



**MASS TIMES**  
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
& ADVENT WEEKDAYS



ST GEORGE'S		ST TERESA'S		
Sat Vigil	17:30	Deceased Members of the Conlon & Geraghty Families		
Sun 11th	08:00	Ruby Goward	Sun Music	11:00 Group
Choir	09:30	Brenda Kirton RIP & Theobald Barnes RIP		17:00 Douglas & Dympna Barter RIP
Mon 12th	09:30 <b>10:30</b>	No Mass <b>Requiem Mass for Peter Corcoran followed by Cremation</b>		
Tues 13th	09:30 <b>19:00</b>	<b>St Lucy</b> Intention of Frank Finley <b>Advent Talk in the Catholic Centre</b>		
Wed 14th	09:30	<b>St John of the Cross</b> Sr Joseph RIP (Poor Clare Lynton)		
Thurs 15th	<b>11:30</b> 12:30 <b>19:00</b>	<b>Rosary</b> Margaret Mary Butler RIP <b>Parish Penitential Service</b>		
Friday	09:30	Lydia & Arthur Letchford RIP	Fri	<b>10:00</b> Mgr Patrick Lynch RIP
Sat 17th	<b>09:15</b> 09:30 <b>10:00</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b> Intention of Carmel Cooney <b>Rosary</b>		

**NEXT SUNDAY 18/12/16 — FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR A - PSALTER WEEK 4**

ST GEORGE'S		ST TERESA'S		
Sat Vigil	17:30	John & Anna Morelli RIP		
Sun	08:00	People of the Parish		
Music	09:30	Terry Hart RIP		17:00 Cyril Bagley RIP
	<b>16:00</b>	<b>Christmas Carol Service</b>		

**CONFESSIONS & ROSARY—SUBJECT TO CHANGE SHOULD THERE BE NO MASS OR A REQUIEM TAKING PLACE**

**ST GEORGE'S - THURSDAY:** 12.00-12:20 CONFESSIONS

EXPOSITION & SIMPLE BENEDICTION WITH PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS DURING CONFESSIONS

**SATURDAY:** 10:00-10:30 & 17:00-17:20 CONFESSIONS

**ROSARY** 11:45AM THURSDAYS & AFTER MASS ON SATURDAY MORNINGS

**ST TERESA'S - CONFESSIONS BY REQUEST**



**TAUNTON CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
**ONE GOD, ONE FAMILY, ONE COMMUNITY**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT—GAUDETE SUNDAY**

11th December 2016 - Newsletter 862 - Psalter Week 3 - Year A - Advent Weekdays

Sunday Readings: First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-6.10; Second Reading:

Letter of St James 5:7-10 & Holy Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11



**ENTRY** *Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.*

**RESPONSE** ***Come, Lord, and save us.***

**ACCLAMATION** *Alleluia, alleluia! The spirit of the Lord has been given to me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor. Alleluia!*

**COMMUNION** *Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.*

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THE FOLLOWING & THEIR FAMILIES:**

**SICK:** Christopher Browne, Martin Connolly, Iain Polley, Carmel Allan, Sheila Sullivan, Sean Strickland, Bob Wilkinson, Mary Wallace, Julie Teague, Alf Ryan, Margaret Kilcullen, Jim Baker, Vic Smith, Doris Purkis, John St John Napier, Norman Surridge, Hazy Richardson, Peter Walker, Sr Michelle, Esther Page, Philip Fearon, Carole Marden, Michael Festing, Niall Quinlan, Michael Brett, Harvey Hewer, Riza Carol Khan & all who are sick at this time.

**DEATHS** Janet Lindsay, Ken Calloway, Deolinda Junior,

**ANNIV:** Bridie Carter, Margaret Glynn, Esme Andrews, Jean McGhee, Kathleen Cornish, Alice Brady, Mary Roderick, Mary Edwards, Eric Walsh, David Bowey, Ingolf Bakke, Mrs Collins, Ellen Myers, Agnes Robinson, Vittorio Ottavianelli, John Nacey, Philip Hartnell, Percy & Frances Hitchcock, Maria Lanfranchi, Lydia Letchford, Eileen Sloman, Marie Nesbitt, Maurice Cantwell, Thomas Dunn, Frances Barter, Stephen Collier, Anna Morelli, Keileigh Ann Dooley, Jeannie Brown, Kenneth Tricker, & all whose anniversary occurs at this time

**DIOCESAN PRAYER LINK: Dulverton St Stanislaus/Minehead Sacred Heart with Watchet**

**CONTACT US - Parish Team:**

**Parish Priest:** Canon Alan Finley; **Assistant Priest:** Fr David Savoury  
**Permanent Deacons:** Rev Trevor Jones & Rev Ed Channing  
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### CANON ALAN FINLEY WRITES:

**How is your preparation** going for Christmas? For many, an essential part of preparation in this Advent Season, is celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation, or as we often say, "going to confession." We have our Advent Penitential Service this coming Thursday in St George's at 7pm. Fr David will lead us for a few minutes before we have the opportunity to renew our sorrow for sins of deed and omission, unburden ourselves and receive the forgiveness of Christ, giving us a peace only He can give. Do please consider coming along - it doesn't matter how long since you last went to confession or what you have to say. The Lord is there to welcome us all.

