



MASS TIMES
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
& ADVENT WEEKDAYS



TAUNTON CATHOLIC CHURCH
ONE GOD, ONE FAMILY, ONE COMMUNITY

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

4th December 2016 - Newsletter 862 - Psalter Week 2 - Year A - Advent Weekdays
Sunday Readings: First Reading: Isaiah 11: 1-10; Second Reading: St Paul to the Romans 15:4-9 & Holy Gospel: Matthew 3:1-2



ST GEORGE'S		ST TERESA'S		
Sat Vigil	17:30	Majella Walsh RIP		
Sun 4th	08:00	Hannah Carey RIP	Sun Music	11:00 Group
Music	09:30	Mary Louise d'Andrade RIP		17:00
Mon 5th	09:30	Intention of Christopher Jarrett—21st Birthday		
Tues 6th	09:30	Deceased Members of the Walker & McPhillips Families		
	19:00	Advent Talk in the Catholic Centre		
Wed 7th	09:30	St Ambrose Deacon Laurence Moss RIP		
Thurs 8th	11:30 12:30	Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Rosary Intention of Sr Michelle		
Friday 9th	09:30	Peace, Pro-life Work & In Thanksgiving	Fri	10:00
Sat 10th	09:15 09:30 10:00	Morning Prayer Ruby Goward Rosary		

NEXT SUNDAY 11/12/16 — THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR A - PSALTER WEEK 3

ST GEORGE'S		ST TERESA'S		
Sat Vigil	17:30	Deceased Members of the Conlon & Geraghty Families		
Sun	08:00	Ruby Goward	Sun	11:00
Choir	09:30	Brenda Kirton RIP & Theobald Barnes RIP		17:00

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

ENTRY

O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

RESPONSE

In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails.

ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. And all mankind shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

COMMUNION

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

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, Kristina Manalo, Sr Michelle, Esther Page, Philip Fearon, Carole Marden, Michael Festing, Niall Quinlan, Michael Brett, Harvey Hewer & all who are sick at this time.

DEATHS

Eric Hill, Alan Thistlethwaite,

ANNIV:

Josephine Armitage, Jenny Richards, Violet Larkin, Lucy Whitfield, Simon Sloan, Stella Moir, Nora Carey, Jim Elson, Molly Kinsella, George Crossman, John Mason, Lilian Dredge, Michael Hewco, Annie Cann, Michael Glynn, Sylvia O'Sullivan, Larry Tall, Ella Morris, Robert Smith, Catherine Williams, Margaret Hussey, Alice Matthews, Pat Grigg, & all whose anniversary occurs at this time

DIOCESAN PRAYER LINK: Downside The Abbey Church with St Benedict

CONTACT US - Parish Team:

Parish Priest: Canon Alan Finley;

Assistant Priest: Fr David Savoury

Permanent Deacons: Rev Trevor Jones & Rev Ed Channing

Retired Priests: Fr Peter Hawkins, Fr Michael Lewis, Fr Bernard Shackleton, Fr Peter Marden & Fr David Boundy

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CANON ALAN FINLEY WRITES:

May I say thank you very much indeed for the many kind, appreciative and supporting comments and remarks made by parishioners last weekend, for the cards received following my announcement that I would be leaving Taunton at the end of January and, after some time off, learning to be a curate again! Bishop Declan will name my successor after Christmas.

As I type this it is definitely hot soup weather. Do remember we have Advent Soup Lunches after the 12.30pm Mass each Thursday in Advent, in the Catholic Centre at St George's, which raises funds for SVP charities.

The Funeral Service for Eric Hill will be at Taunton Crematorium on Friday 9th December at 2.30pm.

Alan Thistlethwaite died peacefully this week; he did much for our parish in the electrical field. We offer Margaret, who helps in the bookshop, and her family our prayers and sympathy; may he rest in peace.

God Bless. Fr Alan

THE OLD SCHOOL RE-DEVELOPMENT PROGRESS

Since the last update to you in early October, our building contractor George Bros. have repaired the outside brick walls, built the new internal walls & removed the old plaster & ceilings. New steel frames were lifted up to the roof on 14th November & remaking of the roof of the Old School, which will become two houses, is now in hand. The foundations for the new house alongside will start once the scaffolding around the Old School is removed.

The new house will make a big difference to the parish income from the whole project for the long term. New donations have increased the project fund such that we can progress the house further than we thought. We would like to add to this fund, to ensure that the new house will be ready for use at the same time as the Old School houses, so new donations will be greatly appreciated.

EVENTS IN THE PARISH IN THE FOLLOWING WEEK

The nearly new paperback bookstall - We are always glad to receive good quality books to sell, please bring them in at any time. The next stall will be held *Sunday 4th December*.

Gifts of the Spirit" Advent Talks in the Catholic Centre every Tuesday, 7–8.15pm until 20th December
Advent Soup & a Roll Thursday 8th December, after the 12:30pm Mass, in the Parish Centre.

ST TERESA'S CHURCH NOTICES

Eucharistic Ministers: There will be a short meeting after the 11am Mass on Sunday 11th December for instruction & discussion. Could Ministers please bring the dates they are not available for January — April 2017. Many thanks.

After 11am Mass, Sunday 11th December there will be mulled wine & mince pies served in the narthex; donations of either would be appreciated, please see Deacon Ed Channing.

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.

COLLECTIONS:

St George's: Collection: £1175; St Teresa's: Collection: £297

Thank you for your generosity.

There will be a retiring collection this weekend for the Poor of the Diocese.

November 200 Club Draw Winners: £47: M Twomey; *£28:* J Hulme & *£18:* G Allen

CHURCH FLOWERS

Church Flowers - Please put your donations for the Christmas flowers in the box at the back of church. *Are you a budding flower arranger/would you like to join a Church Flower Rota?* FFI contact the Parish Office asap



MISCELLANEOUS

Bookshop: 2017 diaries, Advent calendars, Christmas cards and gifts available; please support your church & pay us a visit. Opening times: every Sunday, 8.30am-11.30am

The St George's & St Teresa's free Year Book is available at the back of both churches.

JESSE TREE

Jesse Trees have been placed in both churches. Gifts this year will be: at St George's for the *Open Door* & at St Teresa's for the *Taunton Association for the Homeless*. Parishioners are encouraged to take a label from the Jesse Tree & bring back a gift related to the tag remembering to tick the relevant box. Gifts to be returned by the *Third Sunday of Advent, (11th December)* & left at the Lady Altars be distributed prior to Christmas. *As usual St Teresa's* has a box available for donations to *Connect 2 Brazil* instead of giving Christmas cards.



ST GEORGE'S MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION & READERS ROTAS

The Readers & Eucharistic Ministers rotas for January, February & March are being prepared.

Please would Readers & Eucharistic Ministers let Anthony Brown have unavailable dates by Monday 5th December Tel 01823 480441; Email: alison-anthony@battensfarm.fsnet.co.uk

CALLING ALL SINGERS AND INSTRUMENTALISTS!

If you would like to come & join in with the music for the Christmas Carol Service, 4pm Sunday 18th December at St Georges Church, there will be practice on Friday 9th December 7.30 - 9pm & also 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. Do come along you will be very welcome.



PARISH & DIOCESAN DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Advent Day of Recollection at St Rita's, Honiton on Saturday 10th December, 10:30—4pm. Cost £25 to include lunch. FFI tel: 01404 42635 or visit: stritas@btinternet.com

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.