2nd Sunday of Advent - Love & Peace, Year C. 9th December 2018

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Remember - Jesus is the Reason for the Season

The second Sunday of Advent - today the second purple candle is lit.

This candle represents love and peace.

Christmas Prayer Tree

You may have noticed the Christmas Prayer Tree located at the back of the church. Please do come and make a prayer for someone this Christmas. Choose a Prayer Tag for yourself or someone else. Write who the prayer is for (if you would like) or what it is for & read the prayer quietly to yourself. Hang the prayer on the tree.

Bambinelli Sunday

Bring your Baby Jesus figure (Bambinelli) from your crib for blessing at Mass on December 15th or December 16th 2018. For the past several decades, each year on Gaudete Sunday, third Sunday in Advent, children (and adults) take their Baby Jesus figures from the crib at their homes to St. Peters Square where the Pope will bless both the people and the figurines during the Angelus.

This year we will celebrate Bambinelli Sunday at both our Evening and Morning Masses on Sunday December 15th at 6pm & the 16th at 11am. All are invited to bring the baby Jesus figure (Bambinelli) from their crib at home to Mass to be blessed.

A suggestion is, following the blessing, take your 'bambinelli' home and place it in a gift box, wrap it and save it for Christmas. Let this be the first gift your family opens on Christmas morning when you can then place Baby Jesus in your crib.

Children's Vigil Nativity Mass

The children's nativity Mass is 5pm on Christmas Eve. If you would like your child to take an active part in this Vigil Mass please email: office@stjosephsrcc.org.uk or let Tammy Qualters (Children's Liturgy Ministry) know. Rehearsal is on Christmas Eve 9-10.30am.

Announcements

- From St. Augustine's: There is no 10am Mass this week at St. Augustine's. 9am Sunday Mass as usual.
- SVP: 4pm on Tuesday 18th
 December in the Presbytery. We
 need you. Please do come and see
 what we are about!
- SVP Christmas Carols & Mince
 Pies! TODAY: at 3pm-5pm in St.
 Joseph's Community Centre.
 Please come and sing carols and
 enjoy the company and festive
 spirits.
- Knights of St. Columba: meeting on Tuesday, 8th January: 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 2nd December: £1063.27. The flower collection was £206.90. Our second collection for maintenance and development was: £219.65. Thank you very much for your support.



Little Lights Parent and Toddler Group is

Tuesday, 11th December 9.30am in the Parish Community Centre.



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

Please pick up a leaflet at the back of the church for ALL the wonderful information for Advent & Christmas in our Parish with the Churches, School and Community!

You are invited to a day on 'Spirituality and Dementia - A Gospel Message of Hope'

At St. Augustine's Priory, House of Prayer, Cliff Rd, Old Colwyn LL29 9RW led by Sister Siobhan O'Keeffe SSHJM. In response to this social and pastoral issue, Siobhan offers Spirituality and Dementia Care training to religious communities, parishes and organisations. She is a registered General Nurse. She holds a M.A. in Applied Theology, Justice, Peace and Mission Studies and a Diploma in Person Centred Dementia Care. She has worked in Community Outreach Dementia Support Services and in Nursing Home Management. This wonderful opportunity is on Saturday, 19th January 2019 10am-4pm. Please bring a packed lunch. Tea/coffee will be provided. Entrance by donation. To book a place: Phone 01492 514223 or Email: equiries@houseofprayer.org.uk

<u>Prego</u>

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

Christmas to all!

There is a Knights of St. Columba Investiture this Saturday, 8th December at the end of the 6pm Mass.

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.

St Augustine's Old Colwyn is holding its informal Carol evening on **Tuesday**, **18th December 2018 at 7:00pm.** Do come along for a lovely evening of Carols, readings and some of our favourite Christmas poems in a warm, relaxed and welcoming atmosphere. Tea and coffee is available but perhaps you could bring some Christmas goodies to share, too.

2nd and 3rd Weeks of Advent - Dates to remember!

Sunday, 9th December: 3pm-5pm - <u>SVP Christmas Carols and Mince Pies</u> @ St. Joseph's Community Centre. Tuesday - 18th December 7pm <u>Christmas Carols, readings and poems evening @St. Augustine's.</u> Wednesday, 19th December 6pm <u>St. Joseph's Primary School Carol Service</u> @ St. Joseph's Church. Thursday 20th December 9:30am <u>Whole School Mass</u> @ St. Joseph's Church. Thursday, 20th December 7pm <u>Reconciliation Service</u> @St. Joseph's Church.



