

this the New Year! 1st Sunday of Advent, Hope - Year C. 2nd December 2018

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HAPPY NEW YEAR to All our Parishioners & Visitors & Friends

When Advent first took shape some 1500 years ago, it brought the church's year to a close. Five centuries later it was understood to get it started. Nowadays, Advent puts beginnings and ends into conversation together. Playfully, the beginning (the dawn of salvation in Jesus' birth) comes at the end, while the end (Christ's return in glory) comes at the start. But the two are inseparable. They are held together in fruitful tension by the grace of the present moment. The prophet Isaiah and the apostle Paul speak with one voice: now is the acceptable time, now is the day of salvation (2 Cor 6:2). Now, always. That's Advent. **"Jesus is the Reason for the Season"**.

In St. Joseph's Parish Church you will notice this month some different aspects to the decoration of the Church – colour and symbols being two of them.

Advent Wreath Candles: The Advent wreath is a circular garland of evergreen branches representing eternity. On that wreath, five candles are typically arranged. During the season of Advent one candle on the wreath is lit each Sunday. Each candle represents an aspect of the spiritual preparation for the coming of the Lord, Jesus Christ.

On the **first Sunday of Advent**, the first purple candle is lit. This candle represents hope or expectation in anticipation of the coming Messiah. Each weekend, an additional candle is lit.

On the **second Sunday of Advent**, the second purple candle is lit. This candle typically represents love.

On the **third weekend of Advent** the pink, or rose-colored candle is lit. This pink candle is customarily called the "Shepherds Candle" and it represents joy.

The fourth and last purple candle, represents peace and is lit on the **fourth weekend of Advent**.

On Christmas Eve, the white centre candle is traditionally lit. This candle is called the "Christ Candle" and represents the life of Christ who has come into the world.

Announcements

- **From St. Augustine's:** There is no 10am Mass this week. 9am Sunday Mass as usual.
- **SVP:** 4pm on Monday 3rd December in the Presbytery. We need you. Please do come and see what we are about!
- **SVP Christmas Carols & Mince Pies!** 9th of December 2018 at 3pm-5pm in St. Joseph's Community Centre. Please come and sing a carol and enjoy the company and festive spirits.
- **Knights of St. Columba:** There is a KSC meeting on Tuesday, 4th December 7pm here in the Presbytery. Please do come and join us.
- **Calendars!** We are asking that if you are wanting to book the Centre for your group, or use the church, please phone or email that office: office@stjosephsrcc.org.uk. We want to ensure that there is no conflict with events already.
- If you have **any notices** to go in the newsletter, website, our Facebook page, Twitter or the noticeboards in the church or the community centre, please email: notices@stjosephsrcc.org.uk.
- **Collection** for the 25th November: £818.74. Thank you very much.

Quiz night is back! After the last quiz night there will be another quiz night: **CHRISTMAS QUIZ NIGHT! Friday, 7th December at 6pm.** £2/person and 3-6 to a team. Don't worry if you don't have a team, there is room for everyone to be on a team! BYOB. There will be hot drinks & light bites. Please bring something to share: mince pies, sausage rolls... Sign up sheet on the notice board in the church front porch. Coffee & Tea will be available.

Repository

There are beautiful Christmas cards and gifts now available in the repository. Please do come and see what all we have!



Little Lights Parent and Toddler Group is Tuesday, 4th December 9.30am in the Parish Community Centre. We are looking forward to seeing you there!



Bright Lights Youth Group and Faith In Action is Friday, 14th December. Bright Lights start at 6.30pm - 8pm and Faith In Action is 8pm-9pm. We look forward to seeing you there!

Advent: "Walk With Me" Daily Prayer Books are available at the back of church for £1. Also there are **"Advent Day by Day"** books for Infants and Juniors that do not attend St. Joseph's School. Please do pick one up!

2nd Collection Dates for December 2018.

There will be a second collection today, 2nd December for Maintenance and Development.

RED WEDNESDAY IN ST JOSEPH'S

Like St. Joseph's Colwyn Bay, landmarks in countries around the world were bathed in red light this month to highlight the persecution of faith groups for their 'peacefully held beliefs'

This idea of illuminating iconic buildings in red, was initiated by Aid to the Church in Need as a public symbol of protest against religious discrimination. **RED WEDNESDAY** is now established in many places. ACN (a Pontifical foundation) explains "Red is the Christian colour of Martyrdom and RED WEDNESDAY shines a light on Christian Persecution but also highlights the injustices perpetrated against other faith groups".

The Children's Liturgy is led by adults on a rota. We need more adults. If you would like to be on the rota or learn more about this ministry and how you can help, please contact the parish office at: office@stjosephsrcc.org.uk We welcome your help. Please remember that, in accordance with the Bishop's guidelines:

Children's Liturgy sessions are for children aged 3-7 years who have not yet made their First Holy Communion.

Masses at St. Joseph's This Week: 3- 7 December!

On Monday, 3rd there is Liturgy of the Word & Communion. Tuesday the 4th and Wednesday the 5th there is 12noon Mass. Thursday the 6th is 9.30am Mass for the school Mass. Friday, 7th is 12noon Mass.

Prego Dates

There is **no** Prego for the month of December. Prego resumes: 9th of January 2019. Merry Christmas to all!

On **Wednesday, 5 December there is the Deep Clean of the Church** to prepare for Christmas. Please do come and help. We will commence at 2pm inside the church. All welcome!

