



In this second of the two Advent Sunday gospels about John the Baptist we first hear details about to prepare for the coming of the Messiah. Luke is always aware of the dangers of wealth and money, so he concentrates on avoiding its misuse. First he teaches equal sharing with the needy, no hoarding but generosity. Then he turns to financial exploitation. Tax-collectors had to pay for the right to collect taxes, and would be tempted to extort a nice margin to cover their own needs. In the same way soldiers could be tempted to abuse their power by bullying those they were meant to protect. The second half of John's task is to point away from himself towards Jesus, who will baptize with the Holy Spirit and with fire. Luke's gospel and the Acts of the Apostles are full of the Holy Spirit. Luke must have been vividly aware of the working of the Spirit in the Church, in its ministers of all kinds and in the life of the Christian communities. He warns also of the fierce fire which will purge away impurities; for John the Baptist the Messiah is a stern figure who will burn away the rubbish in human hearts to make room for the Spirit. What is the "rubbish" in my life which needs to be burnt away to prepare for the coming of Jesus?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB <http://>

www.wednesdayword.org/downloads/parish_docs/559-C-Advent-3-2018.pdf

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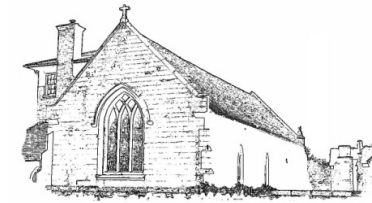
- If you would like to speak to someone about Diocesan safeguarding and the Church's work, please call **0121 230 6240**.
- If you would like to speak to someone independent of the Church you can contact the NSPCC on **0800 800 5000**.

HEALTH & SAFETY OFFICER: Mr M Dawson

EMERGENCY EXIT: This is via the sacristy and through the house

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**Times of Holy Mass and Intentions
(YEAR C Readings)**

Sunday 16 December 8.30 am - 10.30 am -	Third Sunday of Advent For the People of The Parish Eddie Walsh R.I.P.
Monday 17 December 9.00 am -	Advent Feria Intentions of Barbara & Eddie Barry (60th wedding anniversary)
Tuesday 18 December 9.00 am -	Advent Feria Doreen Millard R.I.P.
Wednesday 19 December 9.00 am -	Advent Feria Private Intention
Thursday 20 December 11.30 am -	Advent Feria Maria Oakes R.I.P.
Friday 21 December 11.30 am -	Advent Feria Doreen Millard R.I.P.
Saturday 22 December 10.00 am -	Advent Feria Maureen Ribbins R.I.P.
Sunday 23 December 8.30 am - 10.30 am -	Fourth Sunday of Advent <i>Day of Prayer for Expectant Mothers</i> Deceased members of the Bradley Family For the People of The Parish



"Where two or three
come together in my
name, there I am
with them."
Matt 18:20

The Wednesday Word Trust leaflets are available from the table in the porch or may be downloaded from: <http://www.wednesdayword.org/parish/index.htm> (click on The Parish Version). The Wednesday Discussion Group are taking a break for the Christmas season and will resume their regular meetings in January.

Anniversaries in December: Rev Sylvester Jenks (1714), Rev Thomas Atherton (1758), Sir Charles Throckmorton (1840), Charles Spink (1885), Edward Hailes (1912), Elaine Mulroy (1971), Eric Needham (1996), Cyril Hennessey (1999), Margaret Green (2004), Josephine Packwood (2004), Anthony Bashford, Pauline Reeve (2006). James O'Brien (2012), Marilyn Way (2016)

Prayers for the sick:

Denis Conway, Kathleen Clarke, Ray Fogg, Anthony Mitchell, Jeannie Morrison, Charles Paice.

Eucharistic Ministers:

Sunday 16 December Eddie Picardo, Bridget Robson
Denise Grant, Elizabeth Mountford
Sunday 23 December Greg Kelly, Paul Walmsley
Annick Harvey, Joan McKay

Readers:

Sunday 16 December John Bradley
Joan McKay
Sunday 23 December Anne Carter
The Brown Family

Church Cleaners:

Friday 21 December Audrey Myerscough & Anne Taylor
Friday 28 December Helen Burn, Stella Painter & Judith Smith

Money Counters:

For the 16 Dec collection Mr J W Bradley
For the 23 Dec collection Mrs B Goodyear & Mrs M Walmsley

Contributions to the Parish:

Weekly Offertory taken on Sunday 9 December

Gift Aid Direct Debits £259.00
Gift Aid Envelopes £209.50
Loose cash £146.50
Second Collection for the Poor Parishes of the Diocese £301.15

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS to Fr John.

Labelled envelopes are available from the table in the porch should you wish to make an offering either with the collections at Mass or given directly to Fr John.

PLEASE NOTE ...

From the start of Advent 2018 some weekday Mass times have changed to:

Monday - 9.00 am
Tuesday - 9.00 am
Wednesday - 9.00 am



Please note, on Saturday 22 December Fr John will be available to hear **CONFESSIONS** from 10.45 am –12 noon.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Please collect and take home a folded card from the porch table listing all the times of services during Christmas week.



The parish are indebted to **THE HARVINGTON CRAFT GROUP** who have created and installed the magnificent frontal for The Lady Altar. The finished piece worked in several shades of blue used a variety of needlework skills including patchwork, quilting, applique, embroidery, beadwork and silver thread couching all worked by members of the group over several months this year.

Thank you to all involved with this generous gift to St Mary's.

THE HARVINGTON CRAFT GROUP are also to be thanked for all the hard work and efforts put in to produce so many attractive products for their sale of work over both days of last weekend. The £900 raised is very much appreciated and will be put to good use by the Parish.



READERS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS, CHURCH CLEANERS AND MONEY COUNTERS

New **ROTAS** for January - June 2019 are now ready for collection from the correspondence box in the porch.

As ever, thank you all for generously giving your time to this invaluable work for the Parish. If any of the given dates are inconvenient, please swap between yourselves if you can or contact the office by email at any time or by phone on Friday mornings.