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14th December 2025 – Third Sunday of Advent Year A

I am sure you will have seen reports in the news this week about the unusually high number of people contracting a particularly virulent strain of the flu. It goes without saying that we must take precautions to prevent this virus spreading to those who are vulnerable. If you are feeling unwell, please stay at home until you are better. I hope you will understand the wisdom of not shaking hands with each other in church. On another note, just to remind you that Christmas Mass times are 7.30pm Christmas Eve, 9.00am and 11.00am Christmas day. I will allocate extra time for confessions on Christmas Eve. More details in the next newsletter.

A collecting box is available at the back of church for donations to Marys Meals. Whatever you give will be matched by their benefactors so that they receive double the amount. Let us remember those in need at Christmastime.

If you would like to join us for a soup lunch in the parish hall on Friday 19th December. please add your name to the list at the back of church.

The Children's Liturgy Group will be preparing for Christmas Day during the 11am Mass throughout Advent. If your child will be attending regularly and would like a character part at 11am Mass on Christmas Day please tell us and share your contact details with one of the team so you can be involved.

The funeral of Marion Hill will take place in church this Thursday, 18th December, at 2.00pm. Can I encourage parishioners to attend? Please keep Marion and her family in your prayers.

Diocesan Yearbooks are now on sale at the back of church. The cover price is £9 but I am happy to sell them for £5.

Mass Times This Week

Sat 5.00pm Marion Hill

Sun 9.00am Parishioners

11.00am Maria Adams

Mon 9.30am Priests Intention

Tue No Mass.

Wed 12.00pm Priests Intention

7.00pm Reception of Marion Hill R.I.P.

Thu 2.00pm Funeral of Marion Hill

Fri 12.00pm Priests Intention

Sat 5.00pm Parishioners

Sun 9.00am Bob & Vera Jennings

11.00am TBC

Confessions are heard on Saturday from 4.00pm until 4.30pm and on request.

In December, Pope Leo invites us to keep in mind the following prayer intention: Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

If anyone would like to help with church cleaning, please put your name and contact details in an envelope marked 'Sue Morris' and leave it at the back of church. Anyone on the existing rota please notify Sue if you wish to cease or continue your commitment and if your contact details have changed. New rotas will be available in the New Year.

Bridgnorth Food Bank would be grateful for donations of tinned meat, tinned fish, tinned vegetables, soup, pasta, pasta sauce, rice, biscuits, squash, cereals, long-life milk, toiletries. If you have items to donate, collection may be arranged if you contact John Gilbert. Alternatively, you may choose to make a cash donation. Your support is much appreciated.



Advent Prayer

O God, who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity, enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

Finally..... Royal Mail have said the last posting day is 16th December if you want to guarantee delivery for Easter.

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