

Saint Joseph's Catholic Church

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 With Saint Nicholas, Winchcombe, GL54 5HX and St Michael, Bishops Cleeve, GL52 8BA

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT [YEAR C]

[Psalter 2 & Proper of the Season]

- Sunday 9th **St Joseph's** Mass 9.00am *[Robert Hill]*
 St Nicholas' 11.00am
- Monday 10th **Weekday of Advent** - No Mass
- Tuesday 11th **Weekday of Advent**
 St Michael's Rosary 9.10am
- Wednesday 12th **Weekday of Advent**
 St Joseph's Morning Prayer 9.10am
 Word and Communion 9.30am
- Thursday 13th **MEMORIAL OF ST LUCY**
 St Michael's Morning Prayer 9.10am

PARISH CHRISTMAS LUNCH WILLY'S CARE 12.30pm

- Friday 14th **Memorial of St John of the Cross**
 St Nicholas' Exposition 9.30am
 Morning Prayer 10.00am
 St Joseph's Rosary and Morning
 Prayer 9.30am
- Saturday 15th **Weekday of Advent**
 St Joseph's Morning Prayer 9.10am
 With Word and Communion at 9.30am
 followed by Exposition
 Confession after 5.30pm Mass B. Cleeve

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT [YEAR C]

- Saturday 15th **St Michael's** 5.30pm
- Sunday 16th **St Joseph's** 9.00am
 [Elizabeth Wright RIP]
 St Nicholas' Mass 11.00am



The Word - Second Sunday in Advent

[Baruch 5: 1-9] When we sin we build up mountains of separation between ourselves.

[Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11] Prayer is a sort of movement out into the world, filling it with joy.

[Luke 3: 1-6] From the empty spaces of the desert, a voice is heard through all the world. John the Baptist still speaks to us.

Diocesan Prayer Link: Bristol Lawrence Weston
Our Lady of the Rosary Shirehampton **St Bernard**

OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR

RECENTLY DECEASED: John (Jack) Galbally

ANNIVERSARIES John Clark, John Cole, Reginald Finnegan, Robert Hill, Don McCaffer, Michael Nelson, Juila Noone, James O'Brien, Franciszek Dziarnarski, John Cole, Vera Croucher, Colette Joy, Will O'Mahoney, Harold Phelps, Manuel Rallos

THE SICK: Betty McCarthy, Dermot McHugh, Breda and William Vince, Maria Roberts, Aezandra Francis, Beth White, Mary O'Neill, Sister Anne Benyon, Ewan Taylor, Erica Kavanagh and Simon Gegg

OUR RECENT COLLECTIONS

2nd December Loose £87.38 GAD Envelope £40.00
 Thank You



NOTICES FOR THE WEEK

POOR MISSIONS OF THE DIOCESE Last week's collection raised £58.94. Thanks to all who contributed.

RAFFLE DRAW & SALE OF TABLE DECORATIONS The draw will take place with mince pies and coffee NEXT SUNDAY 16th December after our morning Mass. Please speak to Angela today if you have any special requests re colours etc.

PARISH CHRISTMAS LUNCH This is rapidly approaching now. Please bring your Secret Santa gifts along on **Thursday 13th December** to Tilly's at 12.30pm - together with a determination to have a fun time!

SKITTLES EVENING Please sign up for the next social event in our parish SATURDAY 5th JANUARY. We are not competing with other churches on this occasion - we are letting them get over the hammering we gave them earlier this year - just the normal friendly!*?!? competition between those in own congregation. £5 per head with any profits for Refugee Support.

CHRISTMAS CONCERTS In support of Samara's Aid Appeal, there is a concert at St Andrew's Church Centre, Churchdown on Saturday 15th December. Tickets £7 available from St Andrew's Church office. Please phone 01452 712154

Also, St Peter's High School Choir have 'Carols by Candlelight' - a festive evening of music and readings at 7pm on Friday 14th December in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Stroud. Tickets £3 (£1 concessions) are available from the school Reception (01452 520294) or boxoffice@sphs.uk.com or on the door. Everyone welcome

CAFOD'S WORLD GIFTS Perfect for Christmas, you can choose a gift that will make a real difference to families in poverty. Each gift comes with a Christmas gift card. A great range, including sending a goat, building a business or helping a refugee child. See the catalogues here at our parish or the CAFOD website - <https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/>

FATHER PETER KEEPS IN TOUCH Please find on our parish website contributions from Father Peter. See homilies for the weeks in Advent on the page 'Our Liturgy at St Joseph's'

200 CLUB The lucky winners for November were: 1st prize Phyllis Calder, 2nd prize Mike McCarthy and 3rd prize Margaret Mitchell. Thanks to Frank for making the draw and Dee for making this great parish fund raiser work so well.

ADORATION OF THE EUCHARIST Inspired by Adoremus, members of the PPC wish to extend the opportunity for adoration of the Sacrament in our parish. Wednesdays, after morning services is the obvious time and we intend to start in just a small way - 10.30am - 1.30pm. The office is manned on that day and no-one attending would be alone in the building. The replacing of the sacrament should be carried out by a Eucharistic Minister, if possible. Please sign the list in the Narthex if you are **at all interested** in joining the rota for spending some period of this time in quiet adoration, which will allow us to continue with further planning. Thank you

PARISHIONERS IN HOSPITAL Gloucester and Cheltenham NHS no longer employ a Catholic Chaplain. All requests for visits must go through the Chaplaincy office at the hospital - not to the clergy or parish office etc. Please ring 03004 222 222 and ask the switchboard to contact the Catholic Priest on call, or alternatively ask ward staff to contact the chaplaincy office. Thank you.

CCS ADOPTION Each year we take a Crib collection in support of the **Clifton Children's Society**. Recently they have sent a letter of thanks with news of their developments over the year. Several new therapists have been recruited and support for families who adopt have been increased. Latest figures suggest that there are three times the number of children waiting to be adopted as there are approved adopters.. If you want to find out more about adopting, contact www.ccsadoption.org

**CHILDREN: find your way through
the maze to the greatest present
ever given to the world - Jesus Christ**

Our retiring collection next Sunday will be for Christmas Flowers - please give generously