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Mary, you have won God's favour.

The Lord is always faithful to his promises. From before the time of David right up to the birth of Jesus there is no doubt that the Lord is with his people. That which has been hidden for endless ages is revealed in Jesus Christ, the son of the Virgin Mary.

Readings

Sundays Year B ~ Weekdays of Advent ~ Psalms Week 4

4th Sunday of Advent.

24th December 2017

Entrance Antiphon

*Drop down dew from above, you heavens,
 and let the clouds rain down the Just One;
 Let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.*

First Reading

The kingdom of David will always stand secure before the Lord.

2 Samuel 7:1-5. 8-12. 14-16

Responsorial Psalm

I will sing forever of your love, O Lord.

Psalm 88

Second Reading

The mystery, which was kept secret for endless ages, is now made clear.

Romans 16:26-38

Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, alleluia!
 I am the handmaid of the Lord:
 Let what you have said be done to me.
 Alleluia!*

Gospel

Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son.

Luke 1:26-38

Mass Times and Intentions

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| Saturday | 23rd December | 4th Sunday of Advent | 6:00pm | Parishioners |
| Sunday | 24th December | | 10.30am | Gerald, Aart & Susanne |
| Monday | 25th December | The Nativity of The Lord | Midnight | Margaret Buck |
| Tuesday | 26th December | S Stephen | 10:30am | Parishioners |
| Wednesday | 27th December | S John | 10:00am | Altar Servers |
| Thursday | 28th December | Holy innocents | | No Mass |
| Friday | 29th December | S Thomas Becket | 9.15am | Joan Miller R.I.P. |
| Saturday | 30th December | Christmas Octave | | No Mass |
| Saturday | 30th December | | 10.00am | Beatrice Robinson |
| Sunday | 31st December | The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph | 6.00pm | Parishioners |
| | | | 10.30am | Jim Sheen R.I.P. |

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 Therese Anne Finnie, 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 Laura Juby, lately dead, Grace Segold, Neville Ternap, Frank Symes, Pauline Dent, Angel Staddon, Vivienne McDonnell, Brian Duffield, Rose Carrara, Magdeline Lyons, May Luggington, William Sharpe, Linda Devey, Paul Slee-Smith, Monica Bozza, Jim Sheen, Frederick Cook, Maureen Stephenson, and all whose anniversaries occur around this time.

St Stephen's Day (December 26th): St Stephen is the patron saint of altar servers so there will be Mass for our servers at 10.00am on that day. Please come along to show your appreciation of the great work they do.

Wednesday December 27th: There will be no Confessions, Evening Prayer or Mass on this day.

Diocesan Year Book (which includes the 2018 liturgical calendar) now on sale in the porch, £3.

Tea/Coffee Rotas for Saturday evenings (monthly) and Sunday mornings (weekly) are on the board in the porch. Please sign up to help on any date/s you can. Thank you.

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 indicating whether suitable for a boy or a girl, and approximate age). Held at The White House, 21 Uppgate, Poringland, Norwich. Organised by the Diocesan Youth Service.

The Marriage Tribunal is available to try to help people who may need to “regularise” or simply talk through their marital situations, following a marriage breakdown or divorce. The Tribunal can be contacted, in confidence, direct by telephone 01508 495168, bt email to tribunal@rcdea.org.uk or through the website at www.rcdea.org.uk/marriage-tribunal/.

Thank you to everyone who bought cards to send to Taken. I sent 48 cards from the parish along with hand made cards from the children in St Augustine's school. Thanks to an anonymous donation towards postage, I was also able to hand on £68.16 towards funds for Taken. Their appreciation for this gesture far exceeds the effort, they value the cards all year round. Thank you again Hilda Kaye

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.

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| Collections: | 16 th /17 th December | £760.08 |
| | Dependant Priests | £265.00 |
| | | Many thanks |

The Cake, Jam and Bring & Buy stall as well as the Quiz & Chips evening and Harvest Supper raised a total of £1467.68. It will be divided between our charities, WaterAid and OPEN.

The UCM would like to thank everyone for their support over the year. Our charities next year will be Shelter and Mary's Meals.

A huge THANKYOU to everyone who took part in the lucky square Game. All 100 squares were sold and £101.40p made to send to our twin parish in Cambodia. The lucky square was number 56 and the tea light holder (with tea light) won by Father David. Thank you again

We have received £87.61 for the recycled newspapers/magazines. The money will be donated to West One Hairdressers for their Defibrillator for Costessey fund. Thank you

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@hmps.gsi.gov.uk '.

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.