



St. David's Parish
Monastery Road, Pantasaph,
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PARISH NEWSLETTER
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 4, 2022

Light up our lives

Christ, come into our world of darkness

Light up our lives with your coming.

Fulfil all our longings with the joy of your birth

Strengthen our resolve to work for change in our world

And to share the hope of your birth that each Advent brings.

Amen. (*Sr Bridgetta Rooney*)

Readings

1st Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

2nd Reading: Romans 15:4-9

Gospel: Mathew 3:1-12

Scripture Reflections

Because of the bad example of the unfaithful successors of King David, the Chosen People were wavering in their loyalty to Yahweh. Hence Isaiah, in the first reading, tried to dispel their fears, and stir up *hope* among his people with God's promise of a new Davidic King (a son of Jesse), who would establish peace and a glorious kingdom of justice on earth. In the second reading, Paul was praying for the Jewish Christians of Rome and instructing them to draw endurance

and encouragement from the Old Testament books. They were to live in harmony with Gentile Christians, accepting them as equals and brothers and sisters while they waited for the second coming of Jesus. In today's Gospel, John the Baptizer warned the Pharisees and Sadducees to give evidence that they meant to reform their lives so as to recognize and accept the promised Messiah. He challenged them to repentance, conversion and renewal. He told the common people, who expected the Messiah to come in the near future, to act with justice and charity, letting their lives reflect the transformation that would occur when the Messiah entered their lives. In the same way, as we prepare to welcome Christ at Christmas, John advises us to "*prepare the way of the Lord*".

NSPCC CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION- PANTASAPH

NSPCC, the UK leading charity organization specializing in the prevention of cruelty to children and the only charity with statutory powers to intervene, on behalf of children in the same way as police or local authorities has organized a Christmas celebration in St. David's Church, Pantasaph on December 4, 2022 starting at 6.00 pm. All are welcome for the programme and enjoy a blessed evening. Carol songs will be sung by famous band team. Complementary refreshments will be served in the Dining Hall of the Vincentian Divine Retreat Centre.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

October 13, 2022

Gift Aid collection	152.00
Loose cash	90.75
Total	242.75
Tea and Coffee	23.01

CHRISTMAS PROGRAMMES

December 24, Saturday

Carol songs by Parish Choir 5.30 pm

Christmas Vigil Mass 6.00 pm

Refreshments in the Retreat Centre Refectory

December 25, Sunday

Christmas Holy Mass 10.00 am

VOLUNTEERS FOR CHRISTMAS PREPARATIONS

Parish is Micro Church. St. Paul presented Church as the body of Christ which has different members with distinctive charisms; and function of each member is vital for the total wellbeing of the body. Every member has something to contribute for the wellbeing of the body of Christ. This Christmas season gives an opportunity for those who like to utilize their talents for the glory of God. Let us wake up from the lethargy caused by Covid, and shine forth. We invite volunteers to prepare the Christmas Crib, decorate the church, and singing Carol Songs, to welcome the Word Incarnate. Volunteers please contact-

Crib and illumination: Angela Rhodes & Patricia Gray

Church Decoration: Angela Taylor

Carol Songs: Richard Oats

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION
Sacrament of Confession at 11.30 am on Saturday

MASS INTENTIONS

Date	By	Intentions
3		For the Parishioners
4	Joan & Richard Oates	For the deceased members of the families
5	Gerard Rhodes	Kathleen Clifford RIP
6		James Cannon, Friel Family
7	Patrick Lyons	Sean Tempest - health
8	„	John Lyons - health
9	„	John Scott - peaceful death

Please Pray for our Sick

Eliza Brizzi, Mary Toumaine, Patrick Nagle,
Phillip Mc Greavy, Walter Rigby, Anthony Pary

“Behold, I will bring to it health and healing, and I will heal them; and I will reveal to them an abundance of peace and truth. (Jeremiah 33:6)

ANNIVERSARIES

Winefride Mary Pickup, Sr. Florence Edgar, Vince Walsh,
Catherine Cahill, Arthur Sullivan, Jim Taylor, Peter Burton,
Alice Neal, Lucia Davies, Ellen Griffiths, Sr Eileen Glynn,
Oonagh Therese Foster, John Adamson, Joan Tolkein

“Let His face shine up on them and may they rest in Peace”

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