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Be happy at all times!

Happiness is our birthright as Christians. We give thanks to God for the Holy Spirit who lives in us and makes us aware of our wonderful mission to spread the Good News of redemption. The Spirit brings us deep peace, because the God who called us will not fail us.

Readings

Sundays Year B ~ Weekdays of Advent ~ Psalms Week 3

3rd Sunday of Advent.

16th December 2017

Entrance Antiphon

*Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.
 Indeed, the Lord is near.*

First Reading

I exult for joy in the Lord.

Isaiah 61:1-2. 10-11

Responsorial Psalm

My soul rejoices in my God.

Luke 1

Second Reading

May you all be kept safe, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of the Lord.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, alleluia!
 The spirit of the Lord has been given to me.
 He has sent me to bring good news to the poor.
 Alleluia!*

Gospel

There stands among you, unknown to you, the one who is coming after me.

John 1:6-8. 19-28

Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday	16th December	3rd Sunday of Advent	6:00pm	David Tosh R.I.P
Sunday	17th December		10.30am	Parishioners
Monday	18th December	Advent Feria		No Mass
Tuesday	19th December	Advent Feria	9:15am	Mass in School
Wednesday	20th December	Advent Feria	7:00pm	Helen Williams
Thursday	21st December	Advent Feria	9.15am	Tony Green R.I.P
			7:00pm	Parish Carol Service
Friday	22nd December	Advent Feria		No Mass
Saturday	23rd December	Advent Feria	10.00am	Ruth Bealey R.I.P
Saturday	23rd December		6.00pm	Parishioners
Sunday	24th December	4th Sunday of Advent	10.30am	Gerald. Aart & Susanne

Morning or Evening Prayer will be said 15 minutes before all weekday Masses.

The Prayer Group meets every 'term time' Tuesday morning at 10am in the Garden Room

Confessions are before Mass on Wednesday 6.00-6.30 pm and Saturday at 10.30-11.00am

Sick and Housebound – Please pray for, Fr. Michael Hood, John Wright, Sery Mao, Anne Stanway, Christina Thomas, Geoffrey Croasdale, Katie Hawketts, Juana Pagaoa, Peter Brown, Michael Coster, Marlene Coster, Regina Mukontiene, Peter Derricourt, Mark Taylor, Eila Barnett, Teresa Barron, Michele Bendall, Anthony Potter, Sybil Chamberlin, Joan De Manby, Veronika Cook, Alice King, Robert Pitts, Oliver Rogers, Ella-Grace Honeyman, Darren Platts, Vivienne Mallet, Claire Edmeades, Richard O'Brien, Jose Monzon, Nancy Daley, Marguerite Ross, Ken Jenkin, Darren Grey, Susan Redford, Penny Bartlett, Banny Kibblewhite, Lory Brooks, Helen Freeston, Ann Bethany and Antoni Gadzicki.

Faithful Departed – please pray for Irene Carter, Sheila Joyce, John Kearnes, Rosemary Weatherstone, Maria Figureido de Oliveira Rodrigues, Charles Barnes, Herbert Halesworth, Catharina Potter, Brian Kirby, Helen Williams, Kathleen Saunders, Bridget Rayner, Michael Collins, Thomas Crilly, Grace Segold, Neville Ternap and all whose anniversaries occur around this time.

Epiphany Candlelight Mass – Saturday 6th January, 5pm. – For all young people and their families from across the diocese. Followed by hot dogs, a bonfire and fireworks. There will be a collection of presents for children who are refugees (please bring wrapped presents indicating whether suitable for a boy or a girl, and approximate age). Held at The White House, 21 Ugate, Poringland, Norwich. Organised by the Diocesan Youth Service.

The Government is about to make a critical decision on whether to overturn the admissions cap which currently prevents new Catholic schools from allowing all Catholic pupils who want a place, to attend. The Government has previously acknowledged that such a policy discriminates against Catholics and had promised to abandon it. Now we need you to tell the Government not to u-turn on their promise to Catholics.

