



**MASS TIMES**  
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
& Advent Weekdays



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

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

*27th November 2016 - Newsletter 861 - Psalter Week 1 - Year A - Advent Weekdays*  
*Sunday Readings: First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5; Second Reading: St Paul to the Romans 13:11-14 & Holy Gospel: Matthew 24:37 - 44*



ST GEORGE'S		ST TERESA'S		
Sat Vigil	17:30	Majella Walsh RIP		
Sun 27th	08:00	John Fiddaman RIP	Sun Music	11:00 Group Holy Souls
Choir	09:30	Veronica Twort RIP & Fr Frank Twort RIP		17:00 People of the Parish
Mon 28th	09:30 <b>17:45</b>	Holy Souls <b>Catenian Mass</b>		
Tues 29th	09:30 <b>19:00</b>	SVP Mass for the recently deceased <b>Advent Talk in the Catholic Centre</b>		
Wed 30th	09:30	St Andrew Patron of Scotland Holy Souls		
Thurs 1st Dec	<b>11:30</b> 12:30	St Alexander Briant <b>Rosary</b> Jim Davey RIP		
Friday 2nd	09:30	St Osmund Margaret McCaffery RIP	Fri	<b>10:00</b> Deceased members of the Hill family
Sat 3rd	<b>09:15</b> 09:30 <b>10:00</b>	St Francis Xavier <b>Morning Prayer</b> John Grantham RIP <b>Rosary</b>		

**NEXT SUNDAY 04/12/16 — SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR A - PSALTER WEEK 2**

ST GEORGE'S		ST TERESA'S		
Sat Vigil	17:30	Majella Walsh		
Sun	08:00	Hannah Carey RIP	Sun	11:00 Int of Josie Berry
Music	09:30	Mary Louise d'Andrade RIP		17:00 People of the Parish

**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**

*To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.*

**RESPONSE**

*I rejoiced when I heard them say: "Let us go to God's house."*

**ACCLAMATION**

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

**COMMUNION**

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

**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, Eric Hill & all who are sick at this time.

**DEATHS**

Peter Corcoran, Carlos Santos, Delinda Junior, David Velasco.

**ANNIV:**

Edward Wilson, Mrs Wilson, Margita Jakes, John Grimoldby, Gordon Phelan, Ronald Cunningham, Mr Rooker, Maurice Clasby, Olga Audsley, Kathlyn Thomas, Angela Pacey, Henry Davey, Sara Frounks, Pam Richards, Kathleen Wright, Owen Piper, Phyllis Hill, Terence O'Rourke, Jerzy Komarnicki, Sheila Pietraz, Jean Cope, Norman Austin Spear, Irene Sheerin, Michele Del Grosso, & all whose anniversary occurs at this time

**DIOCESAN PRAYER LINK: Devizes** Immaculate Conception with **Lavington**

**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

**Parish Safeguarding Representative:** Rev Trevor Jones

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### CANON ALAN FINLEY WRITES:

**Can't believe it is Advent again!** A parishioner said this during the week but unfortunately many Christians seem to by-pass Advent! Advent means, to travel, to journey towards or to approach. So we have four weeks in which to prepare ourselves spiritually (as well as extra sprouts, doing cards and so forth!) for the time when we celebrate the birth of Our Saviour. The opening prayer of Mass says; "*that Christ may find an eager welcome at his coming.*" At this week's Parish Pastoral Council meeting we discussed the "*welcoming*" of people into church. If you see someone who seems to be a visitor or new to the parish, please invite them for refreshments after 8am or 9.30am Masses and when we will have them after the 11am at St Teresa's. I am pleased we have had good numbers for the series of "Gifts of the Spirit" videos and discussions on Tuesday evenings. Everyone in the parish is welcome to attend. Thanks to Deacons Trevor and Ed who are preaching at all Masses this week-end and of course to our retired priests who supply for us when needed; Frs Peter Hawkins, Bernard Shackleton, Peter Marden, Michael Lewis and David Boundy. I remind engaged couples that at least six months notice of marriage should be given so that preparation can be carried out in time. Better try and do what I say, so - welcome to any visitors this week-end in our Taunton parishes, and to all of you of course!

*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  
**St Teresa's: After 11am Mass, Sunday 27th November** there will be tea/coffee served in the narthex  
**From Darkness to Light** A service of music & readings for Advent Sunday, starting by candlelight, will be held on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November, 7.30pm in St Mary Magdalene Church, Taunton. The hope is to bring in many people from all around to enjoy the advent atmosphere & hear moving music & readings to prepare for the Christmas season; refreshments afterwards. Please come & join us.  
**Advent Soup & a Roll** will start Thursday 1st December, after the 1pm Mass, in the Parish Centre.  
**St George's R C School Christmas Bazaar** is being held on Friday 2nd December, 2:30pm  
**The nearly new paperback bookstall** - We are always glad to received good quality books to sell, please bring them in at any time. The next stall will be held *Sunday 4th December*.

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

### WORLD GIFTS FROM CCS/CARDS FOR GOOD CAUSES

**Clifton Children's Society** Christmas card catalogues are available at the back of the church.  
**Multi Charity Christmas Cards** are available from The Tourist Information Centre of Taunton Library.  
**CAFOD** World Gift Christmas catalogues are available in the church or visit their website.

### COLLECTIONS:

**St George's:** Collection: £1,043:65; **St Teresa's:** Collection: £226:06. Second Coll. £98:65p

**Thank you for your generosity.**

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

### NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING—FLAME

**Young people** aged 14+ are invited to attend Flame, the largest gathering of Catholic Young people in the UK. Flame takes place on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2017 in Wembley Arena. To book your place as an individual or as a parish group or FFI visit: [cliftondiocese.com/flame](http://cliftondiocese.com/flame)

### 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

### CALLING ALL SINGERS AND INSTRUMENTALISTS!

If you would like to come and 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 Friday 9<sup>th</sup> 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 let Anne-Marie Twort know or contact 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.

### 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 5<sup>th</sup> December Tel 01823 480441. Email: [alison-anthony@battensfarm.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:alison-anthony@battensfarm.fsnet.co.uk)

### ST GEORGE APF MISSIO RED BOX HOLDERS

**If you have a 'Red Box'** which has **not been emptied recently**, please can you leave it in the Sacristy (FAO Phil' Jones). Thank you.

### 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.



### 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 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. FFI contact the Parish Office.

