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**LITURGY**

**First reading:** Jeremiah 33:14-16

**Response to the Psalm:** To you O Lord, I lift up my soul.

**Second reading:** 1Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Luke 21:25-28. 34-36



**Dear Parishioners**

How would we live this Advent if we knew it was going to be our last? We would certainly focus our life on what we think matters. What mattered to Jeremiah was to make all virtue, especially integrity and justice, the centrepiece of people's relationship with God and others. Paul's focus was to pray for an increase in love, to fully express our emotions in telling others how much they mean to us and how much we love them, Jesus adds to all this to beware, be vigilant, and pray. Now is the time to prepare: to watch and wait for Jesus. We meet Jesus not only historically at Christmas, or at our death, or at the end of the world. We meet him every day of our lives; through all the graces of our friendships and the opportunities he gives us.

Let our preparation this Christmas be a test. Are we willing to forget what we've done for other people, and to remember what other people have done for us; to ignore what the world owes us and to think of what we owe the world; to put our rights in the background, our duties in the middle distance, and our chances to do a little more than our duty in the foreground; to look behind the faces of our fellow human beings to their hearts, hungry for joy; to admit that probably the only good reason for our existence is not what we're going to get out of life, but what we're going to give to life; to close our book of complaints against the management of the universe and look around for a place where we can sow a few seeds of happiness? Are we willing to do these things even for a day? If so, we're ready to keep Christmas. If not, let's do something about it, starting with this Advent period of waiting.

**God Bless, Fr. Benedict OSB**

# St Mary's Roman Catholic Church

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**Parish Priest: Fr. Benedict Thompson O.S.B**

**Rev. Deacon Peter Griffiths**



**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent(C)**

**Week commencing Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

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### Masses

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|----------------------------|-----|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Sat 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov.  | 5pm | <b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent<br/>Year C</b> | Patricia Levens         |
| Sun 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov   |     | <b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent<br/>Year C</b> | People of the Parish    |
| Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov.  |     |                                                 |                         |
| Tues 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov. |     | <b>St. Andrew (F)</b>                           | Tony Lyons RIP          |
| Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec.   |     |                                                 | James Goodison RIP      |
| Thur 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec.  |     |                                                 | Dorothy Goodison<br>RIP |
| Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec.   |     | St. Francis Xavier<br>(m)                       | Anthony Kilburn RIP     |
| Sat 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec.   | 5pm | <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent<br/>Year C</b> | Tony Lyons RIP          |
| Sun 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec.   |     | <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent<br/>Year C</b> | People of the Parish    |

**Mass is celebrated privately daily.**

**If you would like a mass offered for a particular intention, please email the parish or put a note through the door of the presbytery.**

#### **Those Who Have Asked for Prayers:**

Derek Sollis, , Georgette Cowell, Dolores Flynn, Fred Chadfield. Mary Cross, Alan Clatworthy, Anthony Woodhouse, Chanel Mullings, Clive Rickhards

#### **Those who have recently died: ,**

Richard Flynn, Denis Charlton, Mary Gardner, Charles Maries, Sheila Hall, Donald Newell, Helen Meaney Bridget Clarke, Sylvia Flanagan, Robert McCarthy, Pamela Young, Norah O'Neill-Thomas, Susanna Westmeath, Nell Bridge. Doleen Evans, Jean Monica Tucker, Fr. John Fallon, Judy Husband Graham Janes, Elizabeth Watton, Maurice Andrews, Max Stoddart. Tony Lyons.

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### **PRAYER FOR A SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

My Jesus, I believe that You are present  
in this Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love You above all things  
and I passionately desire



to receive You into my soul.  
Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally,  
come spiritually into my soul  
so that I may unite myself wholly to You  
now and forever. Amen  
*Based on a prayer of St Alphonsus Liguori*

### **INFORMATION**

#### **Prayers for the Sick**

If you wish to have someone added or removed to/from the prayer list please let Father know and keep him informed as the list will be updated every three months. Thank you

#### **Parish Email Address**

Please note that the parish email address has changed with immediate effect and is now: **stmary.studley@rcaob.org.uk**