

Catholic Parish of Walsingham

ST PETER, BLAKENEY ✕ ST HENRY WALPOLE, SJ, BURNHAM MARKET ✕ OUR LADY OF THE ANNUNCIATION, WALSINGHAM ✕ OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA, WELLS-NEXT-THE-SEA

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FIRST SUNDAY of ADVENT
YEAR OF ST MARK
NOVEMBER 29TH, 2020

In the Church's calendar, today is New Year's Day: the first Sunday of Advent. With a few exceptions the Sunday gospel readings this year will be taken



from the gospel according to Mark., We hear today a passage from towards the end of the gospel, just before the story of Jesus' Passion, death and resurrection. The mood is exactly the same as it was at the end of Matthew's gospel: we are urged to keep in mind the second coming of Christ, the *Parousia*. Advent is, of course a season of preparation for Christmas, when we remember the first coming of Christ, the birth of the Messiah. From our twenty-first century perspective the birth of Jesus is an historical event but, as disciples of Jesus, it is never sufficient that we recall the past. Our commemoration of his birth prompts us to remember that he is 'with us always' (Mt 28:20) and that he will, "come again in glory to judge the living and the dead" (Nicene Creed). Between these two events, the

birth of Jesus and the *Parousia*, we need to be ready to welcome him into our daily lives; when we are ready to do that we are equally ready for the second coming. St Paul tells the community of believers in Corinth that in accepting the good news they will never be without, "the gifts of the Spirit as you are waiting for the Lord to be revealed." (1 Corinthians 1:7) He speaks, of course, to us as well at the beginning of this Advent season, It is one thing to acknowledge that Jesus is always with us and that the Spirit of God within us will guide us in to the way of God's kingdom. It is quite another to live each day inspired by that reality. The season of Advent is given to us as an opportunity to reflect on what it means to be a disciple of Jesus and a member of the community of believers and to devise practical ways of keeping our life in Christ at the forefront of our minds. The society in which we are called to live our faith and proclaim the gospel of salvation is so preoccupied with very real material concerns, which are not to be disparaged, that its members seem almost to be programmed not to hear the good news. Isaiah laments a similar situation in his own time saying to God: "No one invoked your name or roused himself to catch hold of you.....and yet, Lord, you are our Father; we the clay, you the potter, we are all the work of your hand." (Isaiah 64:6-7) In Advent we are given the opportunity to let that mentality seep deeply into our souls and so influence what ever we do or say.

from FRATELLI TUTTI

"(A) readiness to discard others finds expression in vicious attitudes that we thought long past, such as racism, which retreats underground only to keep reemerging. Instances of racism continue to shame us, for they show that our supposed social progress is not as real or definitive as we think. Some economic rules have proved effective for growth, but not for integral human development. Wealth has increased, but together with inequality, with the result that "new forms of poverty are emerging". [BENEDICT XVI, Encyclical Letter Caritas in Veritate] The claim that the modern world has reduced poverty is made by measuring poverty with criteria from the past that do not correspond to present-day realities. In other times, for example, lack of access to electric energy was not considered a sign of poverty, nor was it a source of hardship. Poverty must always be understood and gauged in the context of the actual opportunities available in each concrete historical period. (18, 19)

FINANCE

The income from collections at Mass and fundraising is halved and there has been no income from the repository or candle sales, which amounts to around £3,000. I would ask those who do not already do so to consider supporting the parish a standing order. Please contact Terry, Dilys or Fr Keith for bank details.

"Be on your guard: stay awake!"

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK

It is hard to keep in touch under the present circumstances and to know who amongst us is suffering from ill health. Please pray for all of them and keep Tom and myself informed. Tim Matthewes, Mary Pegg, Brenda Winch, Fr John, Maureen and Derek Scholfield, Lem judge, Charles Butler and, I'm sure, others are in need of your prayer at this time.

CHURCH OPENING

As the current lockdown ends on December 1st and we enter 'tier 2' restrictions, the churches will once again be open for Mass as well as private prayer at the usual times from Wednesday December 2nd.

Our Lady of the Annunciation, Walsingham:

Sunday 10.30 Mass

Monday to Saturday 9.30 Mass

(followed by exposition on Monday. Confessions on Saturday)

Tuesday to Friday inclusive, 10 – 11.30 Private Prayer

Our Lady Star of the Sea, Wells-next-the-Sea:

Saturday 6.00 pm Mass

Thursday 9.30 Mass

St Peter's, Blakeney:

Sunday 11.00 Mass

Wednesday 9.30 Mass

St Henry Walpole, Burnham Market:

Sunday 9.30 Mass

Friday 9.30 Mass

Monday, Wednesday and Friday 1030-1130 Private Prayer

From IGNITE

The Ignite Team are planning plenty of new online content over the coming months. Join us on YouTube for First Fridays, our NEW monthly online chat show which goes live on the First Friday of each month. And why not join young people across the Diocese for our Mass for Young People on the Second Saturday of each month? Streamed via our YouTube channel and coming in person to a church near you!

Follow us on Instagram and subscribe on YouTube to keep up to date with all we have to offer you: @igniteya

HOMELESS BOX CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION

As the colder days approach let's make a special effort to help the homeless and those in need. New socks, hats, gloves, scarves, toiletries please. Because of Covid 19 restrictions NO KNITTED ITEMS please. Thank you.

PARTICIPATION IN THE LITURGY

There are many online liturgies.

You can take part in the liturgy via the internet at the Catholic Shrine webpage:

www.walsingham.org.uk

PAM'S JAM FACTORY

As is her custom Pam Tester has been making jam. She kindly sells this to raise money for the building fund. Covid 19 restrictions mean that it cannot be displayed. You must ask for it at the church or call at her house, Wythe Cottage, Burnt Street, Wells-next-the-Sea. Exciting new flavours available!



THE YEAR OF THE WORD

Befriending the Scriptures cannot, of course, meet at present. We can, however, keep reading Matthew's gospel and the readings appointed for the Mass of the day even though we cannot meet.

Sunday:	Isaiah 63:16-64:8	Psalm 79	1 Corinthians 1:3-9	Mark 13:33-37
Monday		Feast of St Andrew, Apostle		
	Romans 10:9-18	Psalm 18		Matthew 4:18-22
Tuesday:	Isaiah 11:1-10	Psalm 71		Luke 19:21-24
Wednesday:	Isaiah 25:6-10	Psalm 22		Matthew 15:29-37
Thursday:	Isaiah 26:1-6	Psalm 117		Matthew 7:21-27
Friday:	Isaiah 29:17-24	Psalm 26		Matthew 9:27-31
Saturday:	Isaiah 10:19-26	Psalm 146		Matthew 9:35-10:8

"Jane Crone writes: "I'm getting in touch to let you know that due to lockdown CAFOD have postponed sending out our usual deliveries of World Gifts catalogues as they can't be displayed in churches at the moment. I've spoken to a few of you about this and arranged for a small number to be delivered to your home address. If you'd like me to order some for you do contact me by phone or email. Alternately it's possible to order yourself through the CAFOD website : by clicking on this link.. <https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/products/world-gifts-christmas-catalogue-2020?pos=1&sid=5b9089504&sc=r>

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