**The outside lights** on the far side of the church - opposite the double garage - are now working! **Please do not park in front of the garage doors as we do need to be able to get out in the case of an emergency call!** The light inside the church by the organ, has not been working for months, but it costs hundreds of pounds to replace so we are waiting for a few more to go in order to cut down on costs!

Lottery winners please call in!

*God Bless. Fr Alan*

### EVENTS IN THE PARISH IN THE FOLLOWING WEEK

**Gifts of the Spirit" Advent Talks** in the Catholic Centre every Tuesday, 7–8.15pm until 20th December

**Advent Soup & a Roll** Thursday 15th December, after the 12:30pm Mass, in the Parish Centre.

**Parish Penitential Service** will take place at St George's Church at 7pm on Thursday 15th December

**There will be sherry & mince pies** after St George's morning Masses on 18th December & 8th January in the Parish Centre. All welcome to join us.

**Carols by Candlelight** will take place at St Georges Church at 4pm on Sunday 18th December, followed by mulled wine and mince pies in the Parish Centre.

### ST TERESA'S CHURCH NOTICES

**Eucharistic Ministers:** There will be a meeting after the 11am Mass on Sunday 11th December.

**Sunday 11th December** after 11am Mass, there will be mulled wine & mince pies served in the narthex.

**Red Boxes:** There are several emptied boxes on the windowsill in the Narthex waiting for collection. Thank you for your contributions; we will have the grand total in the near future.

**Are you a budding flower arranger/would you like to join the St Teresa's Church Flower Rota** as we are looking for volunteers? We will be preparing the flowers for Christmas at 10am on 23rd December if you would like to help; support & guidance will be given if required.

### CHRISTMAS EVE—VIGIL CHILDREN'S MASS OF CHRISTMAS

**This Mass** will take place in St George's Church at 5.30pm on Christmas Eve. The children are invited to dress up as Angels or Shepherds. We would also like them to bring pictures of stars they have made & decorated themselves. They will bring these up to the front of the church when they process up for the homily. The stars will be collected & displayed in the church over the Christmas period. We are looking forward to seeing you all there.



### COLLECTIONS:

St George's: Collection: £1186; St Teresa's: Collection: £241

Thank you for your generosity.

### CHURCH FLOWERS

Please put your donations for the Christmas flowers in the box at the back of church. **Would you like to join a Church Flower Rota?** FFI contact the Parish Office.



### CALLING ALL SINGERS AND INSTRUMENTALISTS!

**If you would like to** come & join in with the music for the Christmas Carol Service, 4pm Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December at St Georges Church, there will be practice on the day of the Christmas Carol Service from 3pm in St Georges Church. If you play an instrument please contact Anne-Marie Twort or the Parish Office so that we can ensure that we have the correct music ready for you.

**St Georges Music Group**—the next practice will be on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December from 7.30–9pm in St George's Church. If you sing or play an instrument do join us you will be very welcome

### JESSE TREE

All gifts should be returned today, the **Third Sunday of Advent, 11th December** & left at the Lady Altar so they may be distributed prior to Christmas. Many thanks for all the gifts received to date. **As usual St Teresa's** has their box available for donations to Connect 2 Brazil instead of giving Christmas cards.



### SUPPORT FOR MENTAL HEALTH CARE

**For the past seven years** Deacon Trevor has supported the ecumenical chaplaincy for the Somerset Community NHS Trust, which cares for patients with mental health issues. His main area of support is for those people who are cared for in the acute and secure unit in Taunton. Occupational health is an important part of support for patients to aid their recovery, but, the NHS budget for 'materials' is very small. **So, the appeal** is for things like 'Scrabble' sets, any board games, sewing sets, guitars, bibles and particularly at this time of the year, gifts received by people who may not need them, e.g. 'toiletries'. Thank you.

### CHRISTMAS MASSES IN THE TAUNTON PARISH

#### ST GEORGE'S CHURCH

##### Christmas Eve

Vigil Mass of Christmas with  
Children's Liturgy & Crib Service – 5.30pm

Midnight Mass - 11.30pm

##### Christmas Day

Mass - 8.00am  
9.30am

#### ST TERESA'S CHURCH

##### Christmas Eve

First Mass of Christmas - 9:00pm

##### Christmas Day

Mass - 11.00am  
No 5:00pm Mass