Vigil Mass of the Second Sunday of Advent
Sun 10	CtK StB	9.30am 11am	Masses of The First Sunday of Advent <i>90th Anniversary of the canonisation</i>

3rd Dec Posada journey begins

8th Dec 7pm StB - CANDLELIT CAROL SERVICE

9th Dec Advent Retreat Day at St Rita's

10th Dec 11am MASS to celebrate start of 90th birthday events of St Bernadette's

14th Dec 7pm CtK - ADVENT SERVICE with opportunity for reconciliation

17th Dec at both masses—CRIB FEST

24th Dec 9.30am & 11am Masses of Fourth Sunday of Advent

24th Dec 6.30pm @ CtK VIGIL MASS of the Nativity

25th Dec 10am @ StB MASS of the Nativity

31st Dec Feast of the Holy Family - PARISH FEAST DAY



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held on Tuesday evening - It was a good opportunity to meet and chat with the PPC and find out what they are doing and who they are. Thank you to those who came and were able to ask questions to the PPC about the Parish with some interesting discussions. A report on this and the Parish finances to be published soon.

POSADA

Each of us is an innkeeper who decides if we have room for Jesus.
As is our Parish tradition, the Posada will start its journey on this Sunday around our homes and school. A rota for parishioners to be innkeepers is at the back of the churches so please write your name next to a date.



CRIBFEST - Sunday 17th December
bring in your cribs, home-made or other to form a display in our churches and they will be blessed by Fr Chacko during the masses. Then an opportunity for all to see and appreciate all the wonderful cribs followed by tea and cake and a donation to the Catholic Children's Society

HOPE FOR FOOD CHARITY

This Advent, we will be collecting food to enable this charity to take food hampers to families this Christmas. The advent calendar here shows the items that they need, so please, if you can support, bring items from the list..... **Thank you**

HOPE FOR FOOD Reverse Advent Calendar

November 2023

1. Tinned Tomatoes
2. Tinned Pasta
3. Savoury Biscuits + Crisps
4. Sauce for Rice/ Pasta
5. Baked Beans
6. Mince Pies
7. Tinned Sweetcorn
8. Instant Coffee/ Tea Bags
9. Tinned Tuna
10. Ketchup/ Mayo
11. Jam / Marmalade
12. Custard / Jelly
13. Tinned Carrots
14. Tinned Meat
15. Instant Rice/ Noodles
16. Tinned Peas
17. Squash
18. Tinned Potatoes
19. Cereal
20. Sweets/ Chocolate
21. Christmas Pudding
22. Tinned Ham
23. Tinned Fruit
24. Stuffing / Gravy
25. Soup
26. Choccy Biscuits

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