

THE SEASON OF ADVENT – a message from Fr Kevin

Advent is a time of spiritual preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of the Lord, the feast of Christmas. Christians are encouraged to prepare their hearts and minds to welcome Christ whose birth brings joy, peace and salvation to us and to the world. During Advent, the liturgical colour is purple. The Gloria is omitted at Mass and flowers are removed from the church. It is very easy for us to get caught up in all the other preparations for Christmas and to forget about Advent! So why not make an extra effort to come to a weekday Mass at S. Augustine's this Advent? Just 20 quiet minutes in the day to worship God in our beautiful church, to hear his word and to receive the Body of Christ in Holy Communion. The times of Mass during the week are advertised on this leaflet and all are welcome.

"O come to my heart, Lord Jesus. There is room in my heart for thee."

Our next **working party** will be on Saturday 7th December after Mass. Refreshments will be served.

Belvedere Junior School are visiting the church at 1.45 pm on Wednesday this week.

The Christmas Fair raised £850. Thanks to all who helped and supported.

For the Christmas season please consider buying a poinsettia for the church & bringing it on Sunday 22nd December or putting money in the flower fund box at the back of the church so that we can buy one for you.

Christmas Services

Tuesday 24th December - Christmas Eve

4.00 pm Christingle & Crib Service

11.30 pm Midnight Mass

Wednesday 25th December – Christmas Day

10.00 am Mass of the Nativity

Sunday 29th December – The Holy Family

10.00 am Parish Mass

Sunday 5th January – The Epiphany of the Lord

10.00 am Parish Mass

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Diocese of Rochester.

Under the Episcopal Care of the Bishop of Richborough

Sunday 1st December- Advent Sunday



10.00 am Parish Mass

Processional Hymn: 243

Offertory Hymn: 373

Communion Hymn: 355

Recessional Hymn: 133

Masses this week...

Tuesday 3rd December – S. Francis Xavier, Priest

6.00 pm Mass

Wednesday 4th December – Feria of Advent

9.05 am School Mass

Thursday 5th December – Feria of Advent

10.00 am Mass

Friday 6th December – S. Nicolas, Bishop

10.00 am Mass

Saturday 7th December – S. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

10.00 am Mass

Sunday 8th December – Advent 2

10.00 am Parish Mass

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions) available after any Mass or by appointment with Fr Kevin.

Please pray for....

Our link parish St Mary's Chitungwiza & their mission school.

Our Pre-School & Church School.

Bexley Street Pastors.

The sick: Val, Rose, Sean, Norah, Bob, Irene, Heather, Helen, Gareth, Dinah, Jacky, David, Richard, Muriel, Peter, June, Stephen, Sheelah, Claude, Ellen-Josephine, Darcie, Mark, Sinead, Gloria, Ann.

The Recently Departed and their families & friends Anniversary of Death: Michael Brundle, priest, (2nd) Lillian Parris (3rd), Henriette Goldhagen (4th).