



All Saints' weekly email: Advent 2

Dear Friends

This year we focus on Mark's Gospel: after a leap into the middle of his book last week we return to the opening verses this Sunday. Mark's telling of the story is heavily weighted towards describing how Jesus came to be crucified and what that meant. About half his gospel is about the Passion of Jesus, and the first half is really an extended introduction to it, as he describes Jesus' life, teaching and work, giving us a picture of the Messiah as a parable of God. The opening eight verses, our Gospel on Sunday, are very compressed. They nod to the Old Testament to get us swiftly to the protagonist, Jesus; in introducing him, they then take us past his life, death and resurrection to Mark's present time, and our present time:

'I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

That prophesied gift of the Holy Spirit, Pentecost, in turn brings us seamlessly to where this story ends and ours begins.

A new chapter of our All Saints story opens this Sunday when the appointment of a new Vicar for our parish will be announced at the end of Mass. There will be a simultaneous release of the announcement via email and social media at about 1230pm on Sunday.

Sadly, because of some positive tests for Covid-19 among our musicians, we won't have a full choir with us for the next two Sundays; I am very grateful to our Cantor, Ian Lyon, who will sing at Mass as he did for some months earlier in the year, and also to Felicity Hayward, who has agreed to sing at Evensong where we need at least two singers. Our Organist Jeremiah Stephenson, who was not here last Sunday, will play and direct as necessary.

Fr Michael

Click on the following links for mass on **SUNDAY**:

[Propers for Advent 2](#)

[YouTube link for live stream](#)

and for Evensong and Benediction at 3pm:

[Order of Service](#)

[YouTube link for live stream](#)



**This Sunday, Advent 2:
Sung Mass at 11am.
Evensong and Benediction resumes at 3pm.**

Tuesday's Noon Mass of the Immaculate Conception will be a Sung Mass with incense.

This month's Walsingham Devotion is next Saturday, 12th December:

1130 am Rosary

12 Noon Mass of Our Lady of Guadalupe

The **monthly Requiem** for December will be offered the following Saturday, 19th December, at noon. If you would like anyone prayed for by name please let Fr Michael know by Friday 18th.

Prayer List

Prisoners and captives: Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe, Ismaeil Maghrebinejad, Nasrin Satoudeh, Ahmed Almour, Mayshee Eyob, Maira Shabhaz.

Thanksgiving for release: *Kylie Moore-Gilbert*

The sick:

David Fettke, Joan Cooper, Vallery Tchukov, Sara Vice, Katherine Lee, Nicky Yeo, Lorna Smith, Beth Klausing, Hilary Porter, Keith Peers, Marg Ferguson, Bruce Ross-Smith, Benjamin Woolf, James Shrimpton, Tony Rodger, Rachel Pereira, Victor Sharp, Fr Michael Gudgeon, Audrey Williams, Chris and Carole Radley, Fr Harry Hodgetts, Simon Little, Rosemary Orr, John Sibbald, Andrew Rodger, Martin Berka, Elaine Bullock, Bishop Mano Rumalshah

Those known to us recently departed:

Anniversaries of death:

6th - William Gelson, Thomas Vaughan

7th - Morgan Griffiths *Pr*, John Slater, Frances Lloyd, Zena Monk

8th - Maude Bull, Christine Brama, Ines Baxter

9th -

10th - Marian Borton, Hamish Gray, Natalie Dyrnes, Daniel Thomas

11th - Amelia Jones, Alice Trevor, Annie Jevons, Roscow Shedden Bp, Margaret Butterworth, Guy Pritchard

12th - James Burling, Chris Fairbairn, Richard Eyre *Pr*, Ian Stevens



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It is no longer possible to register for the scheme online.

There are now two options, for each of which you need the parish code: 230623075.

You can join the scheme either

by phoning 0333 002 1271 and quoting the code
or

by requesting a form from the parish office.

The following link will take you to a page which explains how the scheme works:

www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/how-it-works

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Sort Code 60-09-15.

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All Saints Choir & Music Trust (Charity # 802994) or

The All Saints Foundation (Charity # 273390).
