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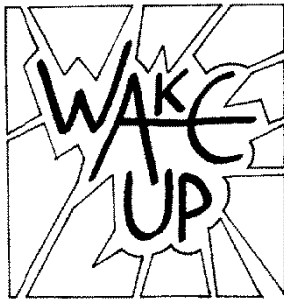
The Second Sunday of Advent

The coming of God's kingdom is a truly liberating event. We are called to prepare the way by turning daily to the Lord who sends his Spirit to help us.

First Reading Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 The exiles in Babylon are being led by God, as by a shepherd, back to their own land, with great rejoicing.

Second Reading 2 Peter 3:8-14 The kingdom of God will break fully into the world when Christ returns, at an unknown time. The writer encourages the people to be found leading good lives.

Gospel Mark 1:1-8 John prepares the people by baptism for the kingdom of God, which will be ushered in by the one who will send the Holy Spirit upon them. Preparation requires a change of life and a radical break from sin.



Sat 5th		
5pm	Public Mass	Elsie Greenwood
Sun. 6th		
10am	Public Mass	John and Josephine Drake
Mon. 7th		
9am	Mass	People of the Parish
Tues. 8th	The Feast of the Immaculate Conception	
10am	Carleton Crematorium Service for Frank Davies	
12 noon	Public Mass	Stella Berk
Wed. 9th		
8:30am	Mass	Norah Griffiths
9:15am	Mass at St.B's School	Robert Swarbrick
10:30am	Requiem Mass	for Marian Hocking
Thurs. 10th		
12 noon	Public Mass	Richard Cornall
1:15pm	Requiem Mass	for David Hoyle
Fri. 11th	No Mass today	
Third Sunday of Advent		
Sat 12th		
5pm	Public Mass	William Mitchell (B'day Remembrance)
Sun. 13th		
10am	Public Mass	Protection of unborn children

We ask your prayers for all those who have died recently, especially Marion Hocking, Frank Davies, Nora Griffiths and David Hoyle **all those whose anniversary of death occur about this time** Malcolm Birch, Teresa Ashworth, Julia Bishop, Richard Cornall, Peter Cummings and Shirley Preston **and for those in need of our prayers:** those in hospital, the hospice, our priests at St. Winefride's, and Michael Barnes, Meg Brett, Joseph Curran, Maria Curran, George Desborough, Tricia and Les Gibbie, Roland Hamer, Ken Hargreaves, Paul Huson, Ethel Marshall, Sue Melling, Gloria Morris, James Neary, Brian Payne, Eric Sharples, Sheila Stewart, Bob Taylor, and Alex Walker.

St. Bernadette's is NOT CLOSED

we are just going to have to do things differently for a while.

The Church is open for private prayer from 12noon to 1pm on Sunday

Mass will be streamed live on Saturday at 5pm and Sunday at 10am. and then available for the week. If you wish to watch 'live' please tune in five minutes beforehand.

Please join us in prayer on the St. Bernadette's Bispham Channel on the YouTube. Search 'YouTube St. Bernadette's Bispham' and hopefully we will pop up.

Religious Christmas Cards are available for sale in Church during private prayer hours.

Mass Intentions can still be left at the presbytery and these intentions can continue to be said. Everyone is dispensed from the Obligation of Sunday and Holyday mass for the time being. Please consider praying the mass at home with me at these times.

Food Sunday will continue, and likely to be more necessary than ever. Food can be brought to the Church Porch (which will be checked regularly) or the presbytery at any time.

Hospital On-Call Chaplains: Although hospital visiting is now severely restricted we are still operating a 24/7 on-call R.C. Chaplain's rota in Victoria Hospital. The active priests are on the rota. If you need a priest in an emergency please ring the ward and ask them to call the on-call duty R.C. chaplain.

Weekly Offerings. Given the financial ramifications of these times the diocese is asking our parishioners to consider and arrange keeping-up their weekly offertory donation, either by setting up a standing-order, or by putting your weekly donation into a marked envelope and posting it through the presbytery letter box or by bringing the total amount to church after the situation is resolved. You could also alternatively send us what you would normally put in the collection via bank transfer. Email us to take up this option.

Newsletters will continue to be printed every week, and emailed to everyone on the list, and copies left in the Church porch. Please take copies of the newsletter or print them out to give to people you know without email, as well as other prayer sheets and cards etc. that I will leave at the back of Church and send by email. The Church Porch will generally be open from 10am to 4pm. Please take and deliver newsletters to those you know with no email. Please observe social distancing, and only have one person in the porch at each time.

Book Exchange available in the Church Porch. Please help your self.

Christmas Services Timetable

Christmas Eve

12noon Children's Service

5pm Candlelit Mass

8pm Candlelit Mass

Christmas Day

10am Mass

Please sign up your bubbles for a particular Mass, at Masses this week, or by emailing the parish office.

You must be booked in to attend Mass.

