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Prepare a way for the Lord!

We prepare each day of our lives for the coming of the Lord. We are called to straighten out those things in our behaviour and attitudes that prevent us from living holy and saintly lives. The Lord promises a new heaven and new earth, where he will reign for ever. This is the source of our joy.

Readings

Sundays Year B ~ Weekdays of Advent ~ Psalms Week 2
2nd Sunday of Advent.
10th December 2017

Entrance Antiphon

*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.*

First Reading

Prepare a way for the Lord.

Isaiah 40:1-5. 9-11

Responsorial Psalm

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

Psalm 84

Second Reading

We are waiting for the new heavens and new earth.

2 Peter 3:8-14

Gospel Acclamation

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

Gospel

Make his paths straight.

Mark 1:1-8

Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday	9th December	2nd Sunday of Advent	6:00pm	Parishioners
Sunday	10th December		10.30am	Fredrick Blick
Monday	11th December	Advent Feria	9.15am	Vocations
Tuesday	12th December	Advent Feria		No Mass
Wednesday	13th December	St Lucy	7:00pm	Joan Miller R.I.P
Thursday	14th December	St John of the Cross	9.15am	Charlie Yates
Friday	15th December	Advent Feria		No Mass
Saturday	16th December	Advent Feria	10.00am	John Edmeades R.I.P
Saturday	16th December		6.00pm	David Tosh R.I.P
Sunday	17th December	3rd Sunday of Advent	10.30am	Parishioners

Morning or Evening Prayer will be said 15 minutes before all weekday Masses.
 The Prayer Group meets every 'term time' Tuesday morning at 10am in the Garden Room
 Confessions are before Mass on Wednesday 6.00-6.30 pm and Saturday at 10.30-11.00am

Sick and Housebound – Please pray for, Fr. Michael Hood, John Wright, Sery Mao, Anne Stanway, Christina Thomas, Geoffrey Croasdale, Katie Hawketts, Juana Pagaoa, Peter Brown, Michael Coster, Marlene Coster, Regina Mukontiene, Peter Derricourt, Mark Taylor, Eila Barnett, Teresa Barron, Michele Bendall, Anthony Potter, Sybil Chamberlin, Joan De Manby, Veronika Cook, Alice King, Robert Pitts, Oliver Rogers, Ella-Grace Honeyman, Darren Platts, Vivienne Mallet, Claire Edmeades, Richard O'Brien, Jose Monzon, Nancy Daley, Marguerite Ross, Ken Jenkin, Darren Grey, Susan Redford, Penny Bartlett, Banny Kibblewhite, Lory Brooks, Helen Freeston, Ann Bethany and Antoni Gadzicki.

Faithful Departed – please pray for Martha Hogg, Ron Shayler, Patrick O'Donnell, Bob Vines, Winifred O'Connor, Jessica Clayton, Thomas Southwood, Evelyn Petrie, Margaret Whitaker, Grace Poole, Win Richardson, Winifred Metcalfe, Joan Baker, Elena Skipper, Peter Cornish, Charlie Yates, Gertrude Carr, James Byrne, Joyce Baldwin, Joan Symes, Ellen Webster, Irene Carter, Sheila Joyce, John Kearnes, Rosemary Weatherstone, Maria Figureido de Oliveira Rodrigues and all whose anniversaries occur around this time.

The Government is about to make a critical decision on whether to overturn the admissions cap which currently prevents new Catholic schools from allowing all Catholic pupils who want a place, to attend. The Government has previously acknowledged that such a policy discriminates against Catholics and had promised to abandon it. Now we need you to tell the Government not to u-turn on their promise to Catholics.

Please visit <http://catholicnews.org.uk/education-cap> to fill in a simple form that automatically generates an email to Government expressing concern about this change. Alternatively, please search for 'Catholic Education' in your search engine to write to the Government and urge them to drop their policy which bans new Catholic schools.

School Carol Service will take place in St Walstan's church at 1.45pm on Wednesday 13th December.

Benedictine Meeting: The next meeting is on Thursday 14th December from 11.00am – 3.00pm in the Garden room.

Saturday December 16th: Tea and coffee will be available in the Garden Room after the evening Mass.

Christmas Bazaar Raffle: Thank you to everyone who helped with the raffle this year, either selling or buying tickets, or donating prizes. Well done to all the winners.

Calendars: There are a number of magazines and 2018 calendars in the porch going free. Please help yourselves.

Extra Confession Time for Advent: Fr David will be available in the confessional from 10.30am until 12 noon on Saturday 16th December.

Vocations Day: Monday December 11th will be our monthly day of prayer for vocations. Mass will be at 9.15am, followed by Exposition, ending with simple Benediction at 10.30am.

Parish Carol Service: Thursday December 21st at 7.00pm. Please come along and join in this joyful celebration.

The next cake, jam and bring and buy sale is on Sunday 10th December in the Garden room after mass.

Epiphany Candlelight Mass - Saturday 6th January 5pm*
For all young people and their families from across the diocese. Followed by hot dogs, a bonfire and fireworks. There will be a collection of presents for children who are refugees (please bring wrapped presents and indicate whether suitable for a boy or girl or either, and approximate age). Held at The White House, 21 Uppgate, Poringland, Norwich. Organised by the Diocesan Youth Service

Nativity Scene Painting Competition: for children of primary school age. See poster in porch or Garden Room for more details.

Collections:	2 nd /3 rd December	£802.84
	Christmas Flowers	£187.00
	Bazaar	£1897.37
		Many thanks

To raise funds for our twin parish there will be 'A find the square' competition. Each square costs £1 and one lucky winner will receive the Tealight holder house. The proceeds will go to Taken to contribute to the building of houses there.

Don't Dine Alone – The team here, led by General Manager Sonia Sales, is extending a friendly arm and offering a hot meal and some company each Sunday until Christmas to anyone who is elderly and living alone this winter. If you would like to dine at Hethersett Hall call 01603 810478 and ask for Sonia Sales or Sue Trowse to book your place quoting the "Don't Dine Alone" offer.

MEDJUGORJE IRISH CENTRE PILGRIMAGES 2018: 7 nights B&B and Airport Shuttle service from €279 per person. Book any flight - any time and we provide guaranteed airport shuttle service. Call us for further info and book the dates that suit you.
Tel. 01 4434510 or email reservations@med-irishcentre.com.

'If anyone is interested in supporting prisoners or ex-offenders through prayer, fundraising or volunteering in various ways please contact Ursula at the prison chaplaincy for further information: Ursula.edwards@hmpr.gsi.gov.uk '

Christmas Card Board: One of the boards in the porch will be cleared by December 9th so that you can put a Christmas card to the whole parish on it if you wish. Please do not leave cards for individuals in the porch as we are usually still trying to clear them come Lent!

CHRISTMAS READERS & MINISTERS: the list of Readers & Ministers for Masses over the Christmas period is now up in the porch so you can check at which you will be needed. If you are not able to attend for any reason, please ensure that you arrange for another Reader or Minister to replace you & amend the list.

CHURCH CLEANERS - FIVE cleaners are required to replace those on the rota who have retired through age or other reasons. You will only be required to clean the Church approx. once every three months. The new rota will commence in January 2018. If you are able to help or require further information, please contact me Dorothy Rose, Tel no. 746943.

School Masses – Friday 9.15am in St Augustine's school hall
19th December

All items for the newsletter may be left at the presbytery (marked clearly "for newsletter" along with the date, and your name), or email newsletter@stwalstans.com. For all forms of communication, please provide a telephone number on which you can be contacted. The deadline for items to be included in the newsletter is Wednesday 6pm.