Please visit <http://catholicnews.org.uk/education-cap> to fill in a simple form that automatically generates an email to Government expressing concern about this change. Alternatively, please search for 'Catholic Education' in your search engine to write to the Government and urge them to drop their policy which bans new Catholic schools.

The cake & Jam stall raised £77.92. All proceeds to Charity. Many thanks for your support.

Saturday December 16th: Tea and coffee will be available in the Garden Room after the evening Mass.

Calendars: There are a number of magazines and 2018 calendars in the porch going free. Please help yourselves.

Parish Carol Service: Thursday December 21st at 7.00pm. Please come along and join in this joyful celebration.

Christmas Card Board: One of the boards in the porch will be cleared by December 9th so that you can put a Christmas card to the whole parish on it if you wish. Please do not leave cards for individuals in the porch as we are usually still trying to clear them come Lent!

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Nativity Scene Painting Competition: for children of primary school age. See poster in porch or Garden Room for more details.

All items for the newsletter may be left at the presbytery (marked clearly "for newsletter" along with the date, and your name), or email newsletter@stwalstans.com. For all forms of communication, please provide a telephone number on which you can be contacted. The deadline for items to be included in the newsletter is Wednesday 6pm.

Collections: 9th /10th December £683.26
Many thanks

The Healing of the Family Tree: Fr Stefan Park, OSA, from Clare Priory, will be celebrating a Mass for this intention on Tues 19th December at St Laurence, 91 Milton Road, Cambridge. CB4 1XB at 7.30pm. It is a Mass which helps forgive sins which have been committed by our ancestors, and let go of the consequences which affect us today in our everyday lives. Come and find joy and freedom in this wonderful Mass. If you need more information please phone St Laurence Parish Office 01223 704640.

The Marriage Tribunal is available to try to help people who may need to "regularise" or simply talk through their marital situations, following a marriage breakdown or divorce. The Tribunal can be contacted, in confidence, direct by telephone 01508 495168, bt email to tribunal@rcdea.org.uk or through the website at www.rcdea.org.uk/marriage-tribunal/.

Thank you to everyone who bought cards to send to Taken. I sent 48 cards from the parish along with hand made cards from the children in St Augustine's school. Thanks to an anonymous donation towards postage, I was also able to hand on £68.16 towards funds for Taken. Their appreciation for this gesture far exceeds the effort, they value the cards all year round. Thank you again Hilda Kaye

To raise funds for our twin parish there will be 'A find the square' competition. Each square costs £1 and one lucky winner will receive the Tealight holder house. The proceeds will go to Taken to contribute to the building of houses there.

Don't Dine Alone – The team here, led by General Manager Sonia Sales, is extending a friendly arm and offering a hot meal and some company each Sunday until Christmas to anyone who is elderly and living alone this winter. If you would like to dine at Hethersett Hall call 01603 810478 and ask for Sonia Sales or Sue Trowse to book your place quoting the "Don't Dine Alone" offer.

MEDJUGORJE IRISH CENTRE PILGRIMAGES 2018: 7 nights B&B and Airport Shuttle service from €279 per person. Book any flight - any time and we provide guaranteed airport shuttle service. Call us for further info and book the dates that suit you. Tel. 01 4434510 or email reservations@med-irishcentre.com.

'If anyone is interested in supporting prisoners or ex-offenders through prayer, fundraising or volunteering in various ways please contact Ursula at the prison chaplaincy for further information: Ursula.edwards@hmps.gsi.gov.uk '

CHRISTMAS READERS & MINISTERS: the list of Readers & Ministers for Masses over the Christmas period is now up in the porch so you can check at which you will be needed. If you are not able to attend for any reason, please ensure that you arrange for another Reader or Minister to replace you & amend the list.

CHURCH CLEANERS - FIVE cleaners are required to replace those on the rota who have retired through age or other reasons. You will only be required to clean the Church approx. once every three months. The new rota will commence in January 2018. If you are able to help or require further information, please contact me Dorothy Rose, Tel no. 746943.