



St. David's Parish
Monastery Road, Pantasaph,
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PARISH NEWSLETTER

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 11, 2022

“What do you have to fear? Nothing. Whom do you have to fear? No one. Why? Because whoever has joined forces with God obtains three great privileges: omnipotence without power, intoxication without wine, and life without death”.

St. Francis Assisi

Readings

1st Reading: Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10

2nd Reading: James 5:7-10

Gospel: Mathew 11:2-11

Scripture Reflections

In the First reading Prophet Isaiah gives message of hope to the exiled Jews in Babylon. He exhorts them to rejoice, because when the Messiah comes he will give healing in three realms: healing of land, physical healing and psychological healing. ***Healing of Land:*** The dry and arid land which lays waste will become fertile and the glory of God will shine forth like on Mount Carmel and Sharon. ***Physical healing:*** the blind, the deaf, and the dumb will be healed. ***Psychological healing:*** Faint and timid hearts will gain courage, sorrowful and lamenting hearts will rejoice and be glad. These prophecies were fulfilled in Jesus.

In the Second Reading St. James Exhorts the early church to wait in patience for the second coming of Jesus, because though they

expected an imminent parousia it got delayed, and they started to relax and grow lukewarm in spiritual life. During this Advent season let us also patiently wait and prepare for the coming of the Lord.

The first part of today's Gospel is response of Jesus to the question of John the Baptist, whether he is the Messiah or not. The ministry of Jesus was not up to the expectation of the Baptist. Jesus encourages John the Baptist in prison to rejoice by casting away his wrong expectations about the Messiah and simply accepting Jesus' healing and preaching ministry as the fulfilment of the Messianic prophecy of Isaiah. In the second part of today's Gospel, Matthew presents Jesus, the true Messiah, paying the highest compliments to John the Baptist as his herald and the last of the prophets, and giving special credit to the courage of John's prophetic convictions, asking his listeners to rejoice in the greatness of his herald.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

December 4, 2022

Gift Aid collection	131.00
Loose cash	109.10
Total	240.10

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

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

In previous years, the Christmas offerings were for the benefit of the Franciscan Friars. This year, your Christmas offerings will be for the general benefit of the parish. Our parish community is dwindling. The amount collected from the Sunday offering is drastically down. As it is clear from the income and expense shown in the November 20 Newsletter we are having a deficit budget. Due to the economic recession and unprecedented hike in commodity prices everybody is feeling the pinch. But like the offering of the poor widow in the Gospel let us be generous during the Christmas Offering. You can use the envelope enclosed with the Christmas card for this purpose. If anybody like to make offering through Online Bank transfer the details are given below.

Account Name: WREXHAM DIOCESAN TRUST REG CHARITY
NO.700426 PANT ASAPH (Space in between)

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VOLUNTEERS FOR CHRISTMAS PREPARATIONS

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 Oat

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

Sacrament of Confession at 11.30 am on Saturday

FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Beryl Lord (known as-Betty) who died on 3rd December 2022 will be buried in St. David's Cemetery on Tuesday, 13th December. The Requiem Mass will begin at 11.00 am. She was an active member of Pantasaph parish.

MASS INTENTIONS

Date	By	Intentions
10		For the Parishioners
11	Patrick Lyons	Ryan, Jude Ferguson
12	Amanda Gardiner	Maria Gardiner
13	Antony Parry	Antony Parry (for healing)
14	Peter	Peter (Healing)
15	Akshayan Reginold	For his brother
16	Daughter of Caetano	For the soul of Caetano Bento Rebello

Please Pray for our Sick

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

ANNIVERSARIES

Maria Gardiner, John Adamson, Joan Tolkein, Edith Marsh, Fr.
Brendan Casey, Winifred Musson, Rosemary Springgay, Eric
Roberts, James Auld, Peter Morley: Agnes Parsonage, Mary
Clare Tyson, Honora Neville, Fr. Richard Payne, Sr. Dolores

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

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