



The Advent Wreath, symbolises the coming of Light into the world is clear. The gradual lighting of the candles, one on each Sunday of the Advent season, combined with the liturgical colours of the candles (purple is the penitential colour used during Advent and Lent; rose is a liturgical colour used only on Gaudete Sunday in Advent and Laetare Sunday in Lent) help to symbolize not only our expectation and hope in Our Saviour's first coming into the world, but also in his Second Coming as Judge at the end of the world.

The wreath itself is also symbolic. The circle of evergreen in which the candles are placed represents everlasting life. The seedpods, nuts and cones used to decorate the wreath are symbolic of resurrection, and fruits represent the nourishing fruitfulness of the Christian life.

Advent comes from the Latin word meaning "coming." Jesus is coming, and Advent is intended to be a season of preparation for His arrival. While we typically regard Advent as a joyous season, it is also intended to be a period of preparation, much like Lent. Prayer, penance and fasting are appropriate during this season.

www.catholic.org/advent/advent

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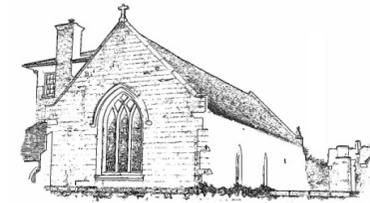
- If you would like to speak to someone about Diocesan safeguarding and the Church's work, please call **0121 230 6240**.
- If you would like to speak to someone independent of the Church you can contact the NSPCC on **0808 800 5000**.

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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 2 December 8.30 am - 10.30 am -	First Sunday of Advent Ivor Mortiboy R.I.P. For the People of The Parish
Monday 3 December 9.00 am -	Memorial of St Francis Xavier Holy Souls
Tuesday 4 December 9.00 am -	Advent Feria Rosemarie Villiers R.I.P.
Wednesday 5 December 9.00 am - 9.30 am -	Feast of St Birinus Elaine Mulroy R.I.P. #Discussion Group
Thursday 6 December 11.30 am -	Advent Feria Doreen Millard R.I.P.
Friday 7 December 11.30 am	Memorial of St Ambrose Stan Robson R.I.P.
Saturday 8 December 10.00 am -	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary Roger Adey R.I.P.
Sunday 9 December 8.30 am - 10.30 am -	Second Sunday of Advent For the People of The Parish Peter Fernihough R.I.P.

There will be a second collection today, 9 December for the Poor Parishes of the Diocese



"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) either for your personal use at home or in anticipation of the group discussion on **Wednesday mornings**. The informal discussion group is led by Fr John and is open to everyone. Do come along for a coffee and an exchange of ideas!

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 2 December Greg Kelly, Paul Walmsley
Annick Harvey, Joan McKay
Sunday 9 December Stephen Fox, Helen Raphael
Annick Harvey, Joan McKay

Readers:

Sunday 2 December Liz Cornish
Jenny Wilcox
Sunday 9 December Jane Handley
Jenny Wilcox

Church Cleaners:

Friday 7 December Marie & Peter Hesketh
Friday 14 December Jill Finch & Jenny Lockyer

Money Counters:

For the 2 Dec collection Mr & Mrs S Brown
For the 9 Dec collection Mr & Mrs T Greenfield

Contributions to the Parish:

Weekly Offertory taken on Sunday 25 November
Gift Aid Direct Debits £259.00
Gift Aid Envelopes £166.50
Loose cash £157.86
Second collection taken on 25 Nov for the Youth Service £202.24

PLEASE NOTE ...

From the start of Advent 2018 some weekday Mass times will change to:
Monday - 9.00 am
Tuesday - 9.00 am
Wednesday - 9.00 am (followed by the Discussion Group at 9.30 am)



Today, **Sunday 2 December**, is the day for our **FOOD BANK COLLECTION**

All your contributions will be gratefully received. If you would prefer to donate cash rather than groceries and toiletries it would also be welcomed as it allows the Food Bank organisers to purchase items to supplement the collection. Please give cash donations (in the envelopes provided at the back of church) to Jane or Peter Handley or to Father John. Thank you in anticipation of your generosity!



The HARVINGTON CRAFT GROUP will be holding their annual Christmas Fayre in the stable next **Saturday and Sunday, 8th & 9th Dec 10am - 3pm** where a selection of beautifully handcrafted gifts will be on sale, including wreaths and table decorations.



A new initiative for us here at St Mary's is the launch of 'BOOK SWAP'. No money needs to change hands, just find a book you would like to read from the selection in the stable and donate one of your own in exchange. By all means donate as many books as you wish and don't worry if you haven't got a book to donate, just put it back in the stable when you've finished it. We hope this will be a win-win scheme where everyone gets to enjoy a new book without needing to spend money and at the same time

freeing up space on your bookshelf at home!



The next meeting of the **HARVINGTON BOOK CLUB** is on **Monday 10 December at 9.30** in the stable.

The group will discuss Blake Morrison's first novel, entitled "The Justification of Johann Gutenberg", a fictionalised memoir of the man who devised the moveable type printing press, probably the most far-reaching invention of the past millennium. Everyone is warmly invited to attend, even if you haven't read the book.

New **ROTAS** for Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Church Cleaners and Money Counters are being prepared and will be published shortly. If you are on any of these lists or would like to join (or leave?!) or have any dates you wish to avoid please leave a written note with Fr John or email the parish office: stmarysrc.harvington@gmail.com There is a particular need for more volunteers to join the **Money Counting rota**. Please consider offering your services if you are able to spare a few hours every few weeks.

